

# 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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## August 7, 2022

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**Friday ~ 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

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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 30 / 31**

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6125	165
Mailed Envelopes	\$3781	23
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9906</b>	<b>188</b>

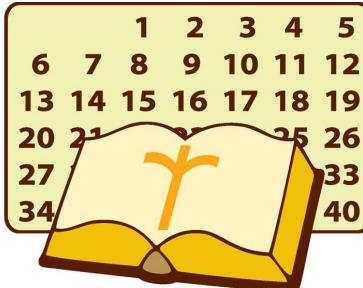
## Readings for Next Sunday

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10

Second Reading.....Heb 12:1-4

Gospel.....Lk 12: 49-53



**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Frank Guttilla

**Tuesday - August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Agnes Arouri

**Wednesday - August 10<sup>th</sup>**

Brigid Kelly

**Thursday - August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Special Intentions Father Patrick  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

**Friday - August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Lisa Ann Perrotta

**Saturday - August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Frank Guttilla  
Sharon A. Schafer

**Sunday - August 14<sup>th</sup>**

8 am

Garrett Sweezy

Maria De Rocchis

10 am

St. Margaret's Parishioners

12 pm

Kitty & Thomas Baffa

Nancy & Joseph Maresca

## 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 Wowk	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.*

*This week, the Church honors in her Liturgy Saint Dominic and Saint Lawrence, the former a priest and the latter a deacon – along with several other saints as well. Today, I would like to start with a saintly priest whom we honor next month – Saint Pio Pietrelcina. He was known first as Padre Pio, and in fact he is more likely still referred to that way by many people after his canonization.*

In June of 2002, when Padre Pio was canonized and declared a saint of the Catholic Church, then-Pope John Paul II in his homily for the occasion never made a single reference to the miracles attributed to Padre Pio or to his bi-locations. Instead, the Holy Father referred to Padre Pio as a man of suffering, a man of the Cross. From his physical infirmities to his internal agonies – all of them offered up for the Church – Padre Pio carried within himself the dying of the Lord. (cf. 2 Cor. 4:10) And that Saint Paul not be misunderstood in this matter, Padre Pio's suffering in union with Christ was also that the life of Jesus be manifested in our bodies. (cf. 2 Cor. 4:10)

C. S. Lewis once said: “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” It’s a stretch, thinking of our world as a deaf place. There’s noise all the time, everywhere we go. There is the noise of heavy equipment on the nearby interstate, the noise of cell phones ringing in elevators and the noise of blasting car stereos while we’re stopped at a red light. Noise is ubiquitous. You can’t escape it!

In one of our liturgy’s opening collects, we pray: “In a world filled with lights contrary to God’s . . .” We might paraphrase these words and say: In a world filled with sounds contrary to God’s. But just what is the sound of God?

The sound of God is intelligible because it is a word, the Word, in fact. Jesus, the Word made flesh, loves his own in the world and loves them to the end. (cf. Jn 13:1) In love, Jesus endures his suffering, making it redemptive for us. But there is always the possibility that suffering can be rejected. Even Jesus could have chosen this path himself when he was in the Garden of Gethsemane. He could have let the cup pass him by then; instead he drank of it as the will of the One Who sent him. (cf. Lk 22:42)

All of us must come to terms with suffering and its place in our lives. We have to decide if we are going to flee from it or accept it on the model of Christ. Christ’s acceptance of suffering is epitomized in the words he speaks from the Cross: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” (Lk 23:46)

These words of Jesus show his complete surrender to the will of the Father (cf. Jn 5:30) and confirm him as one committed to the divine plan irrevocably. The Son does not hold anything back in doubt or uncertainty; he gives it all away not counting the cost. This is indeed the essence of love. But, as Saint Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians, we see now as if through a glass darkly. (cf. 1 Cor. 13:12) Yet, remarkably, our ability to see is improved if only temporarily by figures like Saint Pio. He who bore the stigmata showing the depth of his acceptance of the Cross brings the light of Christ to our lives, encouraging us to bear all things with the love of Christ.

As great as the Resurrection is, it cannot remove those nail marks from Jesus’ glorified body and from history. We have been purchased at a great price. Therefore, let us glorify God in our bodies! (cf. 1 Cor. 6:20)

As Saint Paul says above, we should give glory to God in our bodies. One who has done just that is the Blessed Virgin Mary. Later this month (on the 15<sup>th</sup>), we acknowledge her bodily perfection in the Solemnity of the Assumption. The Assumption of Our Lady is yet another one of those moments to recall that bodily integrity is an all-important aspect of our human nature. We have not been wrongly conceived. That needs to be emphasized. Otherwise, we might end up thinking that human nature cannot be trusted – even by God Who obviously did trust it in the Annunciation and the Incarnation. It is a graced human nature which rises to meet the Lord’s design – whether in the first century or now.

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





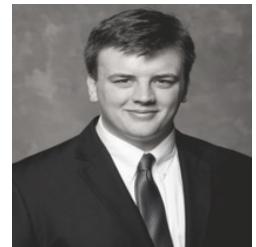
Dear Friends:

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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Training to be an Altar Server will start on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the church. It will continue through Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (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 19<sup>th</sup>, a Monday evening. There will be five of them altogether (the last being on October 24<sup>th</sup>) 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>). 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: l.i.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.STHOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET](http://www.STHOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET) or call 631-587-8000 x117.



Preparation for  
**Total Consecration**  
**to Jesus**  
**through Mary**  
according to St. Louis Marie de Montfort

*This 33-Day Preparation for Total Consecration according to St. Louis Marie de Montfort is a personal devotion in which one prepares spiritually to become consecrated to Jesus through Mary. Participants spend 33 days prior to the Consecration preparing interiorly using brief spiritual readings, prayer, and reflection.*

Weekly preparation classes are being offered by Regina Cordium Praesidium/Legion of Mary, using guided videos from **Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM**. This 5-week series will be held at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore at 7pm beginning Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$20 supply fee. For info or to register, call Lori at **631-678-6258**.



### **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](http://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](http://www.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBs). You can respond by mail, email, or fax. The website will assist you.



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

## Sunday, Aug 07, 2022

### **Tap into the power of faith**

"The power of faith is enormous," Church Father Cyril of Jerusalem declared. "It is so great that it not only saves the believer: thanks to one person's faith others are saved also." But what does it mean to have this special power? Faith isn't about believing items listed in a creed. It's not about acceding to doctrines or to church authorities. Faith means trusting in God the way a child takes the hand of a beloved guardian and allows herself to be led in perfect confidence. "All shall be well," Julian of Norwich avowed. Share this faith that "all manner of things shall be well."

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117). *"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."*

## Monday, Aug 08, 2022

### **Kick off your shoes**

You may have seen the term *discalced* before—in the names of some religious orders, such as the Discalced Carmelites—and wondered what it meant. It comes from Latin for "unshod," or barefoot. Members of discalced orders go barefoot or wear sandals only. It was started by Saint Francis of Assisi, and his contemporary Saint Dominic traveled extensively by foot without shoes. Dominic didn't believe he'd convert many people if he was wearing shoes because authentic humility, poverty, and penance was as persuasive as his famous preaching. How do you walk the talk as a follower of Christ?

#### MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"Go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up."*

## Tuesday, Aug 09, 2022

### **Never forget**

The United Nations designates today International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It's also the feast day of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, murdered in the Nazi Holocaust. Teresa Benedicta—a Jewish convert to Catholicism and Carmelite nun—is considered a Christian martyr, but it was her Jewish ancestry that caused her to be gassed at Auschwitz with countless others on this date in 1942. At her canonization Pope John Paul II chose words that also pertain to marginalized indigenous populations: "I raise an anguished cry: May such criminal deeds never be repeated against any ethnic group, against any race, in any corner of this world!" Pray that this be so.

#### MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones."*

## Wednesday, Aug 10, 2022

### **Seek the treasure that lasts forever**

On this day in AD 258, Saint Lawrence was born in Roman Hispania. He followed the future Pope Sixtus II to Rome and was ordained a deacon after the pope's election in 257. Lawrence would serve as a treasurer in the cathedral for roughly a year before Emperor Valerian ordered all Christian clergy killed. The pope was murdered during Mass in 258, and Lawrence—ordered to hand over the church's money—gave away as much as he could before bringing the sick and the poor to the prefect instead,

calling them the "true treasures of the Church." He was swiftly executed thereafter. We would all do well to model his faithful resistance to evil and service to the needy.

#### FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). *"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

## Thursday, Aug 11, 2022

### **Focus on essentials, not the extras**

Today is the memorial of Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clares. Although raised in a noble family, inspired by Saint Francis, Clare zealously embraced asceticism. As the 21-year-old superior of a new religious order in the Franciscan tradition, she called for her sisters to forego shoes, meat, money, and even most conversation. While to modern Christians these practices seem harsh, Clare points the way toward a stripped-down life, laser-focused on God and unity with the poor. In the spirit of Saint Clare, we might ask ourselves if our pursuit of creature comforts sometimes separates us from God or from those in need.

#### MEMORIAL OF CLARE, ABBESS, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). *"How often must I forgive . . . ? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'*

## Friday, Aug 12, 2022

### **Look on the bright side**

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, founder of the Visitation order of nuns, advised her followers to let go chronic guilt: "We must never dwell on our sins during prayer. Regarding our offenses, a simple humbling of our soul before God, without a thought of this offense or that, is enough." Accept your imperfections (you're human!) and take a moment to feel gratitude for the good in your life.

#### MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD."*

## Saturday, Aug 13, 2022

### **Make it a policy to help the widowed and orphaned**

When Blessed Father Michael McGivney was a parish priest in Connecticut 150 years ago, he was moved by the plight of migrant families where the breadwinner had died and left a widow and young children without resources. In 1882 he founded the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, to support these struggling families. McGivney devised an insurance plan for the Knights to administer that would pay families a death benefit. Today that insurance company is still going strong with more than 2 million policies representing \$100 billion in coverage. McGivney's feast day is today. Pray for his canonization.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

*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 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Our Faith Formation Office will be closed from August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will be available for registration and questions.

You may email Jackie at [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com) or x131.



## Parish Outreach



### Back to School

**Supplies that are needed by August 17<sup>th</sup>**

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 TEEN BACK PACKS due by August 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Crackers, 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 14<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM  
Mass ~ 2:30 PM

### St. Patrick's Parish Mission ~ Sonja Corbitt

Sonja is a nationally renowned speaker and author & has written several books on the national bestseller list. She has a podcast radio show and networks around the country, including EWTN.

Sunday, 8/28 - 7-8pm, Monday, 8/29 - 7-9pm, Tuesday, 8/30 - 7-8pm

Information: St. Patrick's Parish 280 East Main Street Smithtown, NY  
Phone #: (631) 265-2271 ~ Please join us and let's find out where God wants to begin loving and lifting you through the Scriptures!

## Upcoming Bereavement Support Program

### Offered at St. Mary, East Islip

#### Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, September 13, at 7pm

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 13, 2022. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be properly adhered.

**Pre-registration is required. ~ Please call the number below to reserve your seat.**

Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register

