

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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Time, Talent & Treasure Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

The Gospel reading for today is especially important for us stewards. We must remember that we are sent out by God, for God to spread God's word to others. Pray that you may be guided by the Holy Spirit as you live your life as a steward of the Faith.



Sacrificial Giving

Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

June 11 / 12

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,973	179
Mailed Envelopes	\$6,872	31
Total Collection	\$13,845	210

Masses for the Week

Monday - July 4th
For Our Country

Tuesday - July 5th
Elinor Finegan

Wednesday - July 6th
Patricia Lunetta

Thursday - July 7th
Lorraine Clarke

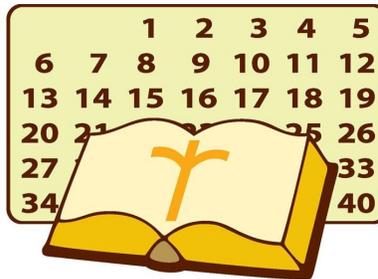
Friday - July 8th
In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers

Saturday - July 9th
Felipe Antonio Sureal
Helen Judith Kessler

Sunday - July 10th
8 am
All St. Margaret Parishioners
10 am
Andrew Briggs
Special Intentions Lori Ann Kearney
12 pm
Albert Ricci
Alice Domiano

Readings for Next Sunday Fiftzeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Dt 30:10-14
Second Reading.....Col 1:15-20
Gospel.....Lk 10:25-37



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

BAPTISMS: Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment - x131.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:
Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am – 1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as



Patricia Fiscina	Marilyn Vacchio
Kathy Micheli	John Roucoulet
Logan Baar	Joseph Dulovic
Joseph Laria	Terri Persina
Estelle Beauchamp	Alyssa Baisch
Eppie Larke	Jillian Brown
Virginia Butler	Robert J. Heege
Eric Cohen	Kathleen Weiss
Lorraine Vogel	Steven Vacchio
Laura Durant	Joseph De Aguiar
Sal Restivo	Robert Valletta
Joseph Kiely	Sharon Klyn
Warne Family	Michael C. Liotta
Anne Logan	Christine Mc Cusker
Dominic Percoco	Gina Rosenberg
Laura Positano	De Santis Family
Patricia Wovk	Natasha Roucoulet
James Reynolds Jr.	John Reynolds
Scott Spencer	Ray Klyn

Margaret Jung
Babies Aubrey & Greyson
Marie & Tony Caruana
Veronica Sheridan-Cox
Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
James & Catherine Reynolds
Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri
Christina Muller & Baby

Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note-due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only. Thank you.

We had several liturgical observances of import last month on the weekend – Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi – to say nothing of observances during the week, including the Memorial of Saint Justin Martyr and the Memorial of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, which ought to move us in the deepest recesses of our souls. Today, I would to highlight two other saints who, paired together like Thomas More and John Fisher, are deserving of our praise and imitation.

Few of the saints we honor are accorded the dignity of a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar. At the end of June (the 29th), we honored two of them: Peter and Paul. These two men, one a fisherman and the other a tent-maker, share much in common. Both are called away from their livelihoods and take up their apostolic callings when the Church was still very young. The Acts of the Apostles record how both men preached Christ crucified and risen. So effective was their preaching and evangelizing that many first-century men and women who heard St. Peter and St. Paul received Baptism at their hands.

With Baptism, the Church grows. But the waters of Baptism are not the only way for the Church to increase. Along with Baptism, the blood of the martyrs is life-conferring also. While their preaching and baptizing took Peter and Paul to many different places, both wound up shedding their blood as martyrs in the same city, the Eternal City, Rome.

The Solemnity we marked on the 29th of June is an invitation to reflect on martyrdom and how we set our ecclesial compass. It is an opportunity to think seriously about the relationship between faith and reason. It is a moment to consider the confession of faith and how it is related to suffering.

The Church gives the title *Confessor* to those who suffer for the faith but not to the point of death. In many cases, confessors suffer the loss of physical freedom yet remain spiritually and morally free because Christ is their liberty. (cf. Gal 5:1) By shedding blood and dying, St. Peter and St. Paul remove fear of dying as the last, best way to undermine a profession of faith. Martyrdom snatches from evil any chance it has to sully the beautiful expression of trust and confidence in Christ and His Church.

History shows that when the Church has suffered the most, she has been her strongest. We are weak at this time in our history because of a communal abandonment of the martyr's attitude. The martyr is willing to risk everything, even his own life, for the pearl of great price, the treasure in the field. (cf. Matt 13:44-45) In his encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* (1993), Pope Saint John Paul II holds that while relatively few people are called to martyrdom, there is still a consistent witness which all Christians must daily be ready to make, even at the cost of suffering and grave sacrifice. (93) Not being martyrs in fact, we can still be martyrs in spirit.

A true martyr's spirit takes hold in us when we are convinced that the faith of Peter and Paul is enough to transform this culture of ours, lifting our eyes above and beyond the narrow gaze of what Americans like, transcending the provincialism and parochialism of a national ethos so that we embody the words we utter in the Creed concerning the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. These notes or marks of the Church are brought to life when the nail marks on Christ's Body, the Church, are not denied but accepted with equanimity.

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul reminds us that we cannot have a renewal of faith if we let go of faith's apostolicity and no longer allow ourselves to be moved by the moral and spiritual greatness of martyrs.

Martyrdom is arresting, that is, it should pull us up short. It signifies that there are men and women in the course of history who are willing to put everything on the line and die for the faith into which they were baptized. Not everything is relative, martyrdom teaches us. There are such things as absolute truths which are indeed defensible by laying down our lives. Three cheers for those who teach us this great lesson!

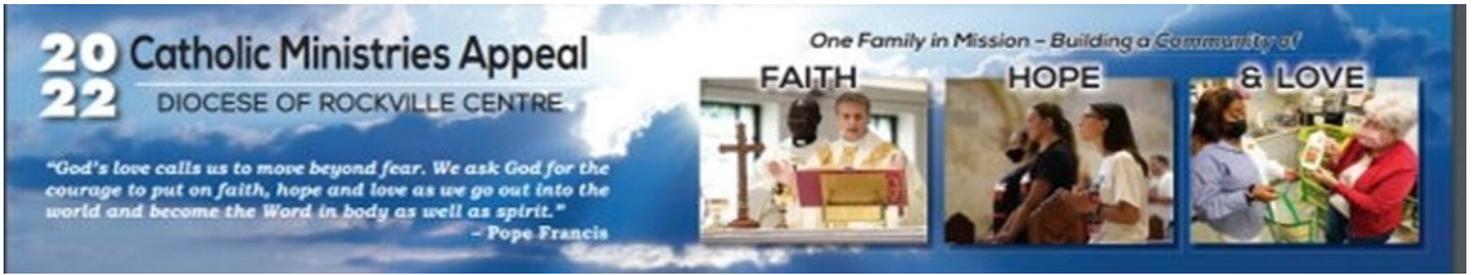
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Pastor



Prayers for our military

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

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raise through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Today, consider a dad like James. James saw information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal at his local parish, and he knew he had to turn to the Church for help since he had nowhere else to go. James had been gainfully employed for more than 10 years when he began to fall ill. Soon his medical issues made it impossible for him to keep working and he was forced to go out on disability.

After paying the co-pays on his medications, his family's rent and utilities bills, James had very little left to purchase food and other necessities for his family.

It was hard for him to ask for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities found him a specialist who assessed the family's needs and directed them to appropriate resources in their community. He went to his Parish Outreach, where his family received food that allowed them to make it through the month. James and his family received the help they sodesperately needed,

Today, James is back to work and the family is doing well. *"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, if I am ever in sucha situation again,"* shared James.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

GIVE ONLINE AT <https://www.drvc.org/donate/>



Please make checks payable to **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

Parish _____ Total Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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.

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 7th 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



Long Island
Coalition for Life

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

Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org



REMAIN IN ME!

You are invited to a women's weekend retreat at

**St. Joseph's Villa in Hampton Bays,
September 9, 10 & 11**

The L.I. Women's Ministry has had the pleasure of knowing our Guest Speaker, Patricia Molnar, for many years. Patricia has been a third order Carmelite since the Mid-90's. She spoke at a Carmelite Convocation in 2019 in Chicago speaking to over 400 people. She takes humble and spirit-filled ways of bringing all of us to a deeper awareness of the Lord's presence in our lives and continues to share her gifts wherever she goes.

For more info: email: li.womensministry@gmail.com or call Yvonne Bracone at (631)-398-4086 or Nina McGee at (516)449-6197. Limited space.

Catholic Charities

TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a "NO fee for service" program.

Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise

Sunday, July 10th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM

Mass ~ 2:30 PM



St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Save the Date! ~ July 19th



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, Jul 03, 2022**We are blessed**

This land is a favored patch of Earth. "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam," as Irving Berlin's anthem goes, may God bless this place we call the United States of America. Berlin's song is both patriotic and prayerful, which is why it's sometimes sung in church. He originally wrote it for a play, then set it aside for 20 years, resurrecting it as the Third Reich came to power and the world needed an inspirational song. (Woody Guthrie didn't like it and wrote "This Land Is Your Land" in response.) However you choose to sing it, croon a song of gratitude for your country.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (102). "Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent."

Monday, Jul 04, 2022**Red, white, blue, and Catholic**

Catholics were a small minority in America's colonial period—at the end of the Revolutionary War, there were only about 25,000 Catholics in the United States out of a total population of 3 million. Catholics faced persecution, first in the original colonies, and then in the new country that was ironically founded in part on freedom of religion. Today there are 70 million Catholics in the United States, or 22 percent of the population, and for many years Catholics have made up about a third of the U.S. Congress—more than any other denomination. With the values of our faith, Catholics have made countless contributions to the betterment of our country through myriad kinds of service—what's yours?

OPTIONAL PROPER MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA) (887-891)

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

Tuesday, Jul 05, 2022**Sweet is the rose**

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal belongs to a saintly tradition called a "miracle of the roses." Elizabeth was caught smuggling provisions from the family larder to give to the poor, food hidden under her cloak to elude disapproving relatives. When confronted by a suspicious husband and ordered to reveal what she was hiding, roses tumbled from her wrap instead of bread. Many saints, including Juan Diego, Dorothy, and Rita of Cascia also had miraculous encounters with roses. Pope John Paul II once pointed out that the thorns of these roses remind us of worldly trials—but their enduring fragrance represents the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, QUEEN, THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). "The crowds were amazed and said, 'Nothing like this has ever been seen.'"

Wednesday, Jul 06, 2022**Tap into the riches of diversity**

On this day in 2017, the most recent gathering of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) began in Orlando, Florida. The NBCC was founded by African-American Catholics as a successor to Daniel Rudd's Colored Catholic Congress movement, which had been dormant since 1894. Since 1987, the NBCC has gathered black Catholics from around the United

States every five years for fellowship and to discuss a pastoral plan to be published by the Congress after each meeting. The NBCC is governed by the nation's black bishops, a group active since the first ones were appointed in the late 20th century. May we all draw deeply from the wellspring of our cultural heritage to enrich the church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). "You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God."

Thursday, Jul 07, 2022**Adventures in pursuit of the reign of God**

Today's gospel begins with Jesus' command that his apostles declare the "kingdom of heaven is at hand." Pope Francis has noted that seeking the reign of God involves boldness and adventure. Seeking the Kingdom, he once told a Sunday Angelus audience, is the "opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to extend towards wider horizons." Those seeking the reign of God, he continued, "have a creative and inquisitive heart" leading them to "new paths" for loving God, neighbor, and themselves. Has your quest for the Kingdom taken you on unexpected journeys?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15 (386).

"Jesus said to his Apostles: 'As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Friday, Jul 08, 2022**Branch out**

Chances are you're spending some time outside this summer, enjoying the glories of nature. One ancient tree worth noting is the cedar, which has deep spiritual roots in Hebrew and Christian tradition. The height and breadth of the mighty cedar of Lebanon are associated with the greatness of God. It is long-lived, evergreen, fruit-bearing, and a place of refuge—all characteristics of Yahweh and Mary, in her role as Mother of God and protectress of the church. The next time you feel vulnerable or distant from God, call to mind the grand cedar and know that divine comfort awaits if only you seek its reach.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). "He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar, and put forth his shoots."

Saturday, Jul 09, 2022**Creed and culture are not the same**

European missionaries were pouring into China during the 19th century, bringing with them not only the Christian religion, but also the European culture that they believed was part and parcel of the practice of the faith. Chinese reception of Christianity was mixed. Many Chinese saw it as a cultural invasion since some missionaries condemned customary Chinese practices like veneration of ancestors as demon worship. Augustine Zhao Rong represents 87 Chinese Catholics and 33 Western missionaries who were killed during a period of anti-foreigner resentment that followed. Be mindful that your evangelizing always be accompanied by respect and sensitivity.

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). "It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher."

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



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Parish Outreach

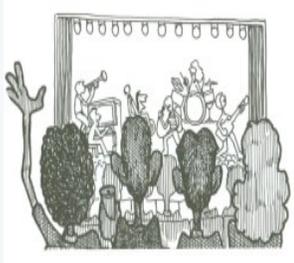


The children are home from school!

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 and Pasta

A very special THANK YOU to all!



Family Movie Night!

July 16th ~ Auditorium 7:00 PM

\$5 Per Person ~ \$10 Per Family

The evening is presented by the Knights of Columbus



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

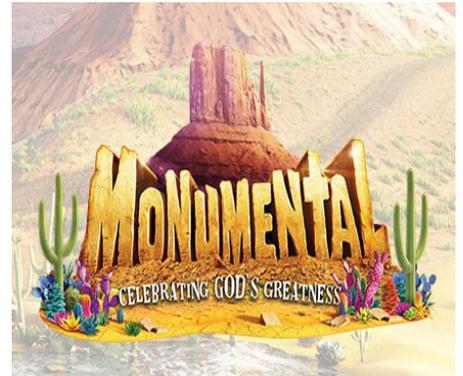


Adventure through God's Colorful Canyons!

JULY 11th - 15th

9:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration Open



4 yr. old & up — entering 6th 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 ~ 7th Grade & Up** Call 732-3131 x131