

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 :

Learn to trust in the Lord like Abraham did. This week, read about Jesus' Divine Mercy and learn to trust in the One who loves us so.

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 23 / 24

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$5,976	164
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,520	45
Total Collection	\$8,496	209

Masses for the Week

Monday - August 1st

Bless All Souls in Heaven

Tuesday - August 2nd

Patricia Lunetta

Wednesday - August 3rd

Baldassare Laudicina

Thursday - August 4th

Walter Markham

Friday - August 5th

Special Intentions Nitaya Lambert

Saturday - August 6th

Felipe Antonio Sureal

Helen Judith Kessler

Sunday - August 7th

8^{am}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10^{am}

Joseph W. Marecki Jr.

Dennis Foy

12^{pm}

Aimee Given

Josephine L. Moore

Readings for Next Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Wis 18: 6-9

Second Reading.....Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel.....Lk 12: 32-48

For the week of July 31st

Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of



Irene
Cappo

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 |
| Charles Kick | 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 | |

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.

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.

In the slowed down pace of the summer, we have an opportunity to think a little bit more about the most profound things in life. One of these things would be friendship. We are blessed if we can call a few people friends. With friends, we are afforded the opportunity to practice what our faith tells us is true about life. Let us be guided in our reflection on friendship today by the word of God and what a recent Pope has written on this subject.

The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle in his work entitled *Nichomachean Ethics* takes up the issue of friendship and makes the following claim: “Where the difference between two individuals is exceptionally great, as it is between God and man, friendship ceases.” As Aristotelean logic rules out a friendship with God, where does that leave men and women of Christian faith? In what sense then can we be the friends of God?

In friendship, we confide in others. That is, we tell our friends what we would never tell strangers and acquaintances. Friendship, we should acknowledge, is a state or condition. Some people have that status with us and, conversely, we have that status with some people. There is a mutuality of trust in friendship, and the passing of years tends to deepen both trust and esteem for the other. The passing of years and a second element - the sharing of important life experiences - are such vitally important factors that without them friendship would just not exist.

When Jesus calls the apostles friends, He confers this status upon them “because [he] has told them everything [he] has heard from [his] Father.” (Jn 15:15) For the apostles, they have had the privilege of being called personally by the Lord, of seeing and hearing the Kingdom being inaugurated in the public ministry of Jesus, and of participating closely in the Paschal Mystery (life, death and Resurrection of Christ). And as Jesus would say at the Last Supper, whoever has seen Him has seen the Father. (cf. Jn 14:9) How fortunate indeed these men were!

The curious part of being called a friend of Jesus is that the apostles are commanded by the One Who extends the gift of friendship to them. “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” (Jn 15:12) At first blush, it is puzzling – why would a friend have to command a friend? Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI answers this question for us in his first encyclical letter *Deus Caritas Est* (2005). He writes there that love can be commanded because it has first been given. (14)

The Pope Emeritus explains that love is not a feeling but is an act of the will. The fact that God loves us in the person of Jesus means that love is visible, it is incarnate. This love, a divine love, has *come first*. (17) Saint John puts it this way in the New Testament: “In this is love; not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.” (1 Jn 4:10) In the wretchedness of our sins, God has died for us on the Cross. How is that for friendship? Laying down your life for the other – this is what real friends do for each other. Mostly, the “laying down we do for a friend” is attitudinal in nature, and we can point to instances in which we have lived this way more or less or intermittently. But sometimes it is summed up and expressed *definitively* as in martyrdom. In martyrdom, the purity of self-offering is realized in time, summoning others in history to take notice and rectify their intentions as they apply to friendship.

Martyrs like, Maximillian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who was prisoner in a World War II concentration camp, come readily to mind. St. Maximillian offered himself as a substitute for a Jewish man who was married and had children and was slated to be killed by the Nazis. He exemplified a love which knows no better way.

Jesus calls the apostles His friends at the Last Supper. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (Jn 15:13) Again, Pope Emeritus Benedict comments in *Deus Caritas Est* that “God does not demand of us a feeling which we ourselves are incapable of producing. He loves us, he makes us see and experience his love, and since he has loved us first, love can also blossom as a response within us.” (17)

The exceptionally great distance between heaven and earth is overcome in the Cross of Christ. The Cross transforms enmity into friendship, prompting us to judge not by a worldly wisdom but by a hidden wisdom. That hidden wisdom gains visibility and comes to light in a true friendship with Christ.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Hands Needed!

Our Music Ministry is in need of someone to assist in placing the words on our screen during Mass. All that is required is clicking the next screen with one button. Please see Dan, our Music Minister, after Mass or call at 631-732-3131 x117. Prayerfully consider.



Wedding Banns

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



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 Pastor's Desk

Training to be an Altar Server will start on Tuesday, September 13th at 5:00 PM in the church. It will continue through Tuesday, October 11th (a total of 5 sessions). Sessions will last in the neighborhood of 45 minutes. Children who are in **grade 5 and above are eligible to join, be trained and be assigned to Masses.**

Catechists are asked to consider attending **faith enrichment sessions** starting September 19th, a Monday evening. There will be five of them altogether (the last being on October 24th) Each session starts at 7:30 PM in the parish center building. Sessions will cover these topics: faith, Christology, the Church, the sacraments and morality.

Lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will meet on Wednesday, September 7th starting at 7:00 PM with a **Holy Hour** in the church. At 8:00 PM, there will be an organizational meeting in the parish center building. We ask all to attend.

A three-year emphasis on the **Holy Eucharist** commenced on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (June 19th). We will be joining with Catholic churches throughout the diocese and throughout the nation to foster a greater devotion to the Eucharist – personally and communally. The parish priests will make use of homilies in the pulpit and written material in the bulletin to build a deeper Eucharistic piety at Saint Margaret. Already we have been doing this by holding Holy Hours with Adoration and Benediction throughout the year. We will **continue this practice**. Please follow the bulletin for details on when the Holy Hours are going to be held.



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.

St. John the Baptist Prep Course

This course helps prepare students for admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS Exam). Go to www.sthoththebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 x117.

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.



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.

"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, June 24, 2022

Rosary for Life

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom
Click here for link
Meeting ID: 856 4708 7922
Passcode: 677757
Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

Email dcrean@drvc.org if you would like the link sent to you each month.

www.drvc.org



Prayers for our military
Jaime Ottenwalder, US Navy
Anthony Anglikowski, US Navy
Ivan Slawsky, US Army

Sunday, Jul 31, 2022**Dizzy yet?**

Do you ever feel like the world is spinning out of control? You're not alone: Pope Francis has called this effect of modern culture "rapidification." It's not just you: Things really are happening, progressing, and becoming obsolete faster—including what many of us do for a living. We're not unlike the tragic lamplighter in Catholic author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's classic, *The Little Prince*. The lamplighter's planet is turning faster, but he still operates at the same mortal speed. He must now respond to 1,440 sunsets where there used to be just one. Now more than ever, we need to honor our Sabbaths and take our rest.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21 (114). *"For what profit comes to [us] from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which [we have] labored under the sun?"*

Monday, Aug 01, 2022**Vocation is deeper than a job**

Alphonsus Liguori is the patron saint of many things, including the work of laypeople. Even though he was a founder of a religious order, the Redemptorists, he was, of course, first a layperson himself—and one with a successful career. A lawyer who didn't lose a case for eight years straight, he still found time in his busy schedule to visit the terminally ill, which is how he discovered his true vocation and became a priest and leading theologian. Liguori might be the first to advise: Take a break from work to give back to the community and you might get your big break in finding your mission.

MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, FOUNDER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick."*

Tuesday, Aug 02, 2022**Be present to the presence**

Peter Julian Eymard, the French Catholic priest who founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, had a deep love and understanding of the Eucharist. "How kind is our Sacramental Jesus! He welcomes you at any hour of the day or night. His Love never knows rest," he said. "When you visit Him, He forgets your sins and speaks only of His joy, His tenderness, and His Love. By the reception He gives to you, one would think He has need of you to make Him happy." Take such words to heart as we begin the U.S. bishops' new Eucharistic Revival.

MEMORIAL OF PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

Wednesday, Aug 03, 2022**Let your life be one of service**

Sor Isolina Ferré Aguayo, M.S.B.T., a Missionary Sister, died on this day in 2000 after a lifetime of service to the poor of her native Puerto Rico and New York. Known as the "Mother Teresa of Puerto Rico," Aguayo served people living on the margins and opened schools and resource centers throughout Puerto Rico and beyond. For her tireless work, she received 17 honorary degrees and more than 50 additional awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1999, bestowed for "her passionate fight

against poverty, violence, and despair in Puerto Rico and Brooklyn, New York, where she worked to reconcile rival gangs in 1950-1960." In endowing the award, President Clinton said Sor Isolina taught people "to see the best in themselves and in their communities." May we all serve so well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). *"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."*

Thursday, Aug 04, 2022**Persistence is a virtue**

Sometimes a vocation comes packaged with obstacles. Perhaps it is God's way of testing our resolve. In any case, John Vianney, born in revolutionary France in 1786, modeled persistence in his determination to become a priest. His religious training was disrupted by the anticlerical reign of terror unleashed during the French Revolution. Priests in hiding who risked their lives to administer the sacraments became Vianney's heroes, and once the church was reestablished, Vianney entered seminary. Today we know him as the patron saint of parish priests. May his story inspire us to overcome obstacles that keep us from our God-given vocation, whatever that might be.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23 (410). *"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

Friday, Aug 05, 2022**At home in a house church**

Christians first gathered in homes, or "house churches," before there were dedicated religious buildings. Remember the "upper room" where the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit? It was likely one of the first house churches. As Christians were able to more freely express their faith, churches were built. One of the most historic and significant churches is the Basilica of Mary Major in Rome. It was built out of deep love of Mary and her significance in salvation history. It holds many important relics, works of art, and the sacred experiences of pilgrims since the fifth century. What is a church that has been especially meaningful for you?

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR

TODAY'S READINGS: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). *"See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace!"*

Saturday, Aug 06, 2022**Bury the bomb**

On August 6, 1945 at 8:15 in the morning, an atomic bomb exploded above Hiroshima, Japan, dropped from an American B-29 bomber. In an instant some 70,000 souls were incinerated by the 10,000-degree fireball generated in the blast. By the end of the year, injury and radiation doubled the total number of deaths. Seventy-five years later, Pope Francis declared the use of atomic weapons, even the mere possession of such devices, to be immoral. Reflect on the transfigured Christ who stands in solidarity with the suffering and dead of all crimes against humanity.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36 (614). *"While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white."*

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



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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.



Parish Outreach



Back to School

Supplies that are needed by August 17th

STORE GIFT CARDS, backpacks, binders, marble notebooks, loose leaf paper, crayons (24 ct), folders, index cards, washable colored markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers and rulers.



Our Biggest Request this year is BACK PACKS due by August 17th to Parish Center.
Thank you for all you do!



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!*

Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!
Sunday, August 14th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM

Mass ~ 2:30 PM



St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Thank you so much to all who donated at our blood drive. We were able to collect 38 pints of blood which is going to go on to save many people's lives at a very challenging time.

Thank you to the K of C and volunteers.



Our Flag is Back!

Last year our flagpole was involved in an accident. It has been replaced in all its beauty!



Thank You!

A Special Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 124 for cleaning up the back yard and garden of the Parish Center. It looks beautiful!

