

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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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.

Here we are already at the end of September and our post-summer schedules have become routines at this point. As reminders, I call attention to the following matters.

Enrichment Evenings: They have begun. We had our first one on Monday the 19th in the basement of the parish center. The turnout was quite good. I emphasize that these evenings are primarily for our catechists who work with our youngsters under religious instruction. They are also open to all parishioners. We meet at 7:30 PM and we end at 9:00 PM. The next topic considered in our series is **Christ**.

In October, we meet on the 3rd, the 17th and the 24th. There is no meeting on the 10th in honor of our Columbus Day observance.

Twenty Minutes with the Director/Pastor: It debuted on Sunday the 18th. It involves the children enrolled in religious instruction and the parents coming to catechesis for **twenty minutes** before the 10:00 AM Mass. We have scheduled these sessions with the various **levels** in mind. We ask the students and their parents to attend when it is their turn. Kindly cooperate that we might be better informed about our Catholic faith and be better at practicing that faith.

Eucharistic Revival: We continue to emphasize the irreplaceability of the Eucharist to the Catholic faith. We ask all of our parishioners to be more conscious of this treasure in our midst and adopt what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls a **eucharistic attitude in the way we live and follow the Lord**. He, Jesus that is, told us that He is the Bread come down from heaven. Those who eat His Body and drink His Blood will not die but will live forever. (cf. Jn 6) We ask you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration when it is offered at Saint Margaret, and to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

For those who are interested, the document authorizing the **Eucharistic Revival** is available online. Its title is *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. It was composed by a committee within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. I encourage you to read this document. It is not excessively long, and is quite suitable as the basis for personal reflection.

Mass Intentions: 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 do our Daily Masses Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM.

I encourage you to consider having a relative or friend (deceased or living) remembered at one of these Masses. The very best way to remember a 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.

October 2nd: This year because it is a Sunday, we do not mark the Memorial of the Guardian Angels at the Liturgy. 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 *Dobbs* decision. But we cannot become complacent. The pro-life cause always needs your support, especially in a State like New York. Learn about what you can do to help unborn children through the various *Life Centers* which are located here on Long Island.

I ask you to consider attending **Stand Up for Life** at Route 110 in Melville for a prayerful, peaceful and public witness to the sanctity of unborn life. The event begins at 2:00 PM and finishes at 3:30 PM. Consider going by yourself or with a group. I will be there.

Mission Cooperative Appeal: This weekend, Fr. Eugene will be at Saint Margaret to conduct the **Mission Cooperative Appeal**. He will offer two Masses and preach at all four of our weekend Masses. 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.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Claretian Missionaries, East Nigeria Province

The Claretian Missionaries otherwise known as the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are visiting our parish this weekend. It is a religious congregation founded by St. Anthony Mary Claret in 1849 in Vic, Spain. We are formed by a community of Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Students with the mission and mandate to evangelize and spread the good news of Salvation to all parts of the world. We serve and carry out through our Province many missions in all parts of Africa and beyond. We work in rural and poor areas for the salvation of souls. Our apostolate extend to preaching of mission, education, hospital, parish and outreach ministry.

We wish to appeal to you for support for formation and training of seminarians, completion of schools, tuition and buses, water for school and rural communities as well as medical support, food clothing and shelter. We promise to keep you in our continued prayers and may Mother Mary intercede for you. ~ Rev. Eugene Umeryor, Cmf



Baptisms

Briella Capri Attanasio, Ryder Joseph Gargan,
Raina James Silverman, Wesley Beau Mitchell



Wedding Banns

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

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

POPE FRANCIS AND LITURGICAL REFORM

BISHOP ANDRZEJ'S LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES



Join BISHOP ANDRZEJ
Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 pm,
via ZOOM.

In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis addresses the nature of sacramental encounter and of symbols and symbolic language. (FDLC.org) Join this Zoom presentation as Bishop Andrzej explains Pope Francis' liturgical theology.



Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link . Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number. Send your email to: westernvicariate@drvc.org or leave a message for Suzanne at 516-744-6850.

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.

Faith Formation

Catechists Needed for Level One & Two
Mondays ~ 6-7 pm



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

Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, October 2 is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.



LONG ISLAND COALITION for LIFE, Inc.

Stand Up For Life is on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM (rain or shine).

Join us in Huntington: at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Whitman Mall) or in Manorville LIE Exit 70S on County Road 111.

This rally is part of a nationwide family friendly event, held at more than 1,500 sites across the USA & Canada.

This is not a march; we stand about 10 feet from each other using Only Pre-Approved Signs - On the public sidewalk.

These approved signs are available at the site; you don't have to bring anything.

Just come as you are, bring a friend or the whole family. You can come for part of the time or the full 90 minutes. Please know by your presence that you help save a life. There is strength in unity. **ALL PRO LIFE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!**

For information contact (631) 243-1435 or email Info@ProLifeLI.org

Sunday, Sep 25, 2022**Blessed are the wanderers**

Biblical prophets warn the comfortable not to overlook the suffering of those less fortunate. Today on World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we support the church's solidarity with uprooted people since the Second World War. A mass exodus to the West of Soviet bloc refugees prompted Pope Pius XII, future Pope Paul VI, and layman James Norris to form the International Catholic Migration Commission. The ICMC continued its response to the "boat people" of Vietnam, Bosnian Muslims, Afghani refugees, and more. Their efforts restore dignity, inspire change, and companion the displaced. Welcome the stranger.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 (138). *"Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion!"*

Monday, Sep 26, 2022**Give them a healer's welcome**

Believed to have been twin brothers, Cosmas and Damian were third-century Christian Syrian physicians who accepted no payment for caring for the sick—and made many converts as a result of their selfless service. They were eventually martyred by the Romans. Many of us know "saints" in the healthcare profession who work physically and emotionally demanding jobs, make personal sacrifices (including endangering their own health during the pandemic), and have a seemingly endless supply of compassion despite it all. The next time you or someone you love needs medical help, ask Cosmas and Damian to support the professionals coming to your aid.

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 (455). *"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."*

Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022**Enrich the faith of others**

Before co-founding the Daughters of Charity—serving the "poorest of the poor"—Saint Vincent de Paul began the Congregation of the Mission in 1625. Priests who joined had three requirements: to live in imitation of Christ, to take the gospel to the rural poor, and to educate fellow priests in the practical matters of being a priest. When he realized peasants knew so little about the faith and that local priests were poorly trained in administering the sacrament of Penance, Vincent preached such a stirring parish mission that priests from a nearby town had to be called in to help him hear confessions. How can you help others practice their faith?

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem."*

Wednesday, Sep 28, 2022**Carry on the work of the dead among the living**

At the time of Jesus, the Jewish custom was to bury a person in the family burial cave the same day they died. The body was left for a year while the family mourned, the first seven days in *shivah*, followed by a less intense 30-day period of *shloshim*. The burial rite was not complete, however, as the family would return to the cave a year later for the "second burial," the collection of remains to be placed with the bones of other ancestors in the family ossuary. It is theorized that when Jesus commented, "Let the dead

bury their dead," he may have been referring to this second burial, suggesting to his disciples that there was more urgent work to be done among the living. Pray for the dead but serve the living!

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."*

Thursday, Sep 29, 2022**Angels watching over us**

Today we honor the only three angels in scripture who have names. Michael is cited in the books of Daniel and Revelation and is known for being a protector. Gabriel is most famously a messenger, having relayed information to Daniel, but best known for giving Mary the news that she would be mother to our Savior. Raphael is associated with healing and appears in a series of adventures in the Book of Tobit, including his cure of Tobit's blindness. At various times, each of us needs protection, a message from God, or healing. May these three archangels lift our prayers when we and our communities most need these things.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

Friday, Sep 30, 2022**Get to know the word**

If you are a fan of scripture, then right next to your Bible should be *The Jerome Biblical Commentary*. The 2,000-plus-page book is a treasure trove of insight about the Bible written by Roman Catholic scholars from across the globe. It is a great resource for helping people to engage more deeply with scripture through study and reflection. The book is named after Saint Jerome, who is best known for his biblical commentaries and translations. Jerome believed that "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." It's never too late to increase your knowledge. What would be the first scripture passage you'd look up if you had the book in hand? Why?

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"Whoever listens to you listens to me."*

Saturday, Oct 01, 2022**In loving color**

Though she only lived 24 brief years, Thérèse of Lisieux, the "little flower," was so spiritually mature she was asked to guide novices who were entering her Carmelite order. She used vivid metaphors, comparing the Trinity to a kaleidoscope because the three mirrors transform simple images into colorful designs. She wrote: "As long as our actions, even the smallest, do not fall away from the focus of Divine Love, the Holy Trinity, symbolized by the three mirrors, allows them to reflect wonderful beauty. Jesus . . . always sees beauty in everything we do."

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"Turning to the disciples in private he said, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.'"*

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



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Parish Outreach

Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION

The *Knights of Columbus* are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry.



Food Collection

Bags will be distributed on **October 15/16 at all Masses**, and on **October 22/23 at all Masses**, they will be in front of the church to receive your donations.

Please assist them and us as you can. If anyone is able to help Outreach on **October 22/23**, please leave her a message at 631-732-3131 x119. **Thank you!**

Altar Servers Training

Training will be on Tuesdays, through October (all of them beginning at 5:00 PM in the Church).



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

St. Margaret's Christmas Pageant

Save the Date!

Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 PM

Rehearsal dates & times to follow in upcoming bulletins.



Information about the deadlines for filing claims based on the Adult Survivors Act—part of the Diocese's chapter 11 case can be found on the following link to the Diocese bankruptcy website. Forms that are to be used can be found here also. <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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

September 2022

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

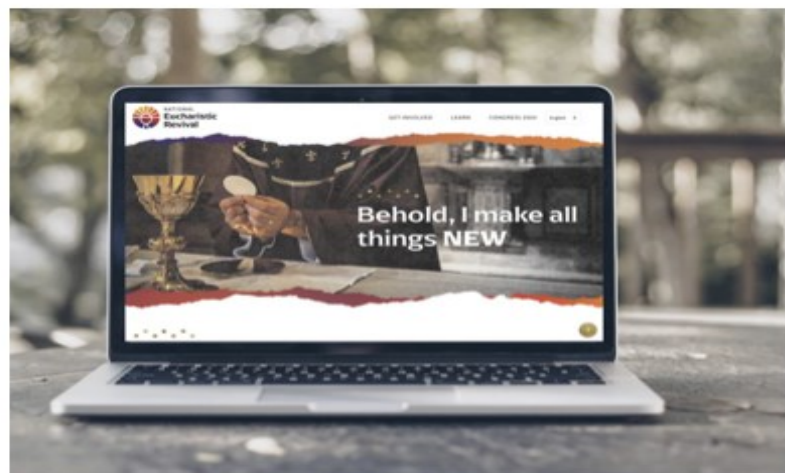
Sun., Oct. 2 - 10 am - 1 pm - Our Lady of Mercy Academy
1 pm - 4 pm - St. Dominic High School

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
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