

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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I want to lead this week with a continuation of some of the thematic content from *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, the document of our nation's Bishops guiding our adherence to the **Eucharistic Revival**. Just recently in the bulletin, we have been following the document's content related to the *Eucharist as a Sacrifice*. This week, I want to present some of what the document says about the Real Presence of the Lord which we have in Holy Eucharist.

From the beginning, the Church has believed and celebrated according to the teaching of Jesus himself: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. It is not ordinary bread and ordinary drink that we receive in the Eucharist, but the flesh and blood of Christ, who came to nourish and transform us, to restore our relationship to God and to one another.

In the Eucharist, with the eyes of faith we see before us Jesus Christ, who, in the Incarnation became flesh (Jn 1:14) and who in the Paschal Mystery gave himself for us (Ti 2:14), accepting even death on a cross (Phil 2:8).

How can Jesus Christ be truly present in what still appears to be bread and wine? In the liturgical act known as the epiclesis, the bishop or priest, speaking in the person of Jesus Christ, calls upon the Father to send down his Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, and this change occurs through the institution narrative, by the power of the words of Christ pronounced by the celebrant.

To be continued, of course

As this is still early in the year, I want to make known a few things now which I will comment on at greater length over the course of the coming weeks and months.

The first is that the Parish of Saint Margaret celebrates its **75th Anniversary this year**. There will be several events during 2023 to mark this momentous occasion. To start with, I established a committee of parishioners to help plan for a fitting commemoration of our anniversary. On the committee are: Frank Hartnett, Anita Hartnett, Lisa Boyd, Scott Boyd, Tom Piderit and Anita Hoehne. They have already begun meeting. Their main objective is to plan a suitable event near the liturgical remembrance of our patron saint on November 16th. As details become available on the committee's planning, I will make them known to you by way of the bulletin. So, as always, please read the bulletin carefully for information about what we will do to observe our **75th Anniversary**.

You will want to know well in advance too that in connection with the **75th Anniversary** there will be a journal published and your input will be sought. Again, please watch the bulletin for details in the coming weeks and months.

Two other matters deserve your attention at this early juncture, too. While Lent is still weeks away, parishioners will want to know that we will have a **Lenten devotion** which is linked to the **Eucharistic Revival**. It will be held on Monday nights in the church and all are invited to join us. Right now, you see flyers on the bulletin boards indicating what that devotion will be. Be sure to watch for more details in the coming weeks. The second matter is an event which will occur on June 11th. This year, the 11th of June is designated as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On that day, we will have a Mass at 11:00 AM, followed by an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament off of our property. The procession with the Eucharistic Lord will then be followed by a reception in the auditorium (church basement), a time for parishioners to socialize together and enjoy what the New Testament calls *koinonia* (fellowship).

In the meantime, continue to be with us as we give glory to the Lord and pray with reverence at the weekly Holy Eucharist. There is not a better way on earth to share in the Lord's blessings and gifts than by going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion worthily. The weather may be cold and it takes a while for the light to break in the morning during January, but the Holy Eucharist is our consolation in season and out of season.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

St. Margaret's Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study is held on
Wednesdays at 10 AM
in the Parish Center.

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



Wedding Banns



Banns I: Tabitha Benitez & Connor Rogers
both St. Margaret of Scotland

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

FIRST THURSDAYS
FEBRUARY 2ND & MARCH 2ND
3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



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.

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, January 16th for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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, Canned Chicken, Small Jars of Jelly, Cookies**
A very special THANK YOU to all!



In February, a family-owned and operated business based in the city of Bethlehem (the Holy Land), specializing in the production of olive wood handicrafts, will be at our parish. Their products are of high quality. Their primary concern is their customers' satisfaction and support of the Christian community in the Holy Land. We guarantee the wood's origin as being from the Holy Land and sustainably sourced via the practice of seasonal pruning. **Their sale will be in our auditorium after Masses on February 18th / 19th.**



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

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You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
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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



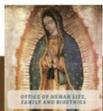
Rosary for Life

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

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

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 Click here for link
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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 15, 2023**Tend your inner lamp**

Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). *"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

Monday, Jan 16, 2023**Help the dream awaken in all hearts and minds**

Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a "day on" instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service. The Catholic Church has embraced King's call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Racism and every form of discrimination ... must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). *"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."*

Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023**Make space for silence**

The *Apophthegmata Patrum* is a 1,600-year-old collection of writings known as the *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. These texts record the teachings of the earliest Christian monks, who congregated in the desert of Egypt. The wisest among these monks was Anthony the Abbot. He wrote: "Just as fish die if they stay too long out of water, so the monks who loiter outside their cells or pass their time with men of the world lose the intensity of inner peace." When Christianity became politically accepted—and martyrdoms ceased—Anthony sought the desert to experience a different kind of sacrifice. There he found silence and solitude, too. Seek God in silence today.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *"Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"*

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023**There's room in this big tent**

Every camper knows that it's a stretch of the imagination to think that a four-person tent can really fit four people! You're lucky if two people and a backpack fit! In Catholic circles, however, tents have a different meaning. Instead of being short on space, this tent is expandable, able to include everyone, not just one or two. This image is core to the church's "Synod on Synodality" in which all

Catholics, including the marginalized, give voice to their experience and together discern God's call. If you want more specs on this big tent, have a look at the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). *"[Jesus] said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come up here before us.'"*

Thursday, Jan 19, 2023**Come in from the cold**

Christmas is over and Epiphany has faded. In much of the Northern Hemisphere, the days are cold and dark. This is when the warmth of the Christian tradition is more important than ever. Pope Francis has often encouraged Christians to practice their faith in warmth and kindness: "Let us light fires of fraternity around which people can warm themselves," he said at a 2022 meeting with migrants in Malta. That's advice we can all take to heart—and to hearth. Can you find a word or gesture today to add positive warmth to a wintry world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). *"He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."*

Friday, Jan 20, 2023**Twelve is enough**

Twelve months of the year. Twelve inches in a foot. Twelve numbers on the face of a watch. We certainly like our twelves. So does the church. The most famous of course is the 12 apostles, often simply called the Twelve. There's also the 12 days of Christmas and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It's not just that 12 is a handy number for grouping things, it also carries symbolic value. It signifies completion or fullness. Twelve eggs, for example, means you have a full carton. And 12 apostles means the church has everything it needs to preach the Good News. Count your spiritual blessings—by the dozen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). *"He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles."*

Saturday, Jan 21, 2023**No has always meant no**

As a young girl of 13 or 14, Agnes refused all suitors because she had betrothed herself to Christ. As punishment, she was taken to a brothel. One man attempted to violate her, only to be mysteriously struck blind—until Agnes restored his sight. Historical or not, this story reminds us that the scandal of child sex trafficking has always been, and still is, very much with us. Millions of girls and boys are kidnapped, bought and sold, exploited and violated for profit every year. You can help end childhood sex trafficking at the Save the Children and United Nations websites. Act in honor of courageous Agnes.

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316). *"Cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."*

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



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