

# 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.

## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*



LESSONS  
and  
CAROLS

*December 18<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 PM*

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Today we mark the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the last candle on our Advent wreath is lit. And, wouldn't you know, we have a long Fourth Week of Advent, too. Let us make the best of what the calendar offers us and savor the last few days of this holy season.

Our focus is on the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the one whom God called to be the Mother of Our Savior and we find her cooperation in Saint Luke's Gospel in the account of the Annunciation. God gave His Son to us and so did the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is absolutely central to the divine plan and her obedience has brought forth the Incarnate Word. History has not been the same since.

The redemptive plan of the Lord goes right through Bethlehem of Judea. In David's city, the Son of God is born in a stable with the angels singing and the shepherds looking on in wonder. The Lord comes at last as an Infant. We rejoice at seeing the Madonna who holds her Infant Son. That closeness of Mother and Son, depicted in art and architecture the world over, serves as an invitation for us to be on intimate terms with the One Who loves us onto the Cross.

We reflect on this Great Mystery in the Holy Eucharist always. May we seek Him in the manger and on the Cross for there we find life – the best kind of life there is – eternal life.

Join us on the Fourth Sunday of Advent for our **Lessons and Carols**. We start at 4:00 PM and there is a reception downstairs immediately following this spiritual exercise. All are cordially welcome. Don't miss this excellent preparation for Christmas!

With Christmas coming soon, we anticipate the start of a new calendar year. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we mark the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**. Our schedule of Masses is the same as it is for a typical weekend (Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, and three Masses on Sunday at 8, 10 and 12 for the first day of the new calendar year). As always, worship with us and petition the Lord of all blessings to fill us with His choicest blessings.

The **Solemnity of the Epiphany (Little Christmas)** is celebrated on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January. The very next day we close out the Christmas season with the **Feast of the Lord's Baptism**.

As we come to the end of Advent, I take the opportunity to encourage all of our parishioners to get ready for Christmas by going to **sacramental confession**. On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, there are two periods set aside for the Sacrament of Penance. Please review your Christmas schedule which came in the mail or consult the bulletin boards in the church. A last opportunity for sacramental reconciliation before our celebration of Christmas is December 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 until 11:30 AM.

As I said in last week's bulletin, I ask all parishioners to support Saint Margaret financially **generously** and **sacrificially**. As with all families over the last year and more, your parish is subject to inflationary increases with just about all purchases and costs. Give as much to Saint Margaret as you did last year at Christmas and see your way, if possible, to increase that amount this time.

We want to be good stewards of God's gifts at all times. Exercise that stewardship not only with time and talent but with treasure too. We need all of our parishioners to assist us. Please don't let us down. We are counting on you.

In late December and into January, we observe some important liturgical feasts and solemnities. Plan to be with us in church as we offer our best in prayer to the Lord of all creation, and let us sing out to Him with melodious voices. Praised be Jesus Christ! Both now and forever.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



## St. Margaret's Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study will begin at 10 AM on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and continue on Wednesdays in the Parish Center.

Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator. Please bring your Bible.



## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

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





## 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.**

The church is open at 8:30 AM Monday through Friday. We encourage parishioners and other church-goers to come early for Mass.

The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among those so inclined.



### 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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



**Attention married couples & Priests.**

**Are you looking for a great Christmas gift?**

**A weekend away for just you and your spouse to help your good marriage be great!!**

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Every relationship is a journey the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply. **Our next weekend experience will be - February 3-5** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington, Long Island. Register at [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss (631) 486-8607.



***Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.***

### Living Waters Wholistic Healing

*Therapeutic Catholic Counseling dedicated to healing the whole individual with a an integrated approach to the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual. For more info go to [livingwaterstherapy.org](http://livingwaterstherapy.org).*

**Catholic Gifts** ~Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine , 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. They carry a large variety of religious articles.

**[OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG](http://OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG)**

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 21

4:00 – 5:00 PM

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 24

10:30 – 11:30 AM

### MASSES

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM (upper church only)

12:00 AM Midnight

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

### NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM

Sunday, January 1

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM



# RETROUVAILLE

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

## You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?  
 Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?  
 Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. **It is not a marriage retreat, nor counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. It is a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect and build a healthy, happier stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.**

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming date of January 27<sup>th</sup>, please call 1-800-470-2230 you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. ~

website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

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

# Christmas Pageant 2022



## Oplatek ~ a Polish Christmas Tradition



## Catholic Health needs Medical Assistants!

Start your career in health care by joining the Medical Assisting Certificate Program at Suffolk Community College in partnership with Catholic Health.

- 7.5 Month course
- Externships at medical offices, ambulatory centers and hospitals
- Assistant with applications, interview and job placement



For more information scan the QR code or visit: [www.chsli.org/medical-assisting-program](http://www.chsli.org/medical-assisting-program)



Catholic Health will provide tuition reimbursement for all students who commit to three years of employment with the health care system following completion of the course.

## 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. .



We provide our employees with a comprehensive compensation package, including generous benefits and tuition reimbursement, along with a dynamic work environment.



***Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:00 PM***

*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. Hospitality will be held immediately following in the auditorium.*

*All are welcome !*



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Eucharistic  
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