

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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As we continue to keep abreast of all the things which go along with the opening of a new school year, and all of the schedule changes which follow after Labor Day, I want to bring the following matters to your attention.

September 11th: Ever since the attack on our country in 2001 and the more than three thousand people who perished in the acts of terrorism then, this date stands out. We are all able to recall what we were doing when we learned of the attack, sometimes down to the smallest details. Some of us knew people who were murdered on that day, some of us were working in New York City and ran for our lives as the towers fell. For weeks after, we participated in funeral rites for victims and did what we could to comfort the grieving families who lost parents, sons and daughters, and others who lost neighbors and friends. It is good that we never forget that horrible day. It is good that we commit once again to be vigilant in our defense of life and dedicate ourselves to be peacemakers in the spirit of that Beatitude in the Gospels. May we not fail to be the good servants who remain ready to constrain evil, and embody justice and mercy in our witness to the Kingdom which Christ wants us to build with lives of holiness.

October 2nd: This year because it is a Sunday, we do not mark the Memorial of the Guardian Angels liturgically. Instead, it is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also Respect Life Sunday. I encourage you to remember the unborn children whose lives have been taken through abortion since its legalization by the Supreme Court in 1973. As you know, the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs* a few months ago reversed *Roe*, and abortion remains now a matter for the states to decide through their legislative bodies. We continue to be grateful for the Supreme Court outcome in *Dobbs*. But we cannot become complacent. The pro-life cause always needs your support, especially in a State like New York. Learn about how you can help in the various *Life Centers* which are located in Long Island.

Besides the assistance to be rendered to women who are faced with unplanned pregnancies, we need also to win many others to our side so that the culture of life may take a deeper hold in our society. In this area, we still have a very long way to go. And so, I encourage you to participate in something called **Stand Up for Life** which is held every first Sunday in October. Stand up for Life is a prayerful, public witness to the sanctity of unborn life. Pro-life men and women gather in places on Long Island where there is high visibility because of constant vehicular traffic. One of those places is Route 110 in Melville.

This prayerful, public witness begins at 2:00 PM and concludes at 3:30 PM – rain or shine! Consider going by yourself or with a group. I will be there.

Mission Cooperative Appeal: The last weekend in September, the 24th and 25th, has been designated as the time for the Claretian Missionaries of East Nigeria to preach the annual appeal. Fr. Innocent will be here at Saint Margaret to conduct that appeal.

I ask you to remember the Church's missions in your prayers and to support those same missions financially with the treasure portion of your stewardship.

Mass Intentions: As you know, Masses at Saint Margaret have what we call Mass Intentions, and that would be persons who are remembered at the altar and whose names are mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful. All of our weekend Masses have Intentions as does our daily Mass at 9:00 AM Monday through Friday.

I encourage you to consider a deceased love one (relative or friend) on the occasion of that person's death or some other important date (e.g. birthday) and arrange for the Holy Sacrifice to be offered at the parish office during regular business hours. Mass Intentions are not only for the deceased; nevertheless, most of the Intentions are in fact for those who have died.

The very best way to help a deceased relative or friend is to assist in having him or her be counted among the saints in heaven. That is what the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass does for those who are no longer with us on earth. We refer to that spiritual gift as a fruit of the Mass. If our greatest joy is to be with the Lord without end, then it makes sense that we avail ourselves of the means that will bring that desired outcome to fruition.

Eucharistic Revival: As you know, we started a period of **Eucharistic Revival** back in June and we continue to make that a priority in the life of our parish. By Eucharistic Revival, we mean having Catholics return to the practice of their faith; it also means a greater adherence to the Church's Eucharistic doctrine and a deepening sense of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.

I invite you to take up this priority personally that Christ's Presence with us under the appearance of bread and wine may be better known and better loved in thought, word and action. As the year unfolds, more and more will be said about this matter from the pulpit and in this bulletin.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Wedding Banns

Banns I: Crystal Alessi & Christopher Payea,
both St. Margaret of Scotland



Baptisms

Riley Jo Agostino
Lucas Gerard Neary

ST. PIUS X RESIDENCE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

“A priest who is close to his people walks among them with the closeness and tenderness of a good shepherd; in shepherding them, he goes at times before them, at times remains in their midst and at other times walks behind them.” Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

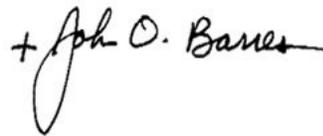
Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued financial support for our senior priests residing at the St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility.

When a diocesan priest is ordained, he promises to shepherd God’s people through happy and difficult times. Through the years, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been blessed with many shepherds who have done just this and selflessly guided the faithful of Long Island. Even in retirement, our priests continue to shepherd the flock and make a profound impact on the lives of Catholics of all ages. They celebrate Mass in our parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God’s Word to those in prison.

After a lifetime of sacrifice and service, no priest should face retirement without the care and support they may need with daily living. Happily, our St. Pius X facility provides a life-enriching experience for the men who live there, enabling our dedicated shepherds to live or recuperate in an environment that gives them the extra care and attention that they need. At the same time, St. Pius X allows them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community.

I encourage you to give prayerful consideration of a gift in support of our retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. As our Holy Father has pointed out, *“... a community that takes care of the sick and elderly priests is one that is well-rooted in Jesus.”* May I also ask that you remember all our priests in your prayers as I know you and your family are remembered in ours.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

St. Margaret’s 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 22nd with a choice of either an 11 AM or 2 PM session.

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

From the Pastor's Desk

On the first Sunday of October, the 2nd, the annual **Stand Up for Life** witness will be held in a few locations on Long Island. It commences at 2:00 PM and concludes at 3:30 PM. It consists of a peaceful and prayerful presence at a conspicuous public place so that as many Long Islanders can see the pro-life message as possible. Please consider going and participating. Msgr. Batule goes to the **Stand Up for Life** witness in Melville along Rt. 110 on the eastern side of the road. He invites you to join him there.

If you are an adult who has considered **becoming a Catholic** or know of an adult who wants to become a Catholic, please keep in mind that we accept candidates for conversion. The traditional starting time for those who are interested in becoming a Catholic is the early autumn as the school years opens.

Let us know of your interest by calling the parish center at your earliest convenience.

Adult Catholics who never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so are asked to notify us. A few months ago, we had a group of adult Catholics celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemnity of Pentecost (June 5th).

We plan on doing the same for 2023. Following Easter in the next calendar year, the group will begin meeting to receive catechesis.

Kindly advise us if you want to join us. Please call on the phone or come in person to the parish center.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.



FIRST THURSDAYS

OCT. 6TH, NOV. 3RD, DEC. 1ST

3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!

Sunday, September 11th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM

Mass ~ 2:30 PM

Faith Formation

Registration ~ September 2022

Please mail or drop off your registration at the Parish Center for placement.

Are you new to the Parish? You may email Jackie at jmirenda@saintmargaret.com or x131 with any concerns or questions.



PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF YOUR ORIENTATION DAY

LEVEL 1 – Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 pm

LEVEL 2 – Monday, Sept. 19 at 6:00 pm

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

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

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

LEVEL 7—Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm

Catechists Needed!

Who will share the Faith with our youngest parishioners?

We have youngsters in need of a Catechist. Help prepare our youth for the future by sharing your Faith with them once a month. Contact the Faith Formation Office for information at 631-732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com

Sunday, Sep 11, 2022**Forget them not**

The commemoration of Grandparents' Day the second Sunday of September was signed into law by President Carter in 1978. On this day we honor elders who fill in as parents. Oprah Winfrey, Carol Burnett, Jack Nicholson, Maya Angelou, Willie Nelson, and Presidents Obama and Clinton are among the 2 percent of U.S. children raised by grandparents. The designated flowers for this day are forget-me-nots, a clever reference to how elders can be overlooked in a fast-paced world. These elders also reclaim the overlooked, providing encouragement for the lost sheep in our family systems. Honor your grandparents, living and deceased.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 (132). *"What [person] among you having a hundred sheep and losing one . . . would not . . . go after the lost one?"*

Monday, Sep 12, 2022**A name for the ages**

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is known to us by many names and titles: Virgin Mary, Blessed Mother, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Star of the Sea, Mystical Rose, Untier of Knots, Cause of Our Salvation—and the list goes on. Catholics venerate her actual name "Mary" because it belongs to the mother of God. In the Aramaic language that she and Jesus spoke, her name was pronounced "Mariam," and by some accounts it meant "bitterness." Mary knew terrible suffering as well as great joy. Whatever you are going through, you can bring it to Mary and call on her for help—by any and all of her names. Say a Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary today.

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10 (443). *"I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed."*

Tuesday, Sep 13, 2022**Nearer my God to Thee—times three**

Beauty, goodness, and truth—known in theology as the "three transcendentals"—naturally uplift humans toward the Divine. Saint John Chrysostom tapped all three. His preaching was so beautiful that he earned the name *Chrysostomos*, meaning "golden mouth." As archbishop of Constantinople, he exemplified goodness by using his household budget to take care of the poor and build hospitals. But it was John's tapping of biblical truth—admonishing the wealthy and politicians for abuses of privilege and prestige—that got him into hot water with the powers that be, ultimately contributing to his death. Which of these transcendentals speaks most to your heart?

MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17 (444). *"Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."*

Wednesday, Sep 14, 2022**Cross purposes**

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrating three historic events in early church history: the finding of the True Cross in the Holy Land in the early fourth century by Saint Helena, the mother of Constantine (himself a saint in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches); the dedication of what would become the Church of the Holy Sepulchre that same year; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem after it was taken by the Persians in 614. The feast is most obvious in the Eastern Churches

(Catholic, Orthodox, and otherwise) and features small processions and veneration of a large cross during and after the liturgy. Make sure to pay special attention to the Passion of Christ today, regardless of your tradition!

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him."*

Thursday, Sep 15, 2022**Mary understands your pain**

In scripture, when Jesus is presented in the temple, Simeon notes that Mary's heart will be pierced. Later when Jesus recognizes her presence at the foot of the cross as he is dying, Simeon's prediction is fulfilled. Mary's steadfast faith during the ordeal of the Crucifixion serves as a beacon for anyone who suffers. Because today is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, it's an appropriate moment to ask Mary—who understands pain so well—to pray for our suffering loved ones and all who are enduring great trials.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (446); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). *"Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."*

Friday, Sep 16, 2022**¡Vivan las buenas noticias!**

On Sept. 16, 1810, after being stymied in his efforts to promote economic advancement for his parishioners, Jesuit Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla stood in the town square of Dolores in New Spain and declared what became known as *El Grito de Dolores* ("The Cry of Dolores"): "Long live religion! Long live our Blessed Mother of Guadalupe! Long live America and death to bad government!" Thus, the Mexican War for Independence began. Today is a good day to continue the fight for economic justice. Consider beginning with morning Mass, for as Saint Cyprian wrote to his friend Pope Cornelius: "It is not only the weak but the strong who need defense . . . strengthening them for combat with the Body and Blood of Christ!"

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3 (447). *"Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news."*

Saturday, Sep 17, 2022**Worth the wait**

To be named a saint, one must complete the official Roman canonization process, right? Well, not exactly. Today's saint, Hildegard of Bingen, was entered into the process four times. But all the lengthy examinations and documentations were never completed. So she remained beatified but not canonized for almost a thousand years! Yet, many popes, including John Paul II, referred to her as Saint Hildegard. Finally, in 2012, Benedict XVI promoted her to sainthood in a process called "equivalent canonization" that cuts through all the red tape. And he named her a doctor of the church to boot. Your faithful witness will be recognized—even if it takes a thousand years!

MEMORIAL OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, ABBESS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15 (448). *"Knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you."*

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



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Parish Outreach

Food Pantry Needs

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: Rice Meals, Instant Potatoes, Gravy Packets, White Bread, Jars of Juice, Hearty Soups, Crackers, Shelf Stable Milk, Laundry Detergent
*A very special **THANK YOU** to all!*



October Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Each month, the *Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program* selects a nonprofit organization local to each store to benefit from the sale of **specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets**.
For the month of October 2022, St. Margaret of Scotland Food Pantry is the selected organization...so, plant some seeds and support the Food Pantry!

Get excited to purchase some gorgeous bouquets at STOP & SHOP ~ 425 Portion Rd. in Lake Ronkonkoma.



A Celebration of Saint Padre Pio

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Garrison NY will be hosting a celebration on ***Saturday, Sept. 24th ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM***

Mass in Italian at 11:00 am in Our Lady of Atonement Chapel followed by the Blessing of our new statue of St. Padre Pio.

There is time to explore the grounds, Stations of the Cross, and light candles.

Picnic grounds and tables available for your food or use our food trucks. Religious store on site.

For info ~ Deacon Tom Rich at trich@atonementfriars.org

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education. ~ Open House Schedule

September 2022

Sat., Sept 24 - 10 am - 1 pm - St. Anthony's HS

Sun., Sept. 25 - 2 pm - 4:30 pm - St. Mary's College Prep HS

October 2022

Sat., Oct. 1 - 10 am - 2 pm - Chaminade HS
10 am - 1 pm - Kellenberg Memorial HS
11 am - 2 pm - Sacred Heart Academy

Sun., Oct. 2 - 10 am - 1 pm - Our Lady of Mercy Academy
1 pm - 4 pm - St. Dominic High School

Sat., Oct. 15 - 10 am - 1 pm - Holy Trinity HS

Sun., Oct. 16 - 10 am - 1 pm - St. John the Baptist HS

Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools Online for 2022-2023

Go to www.TACHSINFO.COM
Registration Deadline ~ October 27, 2022
Follow us on social media @ CatholicHSofLI

Altar Servers Training

Training will begin on Tuesday, September 13th and will continue into October (five sessions – all of them beginning at 5:00 PM).



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