

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 30 / 31

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,215	165
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,781	23
Total Collection	\$9,906	188

Masses for the Week

Monday - August 15th

Michele Bongiorno

Tuesday - August 16th

Marianne Schineis

Wednesday - August 17th

Special Intention of
Nicholas Grizopoulos

Thursday - August 18th

Joseph Rennert

Friday - August 19th

Mr. Ferrari

Saturday - August 20th

Frank Kroczyński
Casey Senese

Sunday - August 21st

8 am

Douglas Joseph Hughes
Special Intentions of Kris Chelminski

10 am

Steve, Marie & Bill Bugala Walter Hoehne
James Cormen

12 pm

Saint Margaret's Parishioners

Readings for Next Sunday

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Is 66: 18-21

Second Reading.....Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel.....Lk 13: 22-30

*For the week of
August 14th
Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of*



*Amy Grace
Quaranta*

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
Epnie 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	
Wendianne & 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.

Last week, I finished my column with a mention of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Solemnity of the Assumption. I would like to continue with that theme today and treat a different matter related to our faith and witness in the world.

Tomorrow, we celebrate in word and sacrament our belief that the Blessed Mother was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. (*Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). I think it is good to reflect upon the liturgical feast of the Assumption in terms of destiny, that is, where do we end up our lives. Singled out from all other women in history, Mary of Nazareth gave herself completely to the Lord in the Annunciation; she didn't hold anything back. In her Fiat ("I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word"), the Virgin gave her mind, her heart, her soul and her body to God. If Mary had not given her body to the Lord, there would not have been an Incarnation. It's that simple: from her flesh came the flesh of the Son of Man. (cf. Jn 6:53)

In defining the dogma of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII considered the history of Christian witness to this truth of faith. In particular, he quoted a certain St. Germanus of Constantinople who wrote these words referring to Our Lady: "[Y]our virginal body is all holy, all chaste, entirely the dwelling place of God, so that it is henceforth completely exempt from dissolution into dust. Though still human, it is changed into the heavenly life of incorruptibility, truly living and glorious, undamaged and sharing in perfect life." (*Munificentissimus Deus*, 22)

Note that the apostolic constitution assenting to her assumption into heaven refers to the Blessed Mother having on earth a virginal body which is all holy and all chaste. It calls to mind the New Testament which attests that God chose a virgin to be the Mother of God's Son. It also adds that Mary was uncompromisingly chaste in the manner of expressing her sexuality. These characteristics are of no small interest. For we venerate in the Catholic Church those who live faithfully the vocation given by God and live the virtues which comprise the life of holiness.

At the same time, we acknowledge the very obvious: that little or nothing is ever said today about sexual libertinism and chastity – how the former is bad for you and the latter is good for you. Sexual libertinism is promoted in the media under the banner of just being yourself, experimenting, finding out who you are, etc. That same media mocks those who try to live chastely as being hung up on an old, discredited moral code built on fear and inhibition.

In the middle of August, our thoughts turn to the end – the end of summer, the end of vacation for those who keep a school schedule. In our contemplation of the end, we ought not to leave out the end of our lives. For the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us that we are destined to share in the glory of Christ's Resurrection, a Resurrection not just of the spirit but of the body too! Living chastely now is a sign that the Lord has a worthy temple to dwell in at all times.

We also refer to chaste living as the practice of self-mastery. By self-mastery, it is meant that we strive to be free of any attachment to impulses and urges which threaten our freedom. For we want to present to the Lord a free heart, not one which is weighed down by disordered self-love. A heart of liberty is what we intend to give to the Lord, that we might be led graciously to the fruits of the Holy Spirit which include mildness and self-control. (cf. Gal 5:23)

That we might be chaste like the Blessed Mother, we pray and ask her intercession. We also endeavor to do our part in helping to form children and students who can give their hearts freely to the Lord in whatever vocation He gives to us. Whether in families or in catechetical programs, we seek and find opportunities to prepare others to know the Lord's will for us and act on it without fear or inhibition.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Bereavement Ministry

"Who we have once enjoyed and deeply loved, we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us." ~ Helen Keller



You need not travel this journey alone...

If you are 4 to 6 months or more past the loss of your loved one, consider joining with others who are on the same pilgrimage to hope, acceptance and a new life.

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center beginning on Thursday, September 22 with a choice of either an 11AM or 2PM session.

For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053, prior to this date.

The Solemnity of the Assumption

Monday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption.

Since it is a Monday, the precept to participate does not apply. Nevertheless, we encourage all parishioners to attend one of the two Masses which will be offered:

9:00 AM or 7:00 PM.

Let us honor the Blessed Virgin Mary for helping lead us to heaven when our earthly pilgrimage is completed.



2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
- Pope Francis

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of
FAITH HOPE & LOVE

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*.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal help to build a community of Faith by supporting the education of our seminarians as they prepare to become priests in our diocese. Meet Seminarian Hurley Mendez.

"I feel very blessed to be able to answer my call in the Diocese of Rockville Center. The CMA has supported me by providing the necessary resources to access formation programs where I can receive the knowledge and skills to experience and encounter Christ and serve and support the needs of our Diocese. I thank all those who join this noble campaign because they help not only in the formation of seminarians but also in programs that support the most vulnerable, giving fruits of charity and love, and thus, promote the mission of saving all the People of God."



"As a seminarian, my call is to mold my heart to the heart of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for his sheep. To be a seminarian is to be a friend of Christ and follow His Footsteps, carry on what He began, and spread it in every place, always, and to the entire world."

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.

Faith Formation

Registration ~ September 2022

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.

Faith Formation ORIENTATION DATES

LEVEL 1 – Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 pm

LEVEL 6— Wednesday, Sept.14 at 6:30 pm

LEVEL 2 – Monday, Sept. 19 at 6:00 pm

LEVEL 7—Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm

LEVEL 3 -Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm

LEVEL 8—Thursday, Sept.8 at 6:30 pm

LEVEL 4 and 5 —Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6:00 pm

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.



Prayers for our military

Jaime Ottenwalder, US Navy

Anthony Anglikowski, US Navy

Ivan Slawsky, US Army



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, **August 29 & 30**. 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.

Sunday, Aug 14, 2022**Make some noise for justice**

Civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Congressman John Lewis hoped young Americans might get in trouble. "Good trouble, necessary trouble," he specified. Lewis wished that a passion for what's right might compel our young citizens to "find a way to get in the way" of injustice. A young prophet named Jeremiah once got in the way, winding up at the bottom of a well and nearly starving to death for causing trouble for his king. Jesus promises the same sort of trouble in our families if some members are baptized with fire while others don't feel the burn. Find yourself some good trouble.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53 ([120](#)). *"He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city."*

Monday, Aug 15, 2022**Grief required**

Given that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was likely in her teens when she gave birth, she was probably only in her late 40s when Jesus died 33 years later. Life expectancy was a lot shorter then, but potentially Mary could have been alive for many years after seeing her son for the last time. One ancient historian wrote that she died 11 years later. It must have been a time of intense longing for her. Whether she died before she was bodily assumed into heaven or was assumed before she died is left open-ended by the church. Either way, it was an extraordinary reunion with the Lord befitting her status. Consider your own reunion with God. Plan ahead!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (NOT AN OBLIGATORY SOLEMNITY THIS YEAR)

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 ([621](#)); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 ([622](#)). *"He has looked with favor on his lowly servant."*

Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022**Embrace the mystery of communion**

Brother Roger Schütz, founder of the Taizé movement, died on this date in 2005. Brother Roger began Taizé in 1940 in the French countryside, envisioning a humble monastic community to respond to the needs of war-torn refugees—but also to welcome followers from all Christian denominations. The simple house he purchased eventually blossomed into a global place of pilgrimage, especially for young people. Taizé is especially known for beautiful chants still used in congregations all over the world. "The Church is a mystery of communion," Brother Roger wrote, where we "can discover an aurora of reconciliation and the practicing of a simple joy." Pray with Taizé through their website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30 ([420](#)). *"For God all things are possible."*

Wednesday, Aug 17, 2022**To each is given a mission**

On this day in 1887, Marcus Garvey, one of the most influential black activists of his generation, was born in Jamaica. Founder of Universal Negro Improvement Association, a fraternal organization that he grew into an international powerhouse after emigrating to the United States, he is credited with coining the term "Black is beautiful" to encourage racial pride. Though controversial in many of his views, he is remembered for his advocacy for racial

equality and economic justice. Be a voice for equality and justice as you live out your unique Christian mission.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 ([421](#)). *"You have made them equal to us."*

Thursday, Aug 18, 2022**Be willing to look closely**

On this day in 1998 the renowned Holocaust scholar Harry James Cargas died. Most of his teaching and writing focused on the Christian response to the Holocaust. What haunted him, he once said, was that "probably every Jew killed in the Holocaust was murdered by a baptized Christian." Cargas could have chosen an easier academic path, but instead he forced Christians to take stock of their complicity. Today's Psalm is a good help for examining our own cooperation with contemporary sin: "A clean heart create for me, O God."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14 ([422](#)). *"Many are invited, but few are chosen."*

Friday, Aug 19, 2022**Keep it simple**

Saint John Eudes, a 17th-century priest and mystic, worked tirelessly to spread the gospel message, which he feared was being corrupted by various heresies. For Saint John, Christianity wasn't complicated: "The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on Earth, continuing His life and His works, laboring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus." And just what was Christ's work? Look no further than the two great commandments he gave us: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40 ([423](#)). *"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."*

Saturday, Aug 20, 2022**Schism-saver**

In 1130, Pope Honorius II was dying. In anticipation of his death, a group of cardinals agreed on Cardinal Gregory Papareschi as the next pope. Upon Honorius' death, Papareschi was elected Pope Innocent II. But another group of cardinals had another cardinal in mind for the position, Cardinal Pietro Pierleoni, and elected him as Pope Anacletus II. The church then had a pope and an antipope. Question was, which was which? Saint Bernard of Clairvaux threw his considerable weight and hard work behind Pope Innocent, who eventually prevailed, preventing what easily could have spiraled into a schism. Remember this lesson from Bernard: "If you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a sceptre but a hoe."

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, FOUNDER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12 ([424](#)). *"The greatest among you must be your servant."*

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



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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 TEEN 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, Crackers, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Bar Soap A very special THANK YOU to all!



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 Braccone 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 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. 4th. There is a \$20 supply fee. For info or to register, call Lori at **631-678-6258**.



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. 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!



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.