

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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Again, I want to start with excerpted remarks from *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, the document guiding our participation in the **Eucharistic Revival**. In the last issue of the bulletin, we had gotten as far the Real Presence of Christ which is in the Eucharist. Let us continue with this most important theme.

The reality that, in the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ without ceasing to appear as bread and wine to our five senses is one of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith. This faith is a doorway, through which we, like the saints and mystics before us, may enter into a deeper perception of the mercy and love manifested in and through Christ's sacramental presence in our midst. While one thing is seen with our bodily eyes, another reality is perceived through the eyes of faith. The real, true, and substantial presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the most profound reality of the sacrament.

Quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the document continues with the following. *Though Christ is present to us in many ways in the liturgy, including in the assembly gathered, the presiding minister, and the word proclaimed, the Church also clearly affirms that the mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. . . . This presence is called real not to exclude the idea that the others are real too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it, Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man.*

Of course, to be continued . . .

This weekend is the fourth in the first month of 2023. I want to bring you up to date then on the Christmas collection. We wait this long because not all Christmas donations are given to the church on December 25th. In some instances, parishioners are away at Christmas and don't return home until the resumption of classes at schools. Thus, we wait a few weeks before reporting the collection total in the bulletin.

You will see the figure we are reporting for Christmas apart from this column. It is higher than last year's and that is a good thing. We were aided by the fact that there were **two** envelopes for Christmas this time because Christmas was a Sunday in 2022. So, I commend all those who contributed twice. I am appreciative of your consideration. Thank you very much!

From time to time, I will comment in the bulletin on parish finances. Briefly now, I will just say that our goal is to raise our collections **every weekend of the month**. A first step is to get our collections on the third and fourth weekends of the month where our collection is on **the first weekend of the month**. So, please be generous in supporting your parish the whole month.

While still on the topic of Christmas, let me repeat what I said in the pulpit on December 25th in remarks after the distribution of Holy Communion at the Masses I offered. We are grateful for the assistance of so many at Saint Margaret at Christmas and throughout the year: our parish staff, all our employees, and all our volunteers. In this, our **75th year**, we have much to be grateful for in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

As I stated on other occasions, please read the bulletin every week to stay current with the latest news about Saint Margaret Parish and participate as best you can in the events held here. That always begins with the celebration of Mass each week. Barring illness and inclement weather, we come to the Holy Eucharist for the Lord to grant us what we need to be with Him for all eternity in heaven. From the Holy Eucharist, everything else flows – our involvement in liturgical ministries, our instruction in the faith, our service to the underprivileged, etc. The Eucharist is, as *Sacrosanctum Concilium* puts it, “the source and summit” of our life in Christ.

Lastly, the 22nd of January is the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) which legalized abortion in our nation. As you know, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe* last year. For that, we are very pleased. Our defense of life for the unborn continues apace though because abortion is still legal in the states. As always, do what you can to be involved in the pro-life movement. In the wake of the reversal of *Roe* last year, a torrid wave of attacks against pregnancy centers in our nation was unleashed. And not only that – but Catholic churches throughout our country were attacked too! I urge you to read up on these matters where you can find reporting on it because the matter has been scandalously under-reported.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Baptisms

Charley Rose Carmody,
Robert James Giaimo
Thomas Joseph Giaimo III



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



Christmas Flowers Special Intentions & Memorials



Thank you for your Christmas Flower donations in memory of your loved ones.

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

FACE CLOTHS FOR WASH UP KITS

We are in need of NEW face cloths for our wash up kits projects.. Please drop off these items at the parish center. Thank you!

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.



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.

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 _____



In February, a family-owned and operated business based in the city of Bethlehem (the Holy Land), specializing in the production of olivewood 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.**



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.



Prayers for our military

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

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



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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



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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 22, 2023**Coming live to a parish near you!**

Some of us were taught that Mass attendance "counted" if we arrived for the gospel and stayed through Communion. Most churchgoers, thankfully, are weaned from this spartan idea to the liturgical celebration. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as "Word of God Sunday." While every Mass includes a healthy serving of Bible readings, annually we're invited to reflect that this is "an experience which occurs 'live' and not through hearsay," as the pope says. "We gather precisely to listen to what God has done *and still intends to do for us.*" Let's not miss a word of it!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67). *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."*

Monday, Jan 23, 2023**Don't let fear keep you from serving**

The disease of leprosy has been curable since the mid-20th century and is actually not highly contagious, as was believed in the past, but the physical effects were devastating enough to cause tremendous fear. Mother Marianne Cope was not afraid, which she stated in 1883 in her letter of acceptance to King Kalākaua of Hawaii, who had already asked for help from—and been turned down by—more than 50 other religious congregations to care for his people who had leprosy. The German-born American sister and six others came to his aid all the way from New York. When you go beyond your fears to answer a call, you may be bridging the greatest distance of all.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN; MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS
TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."*

Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023**There is strength in gentleness**

Francis de Sales is famous for his gentleness. He used it on his stubborn father, convincing him he was meant to become a priest instead of a lawyer. It was a virtue Francis tapped to win hardened Calvinists back to the Catholic faith following the Protestant Reformation, a time of much bitterness. Explaining that a "spoonful of honey gathers more flies than a barrel full of vinegar," Saint Francis practiced what he preached by greeting everyone with simple kindness, speaking good-naturedly about the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Catholic faith. "Be who you are and be that well," he reminds us in *Introduction to the Devout Life*.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318). *"Behold, I come to do your will, O God."*

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023**I can see clearly now**

We've all had the rather unpleasant experience of "being shown the error of our ways," though none perhaps as dramatically as Saul of Tarsus, zealous persecutor of early followers of Christ. On assignment to round up these dissidents, Saul was knocked from his horse by a blinding light and a voice from heaven. Three days

of blindness ensued before the scales literally "fell from his eyes" and the newly awakened apostle and great evangelist we know as Saint Paul emerged. Don't wait to be knocked to the ground before considering how your own life may have gone astray. Pray that anything that blinds you may fall away from your vision.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Saul, my brother, regain your sight."*

Thursday, Jan 26, 2023**Our moment is now**

In the '90s, it seemed everyone wanted in on the "dot.com" internet startup craze. Many were excited to be in on the ground floor of something brand new. It's tempting to think that Timothy and Titus (both of whom have letters in the New Testament addressed to them) were like the dot.com entrepreneurs when it came to the new, exciting religion of Christianity. In contrast, today's Christianity can seem weighed down by centuries of precedent and proscriptions. Titus and Timothy dealt with plenty of church trouble in their time, however, from division to drunkenness to false teaching. Their witness reminds us to pray for the strength to rise to the challenges of the moment we've been given, just as they did.

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 (520); Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."*

Friday, Jan 27, 2023**Stay the course**

Sometimes when the going gets tough, if they are honest, the tough want to curl up under the blankets and never come out! Life is not always an easy road, even when we feel called by God. But we're not alone on the journey. We can look to the saints to see how they've weathered the storms. Today, on the feast of Angela Merici, educator and founder of the Ursuline Sisters, let us take heart in her wisdom. "Strive with all your might to keep yourselves as you have been called by God, and seek out and desire all those means and ways that are necessary to persevere and prosper till the end."

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."*

Saturday, Jan 28, 2023**Be resolute**

Sometimes your commitment to your faith or choice of a vocation or calling can lead to uncomfortable conflicts with loved ones who have a different idea of who you should be or how you should live your life. Even a saint as illustrious as Saint Thomas had to struggle against opposition. His family was so opposed to his decision to enter the Dominican order that they had him abducted and held captive for a year! Thomas stood firm and they finally relented, and as a result the church gained perhaps its greatest theologian. Stand firm when you need to—who knows what God has in store for you!

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'"*

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



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