

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 :

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 16 / 17

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,617	171
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,760	20
Total Collection	\$10,377	191

Masses for the Week

Monday - July 25th

John Christopher Reilly

Tuesday - July 26th

Special Intentions Jessica Beljour

Wednesday - July 27th

Carol Kay Scott

Thursday - July 28th

Paula Lynch

Friday - July 29th

Michael Vincent Morizzo

Saturday - July 30th

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday - July 31st

8^{am}

Irene Cappo & Pasquale Vitagliano

Kevin DePeter

10^{am}

Jason McCloud

Special Intentions Jessica Beljour

12^{pm}

Norman Gottfried

Richard Beauchamp

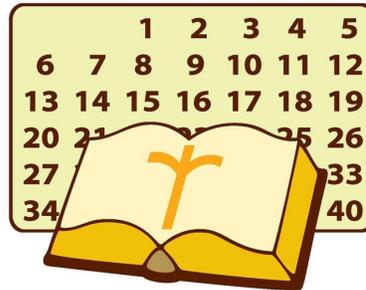
Readings for Next Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

Second Reading.....Col 3:9-11

Gospel.....Lk 19: 13-21



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



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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.

Continued from last week's column . . .

We already have, it is fair to say, a crisis of humanity. Actually, it has been underway for decades; the most sensational accomplishments of the biotech revolution just make it appear that the crisis started yesterday. Yet back in 1968, Pope Paul VI presciently saw this beginning to occur. Prophetically he observed in *Humanae Vitae*, “the most remarkable development of all is to be seen in man’s stupendous progress in the domination and rational organization of the forces of nature to the point that he is endeavoring to extend this control over every aspect of his own life – over his body, over his mind and emotions, over his social life, and even over the laws that regulate the transmission of life.” (2)

As we saw last week, progress is a fact of life and scientific and technological progress have brought great things into our lives. However, as I indicated last week, there must be an ethical and humane use of those things which make our lives easier. And this use is a critical element too. For as Pope Paul VI points out above, we endeavor to extend control over all aspects of our lives. Autonomy is a true human good, but we can’t forget that we are stewards at the same time. The autonomy project in modernity and post-modernity has made us amnesiacs as far as stewardship is concerned.

Thus, it can never be a matter of conquering human nature but living in harmony with it. The recognition of limits is a way of advancement, too. We advance ethically so that we can advance scientifically and technologically. The sequence here – ethics coming *before* science and technology – is not unimportant. We must be humble enough to admit our role as ministers of God’s design, not as the architects of it. (cf. *Humanae Vitae*, 13) Ministry is a humble and truthful exercise.

Last week, I covered the topic of stewardship. I made the point that science and technology have made us forget that we are stewards, that is, we have been entrusted with something, and that we will have to give an accounting for that to God. This is the purpose in Jesus telling the parables about a master and a servant(s) who are required to inform the master what they have done with the gift bestowed by the master.

I also cited in my previous column the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (1968) which contains so much wisdom about how to think of human nature. We ought not to be about the task of re-inventing human nature, but trying to live in harmony with it. How, though, are we to be stewards of human nature? Are there qualities we need to carry out our stewardship? Once again, we consider *Humanae Vitae*.

The pontiff writes in paragraph 20 of his encyclical that a great endurance is necessary. It means that we do not give up pursuing valuable goals even when there is hardship and suffering accompanying our pursuit. Endurance in the moral realm arises out of an inner capacity or aptitude. Endurance not only brings satisfaction to our personal lives when we attain things, it is also a characteristic which makes a mark on others, including of course, children.

It is not enough that children have exposure to the latest scientific and technological products on the market, equipping them later on for jobs and for making a living. There has to be in addition to technical education a genuine cultivation of virtue, without which a true good life is unattainable. This takes time and effort, which science and technology usually want to save on or reduce in favor of other outcomes. An education of the will and the other interior faculties, in sharp contrast however, cannot be achieved without a lavish expenditure of both time and effort.

In the next paragraph (21), the Pope mentions self-discipline as an indispensable aid in practicing a faithful stewardship in harmony with our nature. Self-mastery, like endurance, is a behavior that is incontrovertibly personal. It cannot be conferred upon someone from the outside. It must be taken up wholly on the inside, engaging the will, the mind and the heart simultaneously. Yet even with its clearly personal origin, mastery of self does have a social impact. And, again, it is children who are the ones most likely to benefit from adult expressions of self-discipline. They see the peace and tranquility of their self-governing parents and they want to make that a goal for themselves.

Endurance and self-discipline are not habits which show distrust for human nature. On the contrary, they indicate acceptance and affirmation of it. They also happen to be qualities which are integral to Christian discipleship. The disciples of the Lord are not called to dominate or control but to exercise in all things a responsible stewardship. Not excluded from this responsible stewardship is a generous acceptance of the gift of life in its transmission.

Stewardship is an autonomous practice all the while we observe norms. Respecting the conjugal norm is how we avoid diminishing our humanity in the face of the dizzying challenges of biotechnology. Inserting ourselves into biotechnological issues “up the line” will not solve our dilemmas. We need to go back to the beginning and learn all over again the wisdom of the marital act as nature teaches it.

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**.

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.



Wedding Banns

Banns I: Kimberly Farley, Infant Jesus,
Port Jefferson & Steven Johnson,
St. Margaret of Scotland



Baptisms

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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

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.



You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend in **SEPTEMBER 2022, please call 1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. ~ **website www.helpourmarriage.org.**

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

Women First Pregnancy Options

Did you know we serve all families of Long Island? All services are FREE: Pregnancy Test Kits, Sonograms when necessary, Crisis Intervention Consults, Material aids and more. . Go to www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org for locations and phone numbers. Confidential and compassionate.



Sunday, Jul 24, 2022**This year the award goes to . . .**

Are you a prize-winning parent? Do you know someone who deserves recognition for nurturing the future of society? Every fourth Sunday of July since 1994, our country has celebrated Parents' Day. Nationwide, parents are nominated for exemplary service and dedication to their families and to the broader local community. Of course, most parents have humbler aspirations than garnering a trophy for their trouble. They hope simply to nurture honest, decent adults who feel empathy and treat others kindly. Celebrate the courage of parents and support the essential work they do.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13 (111). *"What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?"*

Monday, Jul 25, 2022**You can't do it all**

Distinguished poet and scholar Sister Madeleva Wolff, C.S.C. was the author of more than 20 books and the third president of her alma mater, Saint Mary's College, in Notre Dame, Indiana, where she served for 26 years. She accomplished much—but like most of us, struggled with how much more there always was to do. She wrote, "Thinking of things to be done, hopes to be realized, persons to be helped, I say laughingly that I go to a multitude of funerals daily, burying so many deceased projects, so much of what I have had to let die and must bury without regret." On this, the anniversary of her death, pray for the grace to surrender to God when you are overwhelmed with busyness.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605). *"Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?"*

Tuesday, Jul 26, 2022**A grand mission for grandparents**

At a time when grandparents shoulder an ever-greater role in the nurturing of children—helping young families navigate the many complex realities of modern life—it's fortunate we have an international Catholic Grandparents Association, founded in 2009, to help fulfill a dual mission: "passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life." With Saints Joachim and Anne as patrons, the association hosts a podcast and encourages parishes to develop a thriving ministry for and by grandparents, recognizing their unique evangelizing presence. Remembering grandparents, pray today the official prayer of the 2022 World Meeting of Families.

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). *"The field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom."*

Wednesday, Jul 27, 2022**Take responsibility**

Racial tension, economic unrest, and summer heat have fueled countless murderous altercations throughout America's short history. July 27, 1919 marks the start of one of the most violent and tragic race riots sparked by the stoning and drowning of a young black boy in Chicago who inadvertently swam into an area of Lake Michigan reserved for "whites only." By the end, 38 people were dead, 537 injured, and 1,000 families made homeless. These statistics are stacked upon decades before and after this date of

the extreme violence that plagues our nation. In their 1994 statement, *Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops conclude that "our society needs both more personal responsibility and broader social responsibility to overcome the plague of violence in our land and the lack of peace in our hearts."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). *"I will free you from the hand of the wicked, and rescue you from the grasp of the violent."*

Thursday, Jul 28, 2022**Divine by any name**

An accomplished Catholic writer used to joke that "God" was the worst nickname ever: The term had acquired way too much baggage for him. Fortunately, the church has dozens of terms and metaphors for God, including the vivid image of God as potter. The reality of God is beyond any one term or comparison, so it is fortunate that the Christian tradition gives us so many. Light, Rock, Creator, Wisdom, Savior, Shepherd, Fortress, Vine, Shield, and on and on. What terms help bring God alive for you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). *"Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel."*

Friday, Jul 29, 2022**What friends are for**

It's not easy to picture God as one of our friends. We can't just call God up to meet us for a cup of coffee. But friendship has many characteristics that help us better understand our own relationship with God. "Friendship," writes Pope Francis, "is no fleeting or temporary relationship, but one that is stable, firm and faithful, and matures with the passage of time. A relationship of affection that brings us together and a generous love that makes us seek the good of our friend" (*Christus vivit* §152). For further reflection, look to Jesus himself and his friends Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS, FRIENDS OF JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:1-9 (405); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). *"Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him."*

Saturday, Jul 30, 2022**Golden moments**

Peter Chrysologus (c.380–c.450) is the hands-down champion homilist of our tradition. Known as the "doctor of homilies," his name literally means "golden-tongued." Have you been moved by a great homily? Pope Francis (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 135) said that "The homily can actually be an intense and happy experience of the Spirit, a consoling encounter with God's word, a constant source of renewal and growth." Great homilies can be life changing, bringing about a deep conversion. May you encounter a great homily and be touched by the golden word of God.

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). *"For in truth it was the LORD who sent me to you, to speak all these things for you to hear."*

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 Boxes, Egg Noodles, 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FUN!

