

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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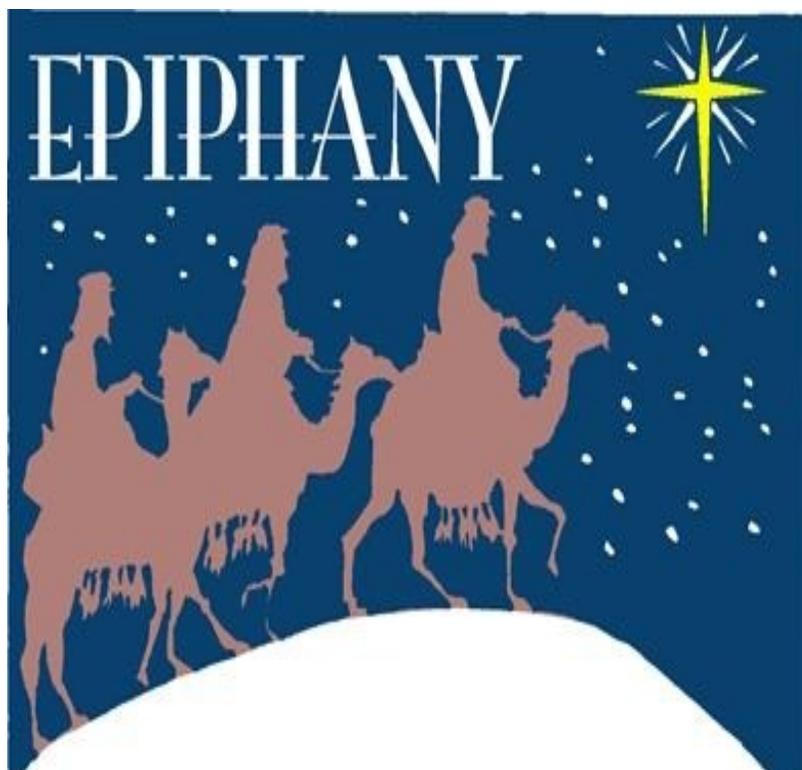
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After I wrote my last bulletin column on December 27th, news broke that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, at 95 years of age, died in Rome at his residence. In fact, it was the last day of 2022 (December 31st) that the Pope Emeritus breathed his last on earth. In the days that followed, Catholics all over the world prayed for him, participated in Memorial Masses, and some even travelled to Rome for the Funeral Mass on January 5th and his interment beneath Saint Peter's Basilica which followed.

A handful of parishioners here at Saint Margaret came together on Tuesday night the 3rd, and along with the Choir under the direction of Dr. Dan Crews, we remembered the Pope Emeritus during a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

It was an extraordinary life for Joseph Aloysius Ratzinger, the son of a police officer and a homemaker, who was baptized a Catholic on Holy Saturday in 1927. He pursued a priestly vocation and the Sacrament of Holy Orders was conferred upon him in 1951. After being a theological advisor at the Second Vatican Council (a *peritus*) and teaching theology at German universities, Pope Paul VI named him the Archbishop of Munich and Freising in his home country. Just three months after being named the Archbishop, the Pope created him a Cardinal. He remained for several years in his archdiocese before being asked by Pope John Paul II to go to Rome and become the Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. He remained in that position until the death of Pope John Paul II in 2005. In the conclave which followed the Polish Pope's death, Cardinal Ratzinger was elected the next Vicar of Christ and took the name Benedict XVI.

Pope Benedict XVI served nearly eight years as pontiff. He shocked the world and resigned the papal office in late February of 2013, the first Pope to do so in six hundred years. He then took up residence at *Mater Ecclesia*, dedicating himself to prayer until his eyes shut for the last time on earth. Death came, as I said above, before the first dawn of 2023.

We continue to hold the Pope Emeritus dear in our hearts, asking the Lord that he be counted among the elect in heaven. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest eternally in the peace of God. Amen.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany, sometimes referred to as the Feast of the Three Wise Men or Little Christmas. In the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the evangelist recalls how the Magi were led to Bethlehem of Judea by a star and where they presented the Infant King with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (cf. Matt 2:1-12)

A once popular bumper sticker says: Wise Men Still Follow Christ. And, thus, do we make our way to Christ amid the darkness of our night sky. We arrive at the "house of bread," the Church's Eucharist, prostrating ourselves and doing Him homage. (cf. Matt 2:11)

As I indicated in my last bulletin column, I am providing excerpts from the document entitled *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* weekly. Last time, our brief commentary was on the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist. I continue in that same vein with the following words.

The Passover meal is celebrated in remembrance of the Exodus, when the Israelites were told to sacrifice a lamb to the Lord and to mark the doorposts of their houses with the blood, so that the angel of death would pass over their houses and leave the Israelites unharmed. This marked a people set apart and chosen by God as his special possession. . . . At the Last Supper, Jesus reveals himself to be the Paschal Lamb whose sacrifice brings liberation from slavery to sin and whose blood marks out a new people belonging to God.

The saving work of Jesus Christ, which has brought to fulfillment what was announced in figure in the Passover, is now represented in the celebration of the Eucharist. . . . The Church constantly draws her life from this redeeming sacrifice; she approaches it not only through faith-filled remembrance, but through a real contact, since this sacrifice is made present ever anew, sacramentally perpetuated, in every community which offers it at the hands of the consecrated minister.

Until the next time

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

St. Margaret's Bible Study

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

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



Wedding Banns

Banns II: Brianna Lloyd & Michael Santomassino, both St. Margaret of Scotland



Prayers for our military

Jaime Ottenwalder, US Navy
Anthony Anglikowski, US Navy
Ivan Slawsky, US Army

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

FIRST THURSDAYS
JAN. 5TH, FEB. 2ND

3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



Thank you to our Church Decorating Team on the beautiful efforts for our Christmas flower placement!

Parish Social Ministry

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: Cereal, Pasta, Sauce, Canned Chicken, White Rice, Small Jars of Jelly, Cookies
*A very special **THANK YOU** to all!*

Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!

Sunday, January 8th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM

Mass ~ 2:30 PM



Catholic Charities TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a "NO fee for service" program.



New Parishioner?

Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____



Tax Statements

Call the Parish Center if you would like your 2022 tax statement at 732-3131 x133. Please leave a clear message with your name, address and if you know your envelope number which is located under the DATE. Statements will be mailed near the end of the January. Thank you.

All Capital Campaign Contributions over \$250.00 will be mailed automatically and separately. If below this amount please call and leave a message on x 128 to receive a copy.

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.

To clarify the matter of second collections, the following is offered to the parishioners of Saint Margaret.

Second collections are designated by the Diocese every year. We know when they occur by a **listing** of them and the **envelopes** for them which are mailed to parishioners who support our parish financially. It needs to be stated that designated second collections are **to be taken up at all Masses, in all parishes** in the Diocese.

If you are offering your donation to the parish weekly or monthly and you don't know when the second collections are, please see a listing for them in the ushers' room in the vestibule of the church or the bulletin boards of the church. We are grateful for your support of these second collections. They are not however optional and neither are they income for the parish.

Msgr. Batule

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 27th, 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.

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

"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, June 24, 2022



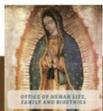
Rosary for Life

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom
Click here for link
Meeting ID: 856 4708 7922
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Email dcrean@drvc.org
if you would like the link sent to you each month.



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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, LI. Register at WWME.org or 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.



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.

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.

Sunday, Jan 08, 2023**Bless this mess**

Do a perimeter walk of your home. What do you see? Each room tells a story, every corner contains a chapter about who lives here and what happens between these walls. *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* recommends we bless our homes annually on Epiphany in imitation of the wise ones who once followed the divine presence to a humble dwelling. What sort of blessing might each area need? What requires a blessing: the kitchen table, living room sofa, or home office desk? A child's room or elder's sickbed? Don't forget the front door—the passageway to every other story that involves us.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). *"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come."*

Monday, Jan 09, 2023**Be a carrier of peace**

Pigeons and doves are different species within the same family of birds. The homing pigeon, also called the mail or carrier pigeon, is a variety bred for its ability to find its way home over extremely long distances of up to 1,000 miles or more. Because of this skill, they were used to carry messages throughout history. The dove, of course, is a symbol of peace and hope, and famously carried an olive branch to Noah on the Ark after the great flood. If you want to send a similar message, you don't have to go nearly as far. Just extend peace and hope across the dinner table or over the neighbor's fence.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17 (21). *"He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him."*

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023**Give peace every chance**

On this day in 1920, the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I. On this same day in 1946—following World War II—the UN General Assembly met for the very first time, gathering on church property at the Methodist Central Hall in London. And on January 10, 1984 the United States and Vatican City re-established full diplomatic relations after 117 years. It's not enough for Christians to worship the Prince of Peace. "We must work tirelessly to avoid war between nations and peoples," writes Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship). "There is a need to ensure ... tireless recourse to negotiation, mediation, and arbitration." Learn more at Pax Christi USA.

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306). *"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."*

Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023**Measure with mercy**

On this day in 314—or the day before; the history is unclear—Pope Saint Miltiades died after a life of historic twists and turns that would help define the Early Church. Born to North African parents, Miltiades was the second of the Catholic Church's three African popes, having been elected in 311, shortly after the end of the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian. As pope, Miltiades was most famous for rejecting the Donatists, who argued that apostates who

repent needed to be re-baptized (and re-ordained, if priests). In an age of manifestly imperfect priests, may we model Pope Miltiades' mercy and forgiveness for all the fallen—starting with ourselves!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307). *"They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up."*

Thursday, Jan 12, 2023**Pull back the curtain with contemplative prayer**

Fans of *The Wizard of Oz* relish the moment when a curtain is drawn and the Great and Terrible Oz is shown to be an ordinary man. In a way, the tradition of contemplative prayer is an attempt to pull back the curtain but with reverse results. Instead of seeing the wondrous as ordinary, contemplation is meant to move people to see the depth and intricacy and wonder of the ordinary. In other words, contemplative prayer wants us to see God's face everywhere. Consider the times when God's presence became tangible for you. Build a time into today to seek that presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308). *"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"*

Friday, Jan 13, 2023**The word is out**

Saint Hilary, born in Poitiers in southwest France in 315, had a learned education but was not raised Christian. Able to read the biblical languages, however, he was drawn to Christianity by the beauty and power of the prologue of the Gospel of John (John 1:1-18) and spent his life in strong defense of the divinity of Jesus, a controversial subject at the time. Recognition of his tireless efforts eventually earned him the high title of doctor of the church. Perhaps John's prologue has a word to speak to you as well. Why not dip into its powerful language today?

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309) *"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?'"*

Saturday, Jan 14, 2023**Accepted unconditionally**

Levi was an outcast of his people. Because of his position at the Roman customs post, not only he but also his family were held in disdain. His alliance with the Romans was considered treasonous and his wealth ill-gotten. Levi had many character flaws, yet Jesus chose him as a disciple, and he accepted. This is good news for the outcasts of our generation, the people our society and sometimes our church counts as unacceptable. It's good news for all of us, to be honest, as we all fall short in one way or another. Thankfully, Jesus sees past our shortcomings. Imitate Jesus before judging others.

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310). *"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

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



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Holbrook, New York
presents

The Christmas Presepio



Come visit this traditional Neapolitan Nativity and enjoy some quiet moments.

This year's display is located in the Chapel of Good Shepherd Church.

It is one of the largest of its kind in the world and contains many thousands of figures, buildings, miniatures and relics.

Fr. Jerry Cestare and our entire community invites everyone to share in this wonderful depiction of the true Gift of Christmas.

**The Presepio will be opening very soon!
It will remain open until until January 15, 2023**

**Open Every Day from 9:00am-9:00pm
(Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.)**

Good Shepherd Church 1370 Grundy Avenue Holbrook, NY 11741
631-588-7689

Wishing You All A Blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

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. .



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.

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