

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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## ***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.

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

*For your personal adoration  
and prayers.*



***FIRST THURSDAYS***  
***FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>***

***3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church***

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## **January 29, 2023**

**Phone: (631) 732-3131**

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***Monday through Thursday ~ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm***

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I would like to offer something of a “potpourri” of things in this column of the weekly bulletin. I continue at the beginning of this column with a staple of what I have been using for weeks now, an excerpt from *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. Recently, I have been calling our attention to the Eucharist as Sacrifice and the Eucharist as the Real Presence of the Lord.

*The Church's firm belief in the Real Presence of Christ is reflected in the worship that we offer to the Blessed Sacrament in various ways, including Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction; Eucharistic Processions; and Forty Hours Devotions. In addition, the practices of reverently genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle, bowing one's head prior to the reception of Holy Communion, and refraining from food and drink for at least one hour before receiving Communion are clear manifestations of the Church's Eucharistic faith.*

*When we receive Holy Communion, Christ is giving himself to us. He comes to us in all humility, as he came to us in the Incarnation, so that we may receive him and become one with him. Christ gives himself to us so that we may continue the pilgrim path toward life with him in the fullness of the Kingdom of God. . . . Through this sacrament, the pilgrim Church is nourished, deepening her communion with the Triune God and consequently that of her members with one another.*

I mention now a matter I have commented on before and deserves a revisiting in light of recent developments. It has long been a practice of the Church to remember relatives and friends at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We refer to this as the Intention of the Mass – most of the time remembering those who have died. We do this in the hope that our prayers – coming as they do in the re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice of his own life – will assist those whom we love to be with the Lord unceasingly in heaven.

You may have seen in the bulletin the last few weeks many **Masses during the week, that is, announced Masses at 9:00 AM Monday through Friday that have been without Intentions**. I use this opportunity now to encourage all parishioners to remember their deceased relatives and friends at announced Masses here at Saint Margaret. You can arrange for this at the parish center during regular business hours. I have commented on this in previous bulletin columns, and I now re-emphasize this belief of ours that the celebration of the Holy Eucharist brings us *closer to the goal of our lives – to be forever in the company of Christ, His Mother and our Mother, and all the angels and saints*. So, kindly remember your loved ones as the announced Intentions at daily Masses.

As I shared with you already, the Parish of Saint Margaret is marking its **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this year. In connection with this occasion, we are asking you to help us celebrate the occasion properly by recalling our history in words and pictures. Thus, I am calling upon you to submit to us what you have in terms of newspaper articles and pictures of the foundations and developments of Saint Margaret Parish. We would like to start here. In the coming weeks, we will expand beyond this initial request.

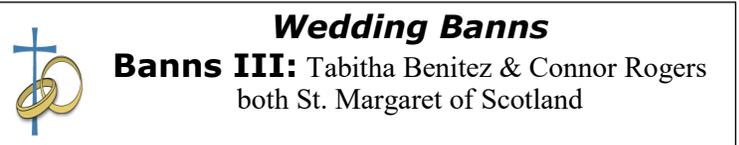
You can bring what you have in your possession to the parish center during regular business hours and leave them with Julie Burtoff, our administrative assistant. Please mark what you are giving us so that you can receive it back again.

Our **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** is working on the later-in-the-year public commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Part of our commemoration is the publication of a journal which captures our parish history in word and pictures. Again, please follow the bulletin for more details on what we have in store for this momentous event in our history.

You may remember from last week's column that I called attention to the violence directed against crisis pregnancy centers and Catholic churches in the last two years and more. There has been a little reporting on it in the media but not nearly enough – so much so that most would be shocked to know that dozens of crisis pregnancy centers have been rocked by fire-bombings and over 250 Catholic churches have been desecrated. Yes, fire-bombings and desecrations! It has been very difficult to get investigations started with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. You can help by contacting local public officials (U.S. Senators and U.S. House members) and asking Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Rep. Nick LaLota to make contact with the Department of Justice regarding this matter.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



## 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: Pasta, Canned Chicken, Small Jars of Jelly, Cookies, Hearty Soups, Napkins, Laundry Detergent  
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!

### 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.

### 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.



### 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.

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 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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.*



### 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 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

## 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. .



## 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, 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.***

## POSITION AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities is accepting resumes for a Parish Social Ministry Coordinator for a Western Suffolk Parish.

The PSM Coordinator will have the responsibility of engaging the parish in the ministry; recruiting, training and supervising volunteers; managing the direct services provided to people in need; collaboration with the parish staff liaison to civic and religious groups in the community.

Necessary qualifications and skills: desire to live the Gospel by serving those in need, knowledge of commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, experience with parish social ministry, managerial and interpersonal skills, computer skills.

Bilingual (Spanish) and bachelor's degree preferred  
 Part-time position (12 hours per week)

Please send cover letter and resume by email to:

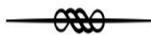
[Malloy.Paula@CatholicCharities.cc](mailto:Malloy.Paula@CatholicCharities.cc) and  
[Akristoffersen@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:Akristoffersen@ourladyofgrace.net)

"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

Passcode: 677757

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**Sunday, Jan 29, 2023****Blessed are the children—meek and otherwise**

Children come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. They possess abilities, talents, and interests, many of which may lie hidden for years to come. Not all young ones, to be sure, are properly described as meek. But it's certain that, one day, the children will inherit the land. Preparing them for this vital task is the job of every grownup in their lives. This week we celebrate Catholic schools, dedicated to assisting families in the education and formation of their children. Book learning is available at any school. Faith and character aren't always on the curriculum. Support our schools!

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a (70). *"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land."*

**Monday, Jan 30, 2023****The only way they'll know you are a Christian**

Mohandas Gandhi, who led India's campaign for independence from British rule and whose birthday is today, once said, "If it weren't for Christians, I'd be a Christian." Followers of all religions, including Gandhi's Hinduism, at times do reprehensible things that run completely counter to what those religions teach. As a member of a colonized people, Gandhi certainly saw the worst of what Christians are capable of. But his statement isn't entirely a rebuke—Christ spoke to his heart. Jesus told us that we will be recognized as his disciples by our love for one another. Ask yourself how well you represent your faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323). *"Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."*

**Tuesday, Jan 31, 2023****A love that works**

At the height of the Industrial Revolution, impoverished Italian boys were drawn to the city of Turin in search of factory work. But, for many reasons, they fell on hard times and were often jailed. Saint John Bosco helped them with lodging, education, vocational training, and just plain patience and loving care. He also protected young workers from unscrupulous employers by crafting signed apprenticeship agreements—the first real employment contracts used in Europe. He revolutionized the work of educators, too, writing: "Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved ... you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them."

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER**

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43 (324). *"Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart."*

**Wednesday, Feb 01, 2023****May the force be with you**

Faith gives us strength. It allows us to perform mighty deeds. But to be clear, as Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho explains, "Faith is not desire. Faith is will. Desires are things that need to be satisfied. Will is a force that changes everything around us." In God's realm,

where our faith resides, we are each whole and complete and nothing is impossible. Address today's challenges through the lens of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325). *"He was not able to perform any mighty deed there . . . He was amazed at their lack of faith."*

**Thursday, Feb 02, 2023****Make a perfect offering of your life**

Today's feast marks an ancient Jewish tradition in which the firstborn child was "consecrated to the Lord" by way of two sacrificial turtledoves or young pigeons offered at the Temple 40 days after birth. The mother, considered ritually unclean after giving birth, was also purified on this same day. But the visit of Mary and Joseph to present the infant Jesus is unique, marked by an outpouring of prophecy. Simon and Anna testify that a light has come into the world and that salvation is at hand. We honor the link to ancient tradition as we celebrate the Presentation today, but we also appreciate how Jesus not only fulfills but surpasses all the traditions of his time and place. Here at last is the perfect offering.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). *"The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him."*

**Friday, Feb 03, 2023****Be a healing light**

The historical details of Saint Blaise's fourth-century life in what is now modern-day Turkey are lost in the shroud of the centuries, but the tradition of his healing powers endures. The healing of throat diseases is what is most ascribed to him. When Blaise was imprisoned during a persecution of Christians, he apparently healed a choking boy with the aid of candles that lit his dark cell. On another level, the enduring tradition speaks to the ongoing need for healing that we all share. Whether it be a physical ailment or a wounded soul that needs tending, say a prayer today to Saint Blaise, the keeper of the flame.

**MEMORIAL OF BLAISE, BISHOP, MARTYR**

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327). *"The Lord is my light and my salvation. Your presence, O LORD, I seek."*

**Saturday, Feb 04, 2023****Lift your voice in freedom's song**

Today is the birthday of Rosa Parks, on the fourth day of Black History Month. Parks wrote: "I felt the Lord would give me the strength to endure whatever I had to face." When she refused to surrender her bus seat in 1955, she said her Christian faith told her "it was time for someone to stand up—or, in my case, sit down." Parks grew up in a devout family. Her own sweet dreams of freedom began with her mother singing old African-American spirituals that drew on biblical stories and psalms filled with cries of lament and hope for salvation. Tap into the strength of song as you play your part in the fight for justice. Choose a spiritual to pray with today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328). *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have."*

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



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SUNDAY · JANUARY 29, 2023  
12:00-2:00PM

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*"Making the switch from public school to Holy Angels was by far the best decision we ever made; our children could not be happier and are thriving both academically and socially. We are confident that attending Holy Angels is preparing our children for their future!"*

*-A Holy Angels Regional School Parent*

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- Holy Angels cultivates a robustly Catholic culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church and challenges its students to learn, lead, and serve as Jesus taught.
- Holy Angels provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every person and promotes human flourishing in a familial atmosphere.



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