

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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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.



St. Margaret's Blood Drive

In Memory of Richard Beauchamp

July 19th ~ Auditorium

3:30 PM - 8:00 PM

July 17, 2022

Phone: (631) 732-3131

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Monday through Thursday ~ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Time, Talent & Treasure



Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

As Catholics and stewards of the Faith, we are called to be like the Good Samaritan. This week, how can you be of service to someone in need?

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.

July 9 / 10

	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelopes</i>
Collected at Mass	\$6,283	167
Mailed Envelopes	\$6,967	92
Total Collection	\$13,250	259

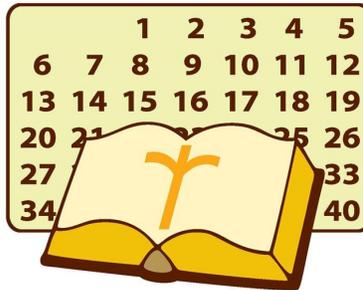
Readings for Next Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Gn 18: 20-32

Second Reading.....Col 2: 12-14

Gospel.....Lk 11: 1-13



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.

Masses for the Week

Monday - July 18th

Michele Bongiorno

Tuesday - July 19th

Regina Rywelski

Wednesday - July 20th

Ellen Tordik

Michael & Margaret Stevens

Thursday - July 21st

Jacqueline O'Brien

Friday - July 22nd

Special Intention Jessica Beljour

Saturday - July 23rd

Harry Aretakis

Helen Judith Kessler

Sunday - July 24th

8^{am}

Phyllis & Richard Savona

Stanislaw Woznicki

10^{am}

Lou Burtoff

Dolores Pataky

12^{pm}

St. Margaret's Parishioners

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



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| 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.

Today, I begin a set of reflections on technology and morality. It will be two columns altogether, and what I offer in these two columns is based on a public lecture I gave a while back.

Who doesn't want to be on the side of science and technology? With the flick of a switch, our darkness becomes light. With the turn of a faucet, dirty and stale are replaced with clean and fresh. To get ourselves a burst of energy, we pop something in the microwave. We can't forget the car we drive from this place to that and the cell phone we carry to stay in touch, or the computer we have at home which gives us instant access to all kinds of data. However, the scientific advances and technological breakthroughs which give us electricity, running water, hot food, vehicular transportation, phone service and personal computers seem ancient if you are tracking the rate of progress. Science and technology have served us very well as far as conveniences go. No real downside there. And haven't science and technology made medical cures possible too? And isn't a robust economy tied to scientific and technological progress?

Science and technology enhance our lives in innumerable ways. No contesting that. But we have moved beyond fixing things and getting ourselves to operate at maximum efficiency. If the truth be told, we have arrived at Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* (1932) with the developments in the biotech area.

Science and technology are powers, and thus they have to be harnessed or regulated if there is to be a morally licit way of making the best use of them. In the past, practitioners of various kinds, doctors especially, were reticent about stepping outside a certain boundary as they did not want to be seen or perceived as playing God. It would seem, however, that the boundary line has shifted or the reticence of acting in God's stead has evaporated.

Playing God is not the same as being God. But the fact that such an expression is used suggests that there is a recognized province, a domain belonging to God, and we are thought not fit to tread there. In the words of *Humanae Vitae*, the encyclical of Pope Paul VI, we acknowledge that we are not the masters of the sources of life (13) – ours is a different role in the inscrutable design of creation.

There is about Pope Paul VI's encyclical a curious modesty which makes it seem so out of place in 1968. In the age of conquering problems like civil rights and poverty and a new frontier like space, the document urges that "we must accept that there are certain limits beyond which it is wrong to go. . . . These limits are expressly imposed because of the reverence due to the [person]." (17)

Tough, intractable problems require aggressive solutions and the word "conquer" is apt for civil rights, poverty and even space exploration. But it wouldn't be right for nature, as in "conquering nature." Yet, that is what we have at the far end of the biotech revolution: an effort to conquer human nature.

Periodically in the pulpit, I have referenced C.S. Lewis, the best Christian apologist of the twentieth century whose death came the same day as John F. Kennedy's did in 1963. Lewis, the author of *The Abolition of Man* (1943), wrote: "[A]s soon as we take the final step of reducing our own species to the level of mere human nature, the whole process is stultified, for this time the being who stood to gain and the being who has been sacrificed are one and the same." In other words, if our aim is to conquer human nature, that result will not be achieved at all. Perfection is not the outcome of conquering human nature but dissolution.

Leon Kass is a former Chairman of the President's Council of Bioethics. He made the following assessment of attempts to push the envelope with biotechnological developments like cloning: "[A]s soon as we become more and more immersed in the world of biotechnology, we increasingly sense that we neglect human dignity at our peril, not least in light of our gathering powers to alter bodies and minds in ways that affect our very humanity."

To be continued next week

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



From the Desk of the Pastor

Please be aware that parking on the property of Saint Margaret Church will be altered on Monday and Tuesday, the 25th and 26th of July, because the concrete will be re-paved and fresh new lines will be painted beginning early on each of these days and continue through the late afternoon each of these days. When coming to Mass at 9:00 AM, please follow the signs posted and the directions you may be given. Thank you for your cooperation.



Dear Friends:

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has an extraordinary history of providing help and support to hundreds of thousands of people every year. More than forty unique programs and ministries receive funding because of generous parishioners like you – who make a gift each year to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. These programs help us to live our faith, as well as improve the lives of our neighbors. I pray that I can count on you to make a gift once again this year.

The Appeal helps our diocesan community feed the hungry, educate our children, provide adequate shelter for senior citizens and disadvantaged families, address the spiritual needs of people from many diverse ethnic backgrounds, and support the needs within each parish. It is truly a Long Island effort that allows us to come together *As One Family in Mission*.

Additionally, your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal support the education of our seminarians as they prepare to become priests for our Diocese, seminarians like Joseph Krug.



“As a seminarian, I am tasked with learning all that I can about our great Catholic Faith, to be better equipped to help bring people closer to God as a Priest. The Catholic Ministries Appeal has provided me with all the resources I need to study well, so that I will be ready to preach the Gospel in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.”

It is because of seminarians like Joseph and others who are served by the Appeal, that I ask you to prayerfully consider renewing your pledge. If you have already made your gift, please know how deeply grateful I am. If you have yet to respond, I invite you to make your gift at this time. If it is more convenient, please consider pledging your gift by making four monthly payments. The Appeal Office will be happy to send you monthly reminders with envelopes.

It is only through your generous support, that we will be able to serve all of God’s people here on Long Island.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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

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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.



Baptisms

Santina Rhys Westphal, Tatum Eamon Westphal,
Troy Anthony Gargano, Danica Lili Carrier,
Michael Matuszewski



Prayers for our military

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



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: l.i.womensministry@gmail.com or call Yvonne Bracone at (631)-398-4086 or Nina McGee at (516)449-6197. Limited space.

Catholic Charities TALBOT HOUSE

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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.

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Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

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Sunday, Jul 17, 2022**You're welcome**

The guest room is a modern convenience. It's often a place for shoe-horning out-of-town relatives amid the exercise equipment and stored off-season decorations. In the world of the Bible, hospitality meant more—extending welcome was a religious act, most frequently offered to strangers passing through town. Jesus urges his followers to practice radical hospitality to the poor, sick, prisoners, strangers, and socially marginalized: to all who are, like us, just passing through this life. How does your parish practice visible hospitality? How do you personally make the stranger and outsider feel welcome?

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42 (108). *"Let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves."*

Monday, Jul 18, 2022**Hang in there**

Relentless is a good word to describe 16th-century soldier-turned-priest and patron of hospitals Saint Camillus de Lellis, who simply could not stop caring for the sick—even getting up from his own deathbed to see if other patients needed help. He suffered from a leg disease his whole life, but it was another illness—a gambling addiction—that led to his conversion, after he literally lost his shirt and had to take work in a Capuchin friary. In his experience of sickness and healing, he discovered his calling to heal others. The order he founded continues to minister to the sick today. May you find your own vocation in your afflictions and be inspired to pursue it with passion.

MEMORIAL OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). *"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."*

Tuesday, Jul 19, 2022**Cultivate contemplation and simplicity**

Carmel gets mentioned throughout the Old Testament, as a settlement and a mountain, both named for lush vegetation that grew there. The former was the homeland of King David's wife, Abigail. The latter was the holy mountain, dotted with caves, where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal. These caves also attracted early hermits who would go on to found the Carmelite religious order. Carmelite spirituality—in particular, contemplation and a simple lifestyle—was the touchstone of many influential Catholic saints, including John of the Cross, Teresa of Ávila, and Thérèse of Lisieux. How might your own spiritual life benefit from an increase in contemplation or simplicity?

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50 (396).

"Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance."

Wednesday, Jul 20, 2022**Bounce back**

Years back, Timex had a popular slogan claiming that their watches "could take a licking and keep on ticking." No disrespect intended, but that truly could be an epitaph for the courageous Saint Apollinaris, who suffered endless beatings during the Roman persecutions of the early church yet refused to back down or abandon his ministry or his flock. Though his steadfastness eventually led to martyrdom, he lives on in the church's collective

memory and admiration. Next time life knocks you down, recall Apollinaris and get back into the ring!

MEMORIAL OF APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9 (397).

"Some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Thursday, Jul 21, 2022**Overachiever for God**

We're approaching the dog days of summer, but if you're tempted to retreat from work, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi might inspire you otherwise. This overachieving saint was a brilliant linguist and preacher who held positions of leadership in his religious order, the Capuchin Franciscans. He founded multiple friaries, defended against heresies, and performed diplomatic missions. He died of apparent heat exhaustion following a diplomatic mission—working tirelessly until the end. Saint Lawrence poured his all into upholding the faith. Take a moment to consider how you, too, might uplift the faith.

MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, CAPUCHIN PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17 (398). *"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear."*

Friday, Jul 22, 2022**It's a paradox**

Experiencing God is awesome and incomprehensible—what Catholic theologian Karl Rahner described as "Holy Mystery" and "Infinite Horizon." And yet, this very same God draws close to us, becoming fully human to dwell with us. The experiences of Mary Magdalene with Jesus clearly demonstrate this. Having just saved the world, Jesus, in his first post-Resurrection appearance, comes not in a blaze of glory, but in the tender encounter with Mary and the very intimate calling of her name. Allow yourself to rest in this paradox, knowing that ours is not to figure out the mystery but to be embraced by it!

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE, DISCIPLE OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603).

"Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni,' which means Teacher."

Saturday, Jul 23, 2022**A saint for all seasons**

Bridget of Sweden, born in 1303, did it all: married at the age of 13, mother of eight children she raised with loving care; widow, ascetic, and member of the Franciscan Third Order; foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior; pilgrim to countless shrines, model of simplicity, prophet against church abuses; counselor to king and pope alike, devoted servant of the poor, renowned mystic and author—truly a remarkable woman, a saint for all seasons. Pope Saint John Paul II rightfully proclaimed her co-patron of Europe in 1999. She is an inspiration and reminder that whatever your role or station in life, sanctity can be found.

MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, FOUNDESS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). *"How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God! I had rather one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."*

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



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Parish Outreach



Please Help in Keeping Stocked for the Summer!

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: Pasta, Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Juice, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Bar Soap

A very special THANK YOU to all!

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 by **August 10th**.

Our Faith Formation Office will be closed from August 8th through August 21st.

We will be available for registration and questions.

You may email Jackie at jmirenda@saintmargaret.com or x131.



Multiple Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities

For a full list of jobs F/T and P/T, go to WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBS. You can respond by mail, email, or fax. The website will assist you.



Holy Trinity Class of 1982

40th Reunion

Friday, July 22nd and Saturday, July 23rd!

Friday, July 22nd
East Meadow Fire Dept.
Benevolent Hall
170 Maple Ave
7:00 PM

Saturday, July 23rd
Eisenhower Park
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1:00 PM

\$60 includes Dinner and Drinks at Friday's Event

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