

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

## **Confessions:**

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church

or by appointment.



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## **June 26, 2022**

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Fresh off our celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi last Sunday, I take the opportunity to highlight some of the expressions we use when we pray the Mass together and one part of the Mass which tells us what is happening when the Divine Liturgy is celebrated.

*The Lord be with you* – After blessing ourselves, the priest uses this familiar greeting. And we of course respond: *And with your spirit*. While the greeting and the response are well known to us, we never take them for granted. And that's because we can never take any encounter with the Lord for granted. Like the apostle Peter on the top of Mount Tabor for the Lord's Transfiguration, the Holy Eucharist, I hope, prompts each one of us to say, "[I]t is good that we are here." (Lk 9:33) The graciousness of God is always good – like creation itself. And how wonderful it is to be re-constituted in Christ each time we pray the Mass together! That's what I believe. I trust you do too.

*Thanks be to God* – We say these words in response to hearing the word of God. Like the joy we have in being in the Presence of the Lord, our hearts are filled with gratitude that God speaks to us now through the Law and the Prophets and, most importantly of all, through His Son. It is only through hearing God's word and keeping it that we can attain our salvation in Christ.

We all know it is not just the priest who proclaims the word at the liturgy; others – lectors or readers announce the word of God to us. And without uttering a word, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion speak to us as well. They speak a word of reverence for they bear the Body and Blood of Christ to us.

Let us rejoice that these liturgical ministries (lector and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion) are exercised for they too build up the Body of Christ. At the same time that we rejoice in the diversity of ministries, we must also hold ourselves accountable in terms of showing up and decorum. We celebrate the liturgy well when the ministries are carried out with dignity and devotion. Let us resolve then to do just that – priest and other liturgical ministers – pray the Mass with dignity and devotion! All the time too!

*Offertory* – After the Liturgy of the Word, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward by members of the congregation usually. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the bread and wine are transformed into Christ's Body and Blood, the food of everlasting life. (cf. Jn 6:22-71)

The psalmist asks: What can I return to the Lord for all that He has given to me? (Ps 116:12) Let us start with the gifts of time, talent and treasure. We are stewards of these gifts. And as stewards, we decide what we are going to do with these gifts. Concerning time and talent, when we put these gifts at the disposal of the community – whether as a member of the choir or as a catechist or as a volunteer with parish outreach – we are making important contributions to the vibrancy and viability of the community.

However, we cannot stop with time and talent. We **must** give of our treasure also. The treasure portion of our stewardship is absolutely necessary; otherwise, we would not be able to come together with light (at any time of the year), with heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. Some are already conscious of this fact of life; however, we need **many more parishioners** to offer their treasure in a way which is **generous** and **sacrificial**. It is never too late to start! Begin right now, I say!

*The Mass is ended. Go in peace* – Although we have finished praying the Mass until the next time, we cannot cast aside all that we have done together over the last hour and act as if it makes no difference at all in our lives. The Holy Eucharist is a call to be engaged, engaged in witness to the Lord and His Church.

How about standing up for the sanctity of human life? How about defending traditional marriage? How about supporting religious liberty in the public square? These are the great issues of the day and we need Catholics to be involved with them – and on the right side too!

We have entered into a period of passivity, in my considered opinion. Fewer and fewer Catholics want to get involved anymore. The Lord never promised that it would be easy. We have to pick up our crosses and follow Him wherever it takes us and whatever it takes from us. We are reduced only to be taken on high by the One Who is exalted over everything – the Lord Jesus Christ!

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



## Baptisms

Santina Rhys Westphal, Tatum Eamon Westphal,  
Michael Matuszewski



Corpus Christi Procession  
Adoration and Praise



*Congratulations*

Fr. Christopher Heller  
Fr. Louis Cona  
Fr. Stephen Rooney

*Ordained to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ by Bishop Barres on June 18, 2022*

## From the Desk of the Pastor



There will be training for **new** Altar Servers starting in September after school resumes. Youngsters in **grade 5 and above** are eligible to serve at the altar. Continue to watch the bulletin for more details.

We thank the lectors who attended the meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> in the evening. **Fourteen** were in attendance. We are grateful for your presence.

Immediately following Labor Day, we will have once again our evening with lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. It will be held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September beginning at 7:00 PM. The first hour will be a **Holy Hour** and the second hour will focus on organizational matters. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Our catechists will be receiving an invitation in the regular mail to join us for **faith enrichment** in the fall. It will consist of five sessions on Monday nights beginning at 7:30 PM. The sessions are also open to all parishioners. Again, continue to watch the bulletin for more details.

## PROCLAIM THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR PREBORN INFANTS FACE THE TRUTH PRO-LIFE EVENT

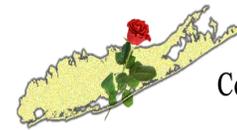
SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

LAKE GROVE - Route 347 (near Smith Haven Mall)

Pro-lifers are invited to join this peaceful public outreach

Signs available (Staples S/C, lot near road). Rain or shine.

Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org)



Long Island  
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Registration is open for Camp Quo Vadis, for all students currently enrolled in 8th-12th grade (this school year).

More info & registration here: [www.campquovadis.com](http://www.campquovadis.com)

Or, scan the QR code below...



## Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

*Come join to sing and praise!*  
Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM

Mass ~ 2:30 PM



## Prayers for our military

Jaime Ottenwalder, US Navy  
Anthony Anglikowski, US Navy  
Ivan Slawsky, US Army

## New Parishioner?

### Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, Jun 26, 2022****Respect your freedom**

The Statue of Liberty is the symbol of our nation's reverence for personal freedom. Yet too many of us lose our liberty to substance abuse and other addictive behaviors, including gambling, pornography, overeating, and compulsive consumerism. More subtle than these overt practices are patterns of thinking and feeling we may be losing control over: anxiety, depression, rage, racism. Today is the World Day Against Drug Abuse and Trafficking. Prayerfully reflect on behaviors or emotional states that make you feel less free, and take a step today toward liberty.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62 (99). *"For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."*

**Monday, Jun 27, 2022****Everyone needs a mother's love**

Saint Cyril of Alexandria died on this day in 444. He is remembered for many things—admittedly not all of them good—as the archbishop of his city, which was at the height of its influence over the Mediterranean world during his time. One of his most enduring legacies was his hard-fought teaching on Mary as the "Mother of God," which created the basis for all other theology about Mary. Saints aren't perfect, and neither was Cyril—the man who helped connect us to a tender, loving mother in Mary also committed acts of violence and injustice. Perhaps his deep flaws illustrate just how much all of us—even saints who champion Mary—need her intercession.

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22 (377). *"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."*

**Tuesday, Jun 28, 2022****Come alive with faith**

For Irenaeus, the Incarnation says as much about the redeemed as it does our Redeemer. Yes, Christian doctrine teaches that Jesus Christ is both fully human and fully divine. And, yes, Irenaeus battled the heresy known as Gnosticism—which emphasized the divine nature of Jesus at the expense of his humanity. But for Irenaeus, the Incarnation also meant that the "glory of God is a human being fully alive." He believed that God became human so that humans might become divine. How will you choose to be "fully alive" today, in order to glorify God?

MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). *"The men were amazed and said, 'What sort of man is this?'"*

**Wednesday, Jun 29, 2022****Rest in peace**

You might think that the two foundational giants of the Christian tradition who share a feast day would have been best buddies, but in fact Peter and Paul had their differences, especially around the question of whether people who weren't Jews needed to observe Jewish Law in order to become followers of Jesus. It is not entirely clear whether they fully reconciled their differences before they were both martyred in Rome (on the same day, tradition says), though it is clear that Paul's position carried the day over time. Perhaps there's a message for today's divided church—we can disagree with one another, even on matters of great importance,

and still rest together in the same great tradition.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591). *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

**Thursday, Jun 30, 2022****Keep their memory alive**

It is a deeply human act to remember the dead, especially those who died as result of acts of violence. Today's memorial for the First Martyrs of the Church in Rome places the church squarely within this tradition of remembrance. We recall innumerable Christians who were put to death in gruesome ways by the emperor Nero, who blamed Christians for a devastating fire in Rome in the year 64. Nero did not crush the church, and neither has the memory of those early martyrs been erased. Your reading these words keeps alive their memory and their sacrifice.

MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH IN ROME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). *"He then said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"*

**Friday, Jul 01, 2022****Mixed legacies**

On April 1, 2022, Pope Francis offered an historic apology to Inuit, Métis, and First Nations delegations for the church's role in harming Canadian Indigenous Peoples in Catholic residential schools. This is no small thing to do—for the church or for us individually. It is difficult to admit that we, and members of the church we call our own, have at times harmed others. Yet it is essential to begin the journey of healing. With Pope Francis, let us commit to an honest reevaluation of the church's colonial-era missionary efforts, such as those of Junípero Serra in what is now California. Let us also be aware of our own shortcomings, seeking forgiveness with humility and making meaningful amends wherever possible.

MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, FRANCISCAN PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). *"Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!"*

**Saturday, Jul 02, 2022****Woe is me**

The Pharisees get a bad rap in the gospels, typically portrayed as Jesus' antagonists, narrow-minded and legalistic, focused on outward ritual rather than inner renewal. And surely there are elements that ring true. At the same time, some of their beliefs were quite compatible with Christianity as it evolved, including the belief in life after death, the resurrection of the body, keeping the Sabbath holy (i.e., Sunday Mass obligation), and the priority to spread the faith. It's easy to see the blind spots and shortcomings of others. Harder to see our own. Are you aware of your own inner Pharisee?

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17 (382). *"Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but your disciples do not fast?"*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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# Parish Outreach

## The children are home from school!

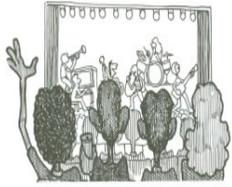


PLEASE bring all donations to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or bring to the box in the rear of the Church.

**We are in need of: Snacks, Juice Boxes & Jars of Juice, Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Oatmeal, White Rice, Pasta**

**Also are in need of shampoo and bar soap.**

***A very special THANK YOU to all!***



## Family Movie Night!

July 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Auditorium

*Fellowship, Film, Fun ~*

More info to come.

## St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Save the Date!

July 19<sup>th</sup>



# Faith Formation

## Registration ~ September 2022

Letters have been mailed for your child's Faith Formation Registration.

Please mail or drop off at the Parish Center as soon as possible.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

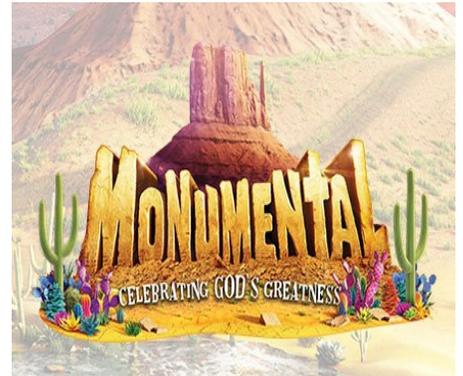


Adventure through God's Colorful Canyons!

**JULY 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Registration Open**



4 yr. old & up — entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Potty trained & have been separated from parent in the past.



**FIRST 100 CHILDREN !**

**\$35 per child ~ \$70 for 2 children**

**\$ 90 three children or more**

**Register in the Parish Center**

We are in need of adult volunteers. Please call to let us know if you're able to assist us. Must be VIRTUS certified (not sure, ask us). **Teen Helpers ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up** Call 732-3131 x131