

# 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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## **November 6, 2022**

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In just two days there is **Election Day** (Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>). Go to the polls! As I said last week – do not forget to bring your Catholic faith into the voting booth with you. We value the sanctity of all lives, most especially those not yet born. Be a pro-life voter and one concerned about the common good. We are earthly citizens, but more important is our citizenship in heaven. (cf. Phil 3:20) To be admitted to the heavenly court where the angels and all the saints delight in the company of God, our right judgments about the things of this world are necessary.

A few days ago, we marked the **Solemnity of All Saints** and the **Commemoration of All Souls**. These two days set the tone for the month of November. We live in the Kingdom inaugurated by Christ and we are aptly called the blessed. As blessed as we are though, we still cannot avoid death. And neither the judgment of God, which is particular (our judgment, that is) when we breathe our last. We may still need to be purified even though our earthly pilgrimage has been completed. How grateful then are we to have relatives and friends who can help us with their prayers and sacrifices. Death brings separation but not dissolution of the Communion brought about by Christ.

Of saints, we claim one of them for special intercession because we belong to **Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish**. We honor our patron saint on November 16<sup>th</sup>, a weekday. For parishioners who are able to attend the 9:00 AM Mass that day, I encourage you to join us then. Our communion is indeed with Christ, but we have intercessors to help guide us on our way to the Lord. The earthly lives of these heavenly intercessors can help us to be faithful amidst all the challenges we are bound to encounter now.

Just a few days before the Thanksgiving holiday, we host an **ecumenical prayer service** here at Saint Margaret. It will be held on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All are invited to join with our choir in giving thanks for the Lord's bounty in our lives.

On the national holiday, which is the 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have Mass at the usual time on weekdays – at 9:00 AM. Find the time to be with us for **Thanksgiving Day in the morning** before heading off to be with your family the rest of the day.

Advent is not that far off at this point. It starts on the Sunday after Thanksgiving which is November 27<sup>th</sup>. I ask you to consider joining us on the second day of the holy season of Advent (November 28<sup>th</sup>) in the evening for **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 7:00 PM**. As you know, we are emphasizing the Holy Eucharist as the best and truest way to meet the Lord and remain united to Him among all the trials and tribulations of life which inexorably form part of our lives. **The Eucharistic Revival deserves our fullest attention among all the acts of piety at our disposal.**

I am going to make efforts over the next few weeks to see if I can find a preacher for a parish retreat in the Spring of next year. I will try to find a priest who is a **designated preacher of the Eucharistic Revival**. I will keep you posted.

Several weeks back, I included a mention of a **bible study** in the parish. That possibility remains. If you are interested, please let us know at the parish center. We will see if we can get something off the ground in the coming months. It's not difficult to have such a sodality but we do need participants who will commit to a little bit of time every week or every month. Leadership too is crucial. If you have been a leader of a bible study before, that would be of immense help in getting a new group going.

As we had a **Lessons and Carols** last year before Christmas, we will have the same again this year. Please continue to follow the bulletin as the event draws closer. This year it will again be on a Sunday afternoon (the 18<sup>th</sup>) at 4:00 PM. Our choir and lecturers will participate.

The last Sunday of Ordinary Time (the 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday) is also known as the Solemnity of Christ the King. The date on the calendar is November 20<sup>th</sup> this year. In the time leading up to the end of the liturgical year, the Church's liturgies (Sundays and weekdays) will emphasize the last things – death, judgment, heaven and hell. Unfortunately, relatively little has been said about the **eschatological** dimension of faith in most pulpits for decades and in precious few classrooms in the same period of time – and that has been to our detriment. Faith is of enormous existential importance precisely because we **do take time seriously, and that means our choices and decisions are of no small significance to God.**

Until the next time . . .

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

*For your personal adoration and prayers.*



***FIRST THURSDAYS DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup>, JAN. 5<sup>TH</sup>, FEB. 2<sup>ND</sup>  
3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church***

## ***Ecumenical Prayer Service***

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

Consider this an invitation to join us for the occasion.

Our choir will sing at the service.



## Parish Social Ministry



# THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Dinners will be distributed the week of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>



*St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Please choose items off of our wish list & bring them into the Parish Center during office hours or put in the box in the back of the church. Thank You!*  
**(PLEASE-NO PERISHABLES IN CHURCH!)**

Turkey (or voucher)	Corn muffin mix	Canned Fruit
Canned Sweet Potatoes	\$10 ShopRite Card	Stuffing
Canned Vegetables	Applesauce	Coffee / Tea
Jars of Apple Juice	Shelf Stable Milk	Package Gravy

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

### Military Services Collection

The Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) is scheduled for the weekend of November 5-6. Unlike a territorial diocese, the AMS has no parishes and must depend on the support of the Catholic faithful throughout the United States for its pastoral care and services to 1.8 million Catholics serving in our U.S. Armed Forces and federal installations worldwide. The nation's largest archdiocese, AMS spans the globe and its priests go wherever American servicemen and women are stationed, bringing them the sacraments, spiritual support and the Good News of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank you for your generosity.

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# Holy Hour *for* Vocations

with Adoration, Live Music, Confessions, Dodgeball & Food

## Friday, November 18

at 7:30 P.M.

AT THE SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN HUNTINGTON

### Mass Book for 2023

**The Mass Book for 2023 is open 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.

### Filipino Mass



St. Margaret of Scotland Church  
*Come join to sing and praise!*  
**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

with Guest Preacher  
**Fr. Eric Fasano, J.C.L.**

Fr. Fasano is originally from Sacred Heart Parish in North Merrick. Following his ordination, Fr. Fasano was assigned to St. William the Abbot Parish in Seaford where he was an Associate Pastor for 6 years. He earned his Licentiate of Canon Law in Rome and, upon his return, Fr. Fasano was assigned to the Diocesan Tribunal with residence at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Inwood.

In 2017, Fr. Fasano was named Co-Chancellor and Secretary to Bishop Barres. In 2019, he was named as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

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### St. John the Baptist HS Salute to Service

**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

To honor our service men and women we invite you to purchase a 3'x5' American flag to be displayed on the school's front lawn to honor Veteran's Day.

You are welcome to join the ceremony.  
 Montauk Hgy., West Islip



For info call 631-587-8000 x176 or email [jones@sjbhs.org](mailto:jones@sjbhs.org).

Thank you for your support!

## From the Pastor's Desk

We are in the process of updating our donation records. If you are contributing to the parish using electronic giving and are **not using donation envelopes sent through the regular mail, please contact the parish office. If you are not using envelopes at all to support the parish, please let us know too. If you are not supporting the parish at all but you do receive envelopes through the regular mail, please let us know as well.**

Each month, the envelope company sends envelopes to as many as three times the parishioners who use them. The envelope company in turn charges the parish for all envelopes sent regardless of use or not. We hope to have a much more accurate number of regular envelope users by Christmas time. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

## Faith Formation

### Calling all Children! Christmas Pageant

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:00 PM**

The children of Saint Margaret's parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends and all of our parishioners.



*Cast Call ~ All are welcome to participate!*

*There are speaking and non-speaking parts*

**Rehearsals ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Church. ~ Nov 9, 16, 18, 22 & Dec. 2**  
**Dress Rehearsal ~ Friday, Dec. 9 @ 6:00-7:00 PM COSTUMES PROVIDED**

**Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Show—arrive at 1:30 PM ~ Cast Party to follow immediately after Pageant.**

### “Holiday Visit to Calverton National Cemetery

Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown is offering a **free bus trip to the cemetery on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:15 AM - Depart from Branch FH, 190 E. Main St., Smithtown**

**8:30 AM- Depart from Smithtown Senior Center, 420 Middle Country, Smithtown**

**The Bus will make stops at both locations on return. Please arrive 15 minutes before bus departure.**

**9:30 AM - Arrive at Calverton ~ 1:30 PM Leave Calverton Must reserve a seat.**

**Call Branch FH at 631-724-9500 by Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Coffee, donuts, pizza & cold drinks will be served on the return trip. The bus does have a lavatory.**



## HEROES WANTED

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**(\$500 received after 6 months' employment; \$1500 after 1 year anniversary)**

**\*Bonus awarded for new hires from August 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022**

**Sunday, Nov 06, 2022****Formation information**

Did you know there are more than 700 religious institutes and societies of apostolic life at work in the United States? That women religious outnumber men religious by more than three to one? That nearly three-fourths of those currently in formation for religious life are Millennials (born roughly from the early 1980s to late 1990s)? That 30 percent of newer entrants to religious life are ethnically and racially diverse, including Asian/Pacific Islander (13 percent), Hispanic (10 percent), black (6 percent), and mixed race (1 percent)? We can't list all 50 facts here, but to download your own post-able, share-worthy list for National Vocation Awareness Week (which starts today), check out Fifty Fun Facts about vocations on the National Religious Vocation Conference website.

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5; Luke 20:27-38 (156). *"Pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified as it did among you."*

**Monday, Nov 07, 2022****Until we rest in You**

National Vocation Awareness Week runs annually the first full week of November (this year, Nov. 6-12) to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to pray and support those who are considering these vocations. Have you ever thought about a vocation to religious life? Do you know someone who could use help discerning such a vocation? Take some time this week to visit Vision Vocation Network for resources to help you discern your path, including a calendar of discernment events, a "Vocation Match" tool to find religious communities, and a treasure trove of helpful articles. This year's theme: "Pathways for a restless heart." Does that speak to you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6 (491). *"And the Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'"*

**Tuesday, Nov 08, 2022****A day to vote your values**

"When it comes to labor and politics, I am inclined to be sympathetic to the left, but when it comes to the Catholic Church, then I am far to the right." So said Dorothy Day—born this day 125 years ago—voicing the struggle many U.S. Catholics feel on Election Day. Though Day, born in 1897, was a suffragette, arrested for demanding that women get to vote, she never voted in her lifetime once women finally got the right in 1920. Her reasons were complicated. But the U.S. Catholic bishops offer guidance for all who wonder about the worth of their vote, insisting that "participation in political life is a moral obligation."

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 (492). *"We have done what we were obliged to do."*

**Wednesday, Nov 09, 2022****Build your vocation steeped in love**

For nearly a millennium, the Catholic Church has marked on this day the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, so named for the hill upon which it sits just east of the Colosseum in Rome. The cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, it is the official seat of the pope (the bishop of Rome) and is dedicated to both of the New Testament's two most famous Johns: the Baptist and the Apostle. At this halfway point of National Vocation Awareness Week,

consider the far-reaching impact of these servants honored in the Catholic Church's highest-ranking edifice. Let's dedicate ourselves as they did to spreading the Good News of love, and through our own holy vocations attain our heavenly reward!

**FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

**Thursday, Nov 10, 2022****Make peace with your vocation**

Saint Leo the Great is one of the few popes remembered as the "Great." This accomplished preacher and writer was also such a skilled diplomat that he convinced Attila the Hun to spare Rome from attack in 452 and later kept a plundering Vandal army from burning the city. We recognize Saint Leo during National Vocation Awareness Week, a time to recall that God has called us each by name to love and serve in our own way. Saint Leo used his gifts to uplift Christ. How do you use yours? Sharing God's peace is a good place to start.

**MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

TODAY'S READINGS: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 (494). *"For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."*

**Friday, Nov 11, 2022****Holiness cut to fit**

Humility and generosity are the key attributes associated with many saints, and fourth-century Saint Martin of Tours is no exception. While on patrol in Gaul as a soldier in the Roman Army, it is said that Martin took pity on a half-naked beggar by cutting his officer's cloak in half and sharing it with the shivering man. The incident is immortalized in Christian art and iconography throughout Europe and became a defining image of what it means to be Christian. Martin took to heart the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me" (Matt. 25:45). In Martin's honor, extend your compassion beyond your comfort zone today.

**MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP**

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). *"For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments."*

**Saturday, Nov 12, 2022****Seek unity where possible**

For the first thousand years Christianity was one big, mostly happy family. But for a number of reasons the church was divided in the Great Schism of 1054. Saint Josaphat (c.1580-1623) was a Catholic bishop trying to reunite the Eastern Church with Rome. But, alas, he was a little heavy-handed. When he discovered a priest in his diocese was celebrating Mass according to the Byzantine practice, he had him arrested and thrown in jail. This angered a mob of unruly citizens who attacked and violently dispatched Josaphat, tossing his body in a river. We can honor his good intentions today, while perhaps choosing another approach to unity. Pray we unite in those things that matter most.

**MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR**

TODAY'S READINGS: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 (496). *"I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily."*

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



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St. Margaret of Scotland

# CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Prepaid Orders ONLY ~ **Deadline for orders Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.**



Pickup orders on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
PARISH CENTER ~ 9:00 to 10:30 am

Return form below with your check by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> made payable to:  
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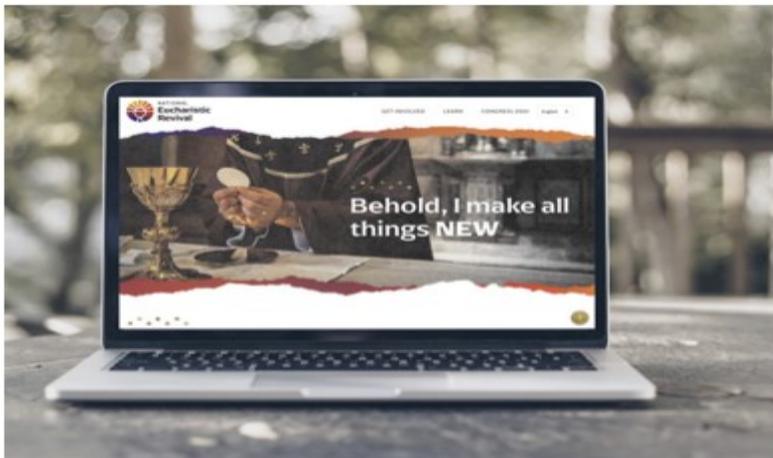
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## Lessons and Carols

*Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:00 PM in the church.*

*We invite all parishioners to join us. The service consists of biblical readings and hymns as we await the birth of Our Savior.*

*The Music Ministry will lead us in the singing portion of the prayer service.*



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