

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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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.

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

October 2, 2022

Phone: (631) 732-3131

Parish Office

Monday through Thursday ~ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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It's a new month and the calendar continues to be filled with important events in parish life and endeavors which are deserving of your support right away and down the road.

October 2nd: Today is Respect Life Sunday. There is **Stand Up for Life** which is holding a prayerful, public witness in support of the right to life in the womb. It begins at 2:00 PM on the east side of Route 110 in Melville and finishes at 3:30 PM. Join us rain or shine.

Thank you: We express gratitude to a young parishioner, **Glenn Miller**, for heading up a replacement of two flower beds in front of the church. The work was done on Saturday, September 17th. On the scene with Glenn that day were fellow Boy Scouts and parents who supervised. The replacement work was superbly done! Kudos to Glenn for helping to keep the grounds around the church in such good order and so good looking, too.

Opportunities to Help: We are looking for women in the parish who would be inclined to serve at parish socials in the church basement. They would do so at events which have been in our schedule since last year, including **Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 18th and the celebration of **First Holy Communions** on Saturday, May 13th.

I am thinking that such women may want to come together at least a few times a year in the way that sodalities in the past functioned in parishes. Some parishioners may recall groups like the Rosary Altar Society which were formed with Marian devotion in mind, and perdured for generations. If you are so inclined to come together with other women in such a way, please let us know. A call to the parish center during regular business hours would be the way to respond to this query.

Bible Study: A staple of parish life for decades has been a group (both men and women) who have come together around the Scriptures. Getting to know the Scriptures better and getting to know fellow parishioners is the goal. Again, if you are so inclined, please call the parish center and register your interest. We will see if there are other parishioners who long to know the Scriptures better and see if we are able to launch a group for this purpose.

Mass Intentions: I encourage you to consider having a relative or friend (deceased or living) remembered at one of our public Masses at Saint Margaret. This would be all four weekend Masses and each daily Mass from Monday through Friday. The very best way to remember a deceased relative or friend is to assist him or her to 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.

The Mass Book for 2023 opens on Monday, October 24th at the parish center. There are no limitations on the number of Masses you may reserve at that time.

Enrichment Evenings: We continue to hold them on Monday nights beginning at 7:30 PM in the basement of the parish center. The next one is October 3rd. The topic is **The Church**. Catechists and any other parishioners are welcome. The remaining sessions are held on October 17th and 24th. There is **no session** on October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

Eucharistic Revival: For those who are interested, you can find *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* online. This is the document published by the United States Bishops initiating the period of the **Eucharistic Revival** in our nation. I encourage you to read this document. It's not excessively long and is quite suitable as the basis for personal reflection.

Efforts will be made to arrange for a parish retreat centered on the theme of Eucharistic revitalization at Saint Margaret at some point in 2023. I will keep you apprised of what we are able to schedule with one of the designated priest-preachers of the **Eucharistic Revival**.

Twenty Minutes with the Director/Pastor: We have already held several of these catechetical sessions for the children of the parish enrolled in religious instruction. The period starts at 9:40 AM in the church basement and gives us yet another opportunity to learn about the faith we love. It finishes up right before the 10:00 AM Mass. Then, the students and their parents attend the Mass upstairs with other parishioners. We are offering this catechesis **by level**. And as always, we encourage all Catholic parents to take their grade school age children to Mass every week.

Until next week . . .

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



St. Margaret's Bereavement Ministry Through the Holidays

Do you feel as if your traditions, holidays and your life are forever changed due to the loss of a loved one? Are you wondering how you will make it through the festivities that once brightened your life during the holiday season? Or are you wishing they could just pass by leaving you untouched?

Come be a part of St. Margaret's Adult Bereavement Ministry . We are anxious to help you deal with these real personal hurdles.

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center on **Thursdays at 11 AM** beginning November 3rd and run through the end of the year. For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053, prior to this date.

Be part of this emotional and spiritual nourishment.

Altar Servers Training

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



Heart of the Island Council- Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. Prospective members call Tom Piderit at 917-365-7546. .



Mass Book for 2023

The Mass Book for 2023 opens on Monday, October 24th at 9:00 AM in the parish center.

We encourage you to remember deceased relatives and friends at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the Communion of Saints, we are never removed from those whom we love. We hope for a reunion with them in God's providence, and praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.

Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 15 at 12 noon

St. Patrick's Church Lawn ~ 280 E Main St., Smithtown

Please come and pray with us for our country an the world.
All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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

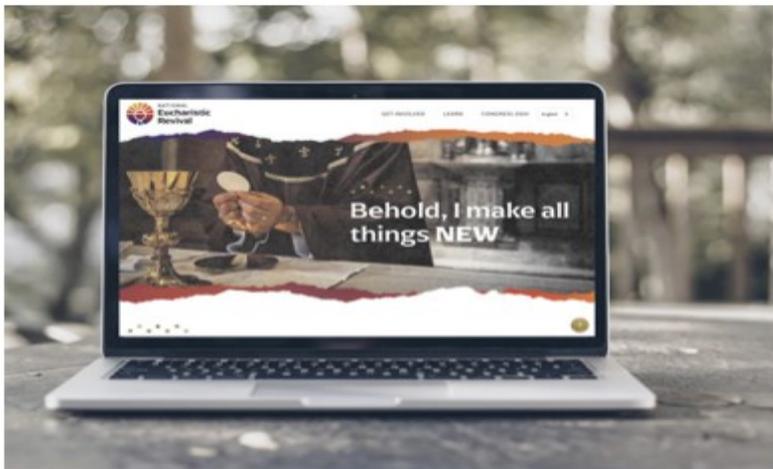
Sun., Oct. 2 - 10 am - 1 pm - Our Lady of Mercy Academy
1 pm- 4 pm -St. Dominic High School

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

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

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Online for 2022-2023**

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Follow us on social media @ CatholicHSofLI



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www.eucharisticrevival.org



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, Oct 09, 2022**The price we're willing to pay**

He failed at many things: marriage, business, sobriety. He was involved in dark dealings: espionage, black market trading, opulent living, the Nazi party. Yet we know Oskar Schindler mostly for his mantle of protection over some thousand Jewish workers in his enamelware factory. Schindler originally hired Jews because they were cheap labor. In the long run those cheap workers cost him a fortune. What changed an amoral businessman into a celebrated humanitarian? Schindler saw through the lie of his culture and it repulsed him. As his grateful beneficiaries put it: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire."

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (144). *"But the word of God is not chained."*

Monday, Oct 10, 2022**Help foster sound minds**

Today, on World Mental Health Day, we can look to Catholic teaching on mental health for help in raising awareness of mental health issues, eliminating stigmas surrounding it, and supporting those who need help. Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Christ took all human suffering on himself, even mental illness," and "it is everyone's duty to make an active response" of charity to those who suffer from mental illness. Pope Benedict called for better medical treatment for the mentally ill as people made in the image and likeness of God. Want to start a mental health ministry in your parish? Visit the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers at catholicmhm.org for guidance.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."*

Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022**Happy birthday, Vatican II**

Sixty years ago today, Pope Saint John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council—that watershed gathering that gave us Mass celebrated in our own languages, a deeper respect for other religions, and the epiphany that laypeople are as vital to the church as its most lauded saints and clerics. In the words of Saint John XXIII, the church "allow[s] all who are enlightened by the light of Christ to understand well" their "lofty dignity and their purpose." But also, she "spreads everywhere the fullness of Christian charity . . . promoting concord, just peace, and the brotherly unity of all." Ask Saint John's intercession for our church, still in the midst of growing pains.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"In Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."*

Wednesday, Oct 12, 2022**Always move on faith**

On this day in 1932, Xavier University of Louisiana—founded seven years prior as the nation's first black Catholic university by Saint Katharine Drexel—moved to its current location in the Gert Town neighborhood of New Orleans. Facing similar racist scrutiny as when she and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament originally established the school, Saint Katharine purchased the new property through an agent to avoid detection. Today the campus boasts a main building, convent, and library complex listed on the

National Register of Historic Places, and an administration building that is a city of New Orleans landmark. May we all display such holy boldness in our work for justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469). *"For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes."*

Thursday, Oct 13, 2022**Forgive us our trespasses**

It has now been a few months since Pope Francis apologized in Canada for the church's role in running boarding schools that profoundly hurt indigenous people. His message was both embraced for its acknowledgement of wrong and criticized for not being enough. Papal apologies are relatively new, beginning with Pope John Paul II apologizing in the 1980s for the church's role in the slave trade. Since then, popes have asked forgiveness for sexual abuse, treatment of Jews, and inaction during the Holocaust. An apology is a first step toward repairing a wrong. Reflecting on your own life, have you taken that step when needed?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Friday, Oct 14, 2022**Hints of heaven**

On crisp fall days, walking through a path of fallen leaves, looking up at a bright blue sky, many a wayfarer has contemplated what heaven will be like. "Will I be reunited with loved ones? Will I feel joy? Will I receive justice? Will all my questions be answered? Will I meet the heroes of history and understand the mysteries of the universe? Will I see the face of God?" Of course, the specifics aren't clear, but what we do know is that Jesus promises us peace (John 14:27) and rest (Matt. 11:28); has prepared a place for us (John 14:2) that is filled with rewards (Matt. 5:12); and has assured us that "there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed." Sounds like the right place to be. Keep up the good work and you are well on your way!

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7 (471).

"Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."

Saturday, Oct 15, 2022**Two saints for two centuries**

It's not hard to confuse the two Carmelite saints who have similar names. There is Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a doctor of the church, who lived in the 19th century. Also known as Thérèse of Lisieux or, affectionately, as the Little Flower, she was a French Discalced Carmelite nun. Then there is today's saint, Teresa of Jesus, a Spanish Carmelite nun and influential mystic, known as Teresa of Ávila, who lived in the 16th century and is also a doctor of the church. She was instrumental in the reform of the Carmelite order, which eventually resulted in the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites, to which the Little Flower belonged some 300 years later. They both would be happy to hear from you in prayer today.

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12 (472). *"I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."*

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!**

October Bloomin' 4 Good Program



Each month, the *Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program* selects an nonprofit organization local to each store to benefit from the sale of **specialty 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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 28 - November 6

HELP SAVE LIVES IN PATCHOGUE

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** 450 Waverly Avenue in Patchogue (Just off The Waverly Ave Sunrise Hwy Exit goNorth next to 7/11)
- **Vigil hours:** (10AM to 5PM Monday thru Saturday)
- **Local contact:** Call or Text 631-615-1735
Email: WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/Patchogue



The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians ~ Div. 8/9

Invite you to their 10th Annual Irish Tea Auction Raffle

Sunday, October 16th from 1-4 pm

AOH Division 8 Hall ~ 80 Magnolia Drive in Selden
Call Dottie 631-698-4940 for tickets by Oct. 14th

Wear your Pretty Hat and bring your favorite Tea Cup!

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.

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>.

P/T Position

Maintenance Position – St. Louis de Montfort parish is seeking a custodian: 20/24 hrs. per week, Tuesday thru Friday. Works well with others ~ has experience & is able to juggle multiple duties which include but not limited to: Cleaning classrooms, restrooms, offices, climbing ladders, repairs, maintenance & other duties . E-mail your résumé letter to: awhite@sldmrc.org or cheller@drvc.org



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