

# 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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# Time, Talent & Treasure

## *Stewardship Thought for the Week*

**Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :** As Christians, we are called to care for others (as we hear in today's readings). This week, be at service to someone in need. Let your light shine by donating clothes to the poor, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or by helping an elderly friend/relative with a task that they find difficult.

## Sacrificial Giving

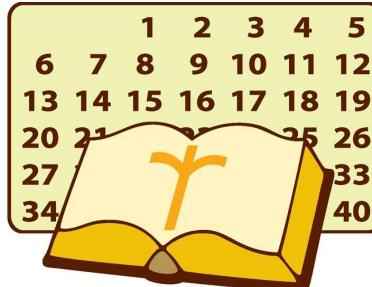
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

### January 21 / 22

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$5,968	166
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,241	57
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9,209</b>	<b>223</b>

### Readings for Next Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- First Reading.....Sir 15: 15-20  
 Second Reading.....1 Cor 2: 6-10  
 Gospel.....Mt 5: 17-37



**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

**BAPTISMS:** Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment - x131.

### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am – 1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

## Masses for the Week

### Monday - February 6<sup>th</sup>

Margaret Mc Sweeney

### Tuesday - February 7<sup>th</sup>

Margaret Butler

### Wednesday - February 8<sup>th</sup>

Robert P. Batule

### Thursday - February 9<sup>th</sup>

Amos Reilly

### Friday - February 10<sup>th</sup>

Ray Roslewicz

### Saturday - February 11<sup>th</sup>

5pm

Marie Flecha

Joseph, Anne, George & Elinor Prementine

### Sunday - February 12<sup>th</sup>

8 am

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10 am

Rose De Saro

Anthony R. Gullo

12 pm

Mark Duignan

Joyce Radman

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as

Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, Margaret Jung, John Roucoulet, Logan Baar, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Terry Persina, Estelle Beauchamp, Alyssa Baisch, Eppie Larke, Jillian Brown, Virginia Butler, Robert J. Heege, Eric Cohen, Kathleen Weiss, Lorraine Vogel, Steven Vacchio, Laura Durant, Joseph De Aguiar, Sal Restivo, Robert Valletta, Joseph Kiely, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Warne Family, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Christine Mc Cusker, Dominic Percoco, Gina Rosenberg, Laura Positano, De Santis Family, Patricia Wowk, Natasha Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Babies Aubrey & Greyson, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, & Dina Rajotte.



Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note-due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only. Thank you.

To recap a bit, we have been covering in my column what the Church teaches on the Holy Eucharist in the document entitled *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, the document of our nation's Bishops which guides our observance of the **Eucharistic Revival**. Already, we have covered the Eucharist as Sacrifice and the Real Presence of the Lord to us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

I pick up today with the reference to Saint Paul used in the document in relation to how the Church has preserved the Lord's teaching on the Holy Eucharist.

We are united not only ourselves in the Eucharist "but also with those who came before us," says Saint Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians. For we hold fast, the apostle says, to "the traditions, just as I handed them on to you." The question arises: Where did Saint Paul get the traditions? From the apostles called by the Lord to His side for the public ministry, that is, Peter and the others. After Paul's conversion, he spent time with these men in Jerusalem. They introduced him, of course, to the Lord's Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist, what they received from Jesus Himself at the Last Supper.

During every Mass, we are united with all the men and women dedicated to holiness – some of them canonized saints and others not – who belong to the Lord's Church. We who have been reborn in Baptism are nourished by the Holy Eucharist. In and through the Holy Eucharist, there is a glimpse of the fulness of the Kingdom which is in heaven. To worship God on Sundays then is a "fulfillment of our identity, of who we are as members of the Body of Christ. Participation in the Mass is an act of love."

Let me cover a few more topics here too.

The season Lent is not too far off at this point. It begins this year on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please consult the bulletin boards of the church for our **Ash Wednesday Schedule**. On the topic of Lent, let me add that we will have Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent as we did last year. This year, not only will we have this devotion at night but also at 12 noon too.

I call attention to our major Lenten devotion this year which is the Worship of the Eucharistic Lord on Monday nights in the church beginning at 7:30 PM. Please see the bulletin boards of the church and look for the flyer which announces this devotion. Next weekend, this same flyer will be an insert in our bulletin.

On the Monday nights of Lent, in the company of the Eucharistic Lord, we will cover topics related to the Holy Eucharist in conjunction with the **Eucharistic Revival**. I have invited all of our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and catechists to be with us on those evenings. Let this column serve as an invitation to *all of our parishioners* to come and pray with us starting on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

As I mentioned in last week's column, I am inviting parishioners to share with us material about the history of our parish for consideration of publication in a journal we will have to mark the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of Saint Margaret. Please see Julie Burtoff in the parish center who will log in your material so that it can be returned to you. Kindly make contact with her during regular business hours.

Previously, I called your attention to open Mass Intentions in our schedule. We still have many of them in our Mass schedule – almost all of them during the week and not on the weekends. Please consider remembering a deceased relative or friend at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is offered Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM. Arrangements for Mass Intentions are made in the parish center office during regular business hours.

February was always Catholic press month in our country. With the loss of so many diocesan newspapers in just the last few years (including our own *The Long Island Catholic*) due to low readership, more and more Catholic homes have less and less Catholic literature coming into them. The consequence is that Catholics are less and less informed about their Catholic faith. If you are looking to give yourself a gift on Saint Valentine's Day, consider a subscription to a solid Catholic publication. There are several good ones out there and you won't be disappointed.

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!

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration  
and prayers.

**FIRST THURSDAYS**  
**MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> & APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church**



### Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!  
**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM  
Mass ~ 2:30 PM

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### LENT, 2023

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST REVIVES US**  
**JOIN US ON MONDAY NIGHTS**

**7:30-9:00 PM**

**FEBRUARY 27**

THE EUCHARIST: THE FIRST THOUSAND YEARS

**MARCH 6**

THE EUCHARIST: THE SECOND THOUSAND YEARS

**MARCH 13**

THE EUCHARIST IN MUSIC AND LITERATURE

**MARCH 20**

THE EUCHARIST IN ART AND ARCHITECTURE

**MARCH 27**

THE EUCHARIST AT VATICAN II AND AFTER

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

**SAINT MARGARET RC CHURCH**

**SELDEN, NEW YORK**

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

## Ash Wednesday

February 22<sup>nd</sup>



9:00 AM ~ Mass

12:00 PM ~ Prayer Service

4:00 PM ~ Prayer Service

7:30 PM ~ Mass

*Remember you are dust, and unto dust  
you shall return.*

*Repent and believe in the Gospel.*

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent ~ 12:00 noon & 7:30 pm



February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7 – 7:30 pm

## 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.

## 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..



## 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.

## 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)

## 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).*

**Sunday, Feb 05, 2023****Lord, hold the center together**

Author and black Catholic educator Therese Wilson Favors wrote some rousing words for today's observance, the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family: "At times when the strain of life is heaviest within our families, 'holding-on power' is needed. Perseverance is the glue squeezed out from the soul and spoken in prayer at the midnight hour. Perseverance is the spiritual machine needed to break down the mountain and push through from weakness to strength. Lord, let me hold on just a little bit longer." Pray for black families and all families vulnerable to social forces that embattle them.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16 (73).* "Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard."

**Monday, Feb 06, 2023****Be nourished by his rain**

Almost 350 years before the second atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Nagasaki, it was the site of another tragedy—the place where 26 Christian martyrs were crucified on a hill, now known as Holy Mountain. The best known of the martyrs was Brother Paul Miki, a native Japanese member of the Jesuit order. While hanging on his cross, he continued to preach, expressing thanks to God that he was dying for teaching the doctrine of Christ and urging his listeners to "ask Christ to help you to become happy." He said he hoped his blood would fall as "fruitful rain." May his gentle words and brave witness nourish your prayer today.

**MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329).* "They laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak."

**Tuesday, Feb 07, 2023****How to help a good cause**

Six individuals are in line to become the first African-American saint: Sister Thea Bowman, Julia Greeley, Mother Mary Lange, Mother Henriette Delille, Father Augustus Tolton, and Pierre Toussaint. The first three have the title "servant of God," indicating their canonization cause has been launched. The latter three have the title "venerable," meaning the pope recognizes their heroic virtue. Next would come beatification, allowing candidates to be called "blessed"; it includes the church's confirmation that they are in heaven—evidenced by at least two miracles from their intercession (unless they're martyred). Finally, comes canonization. Learn about these six and seek their intercession year-round.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330).* "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them."

**Wednesday, Feb 08, 2023****Saintly guidance to help end modern-day slavery**

This day marks the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking—also the feast of the first and only black woman saint in modern times: the Sudanese nun Josephine Bakhita. Kidnapped into slavery as a child by Arab traffickers in the late 19th century, she was converted to Islam before eventually being left in the care of Canossian Sisters in Italy. Her freedom soon came, and she lived out her later life as a Catholic and

eventually a nun. Today, an estimated 50 million people live in modern-day slavery. Christians are among the greatest combatants of the trade, and Saint Josephine was named the patron of survivors when she was canonized in 2000. May her faith continue to inspire those working to end the scourge, and may we join their efforts.

**MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, RELIGIOUS**

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331).* "When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."

**Thursday, Feb 09, 2023****Seeing Adam's rib with fresh eyes**

Traditionally, today's first reading has been used as a cudgel to keep women in divinely sanctioned inferiority. In the past century, scholars have looked differently at Genesis. Eve being created last doesn't imply inferiority, they say; human creation came after the rest of creation and traditionally was seen as implying superiority (which is actually another idea now under question). Also, many say a "partner" for Adam would imply equal status. Scripture interpretation depends heavily on the culture and on who is doing the interpreting. May the Holy Spirit inspire each one of us to advance human dignity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332).* "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

**Friday, Feb 10, 2023****Togetherness has its virtue**

Saint Scholastica (480-543) is the patron of Benedictine nuns and sisters. Along with her brother Saint Benedict of Nursia, she helped establish a rule for monastic living that emphasized prayer, work, and peace. Contemporary Benedictine women continue to follow this ancient set of precepts. The vision of monastic life, as expressed in the 2022 Centennial Prayer of the Benedictine Federation of Saint Scholastica is to "see Christ at the heart of all creation and at the center of our common life" and "share the peace of Christ, show the love of Christ, and make Christ known in our world." In what ways does your own life within family and community give witness to the peace and love of Christ?

**MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, RELIGIOUS**

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333).* "[Jesus] has done all things well."

**Saturday, Feb 11, 2023****Our hands, God's hands**

Today is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to serve those suffering from illnesses. "Because Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ," said the sainted pope, "can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father." Today and every day we pray for and care for the sick in our lives. On this day last year Pope Francis stated, "The ministry of consolation is a task for every baptized person, mindful of the word of Jesus: 'I was sick and you visited me.'"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334).* "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."

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



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**Talbot House is a “NO fee for service” program.**



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>.**



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