

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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Our Lenten observance has begun. Let us make the best of this holy season to deepen our union with Christ by renouncing our sins and receiving the Lord's forgiveness and mercy. May we bear that forgiveness and mercy in our hearts, minds and souls and offer the gifts of forgiveness and mercy to others.

As I mentioned previously, I wanted to schedule a time here at Saint Margaret to bring the exhibit of **Eucharistic Miracles** here. I was able to do that, and I want to tell you now that the exhibit will be at Saint Margaret in late April for several days before it has to be returned to the custodians of the exhibit. On the fourth weekend of April (22/23), parishioners will be able to view the exhibit in the auditorium after all four Masses. Continue to follow the bulletin for more details on the exhibit.

As you know from reading this column, we have been giving attention to the Holy Eucharist because we are in the middle of a **Eucharistic Revival**. To assist us, we are relying on *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. I have been placing excerpts of that document in this column with regularity for a while now. I want to return to those excerpts, having already covered the topics of Sacrifice and Real Presence in previous columns. I want to return to excerpts from *The Mystery of the Eucharist* as we make our way through Lent. I continue below with what the document says regarding our response to the Holy Eucharist.

On worship during the celebration of the Mass, we find the following:

Bishops and priests have a particular duty to ensure that the Mass is celebrated in a manner befitting the sacredness of what takes place. [Priests should] be vigilant in ensuring that every liturgy be celebrated with decorum and fidelity to the liturgical books promulgated after Vatican Council II, without the eccentricities that can easily degenerate into abuses. Priest celebrants should have a prayerful understanding of the liturgical books, as well as of the feasts and seasons, and be faithful to the texts and rubrics established by the Church. In doing so, they will lead the people more deeply and reverently into the exchange that is the dialogue of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Our gratitude is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. These forms of worship are all intrinsically related to the Eucharistic celebration. . . . We rejoice in the growing numbers of the faithful who pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, a testament of faith in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. We encourage this devotion, which helps all of us to be formed by the self-giving love we behold in the Lord's gift of himself in the Eucharist.

On this point of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is plainly lauded in the document I have just cited, I take this opportunity now to encourage all of our parishioners to come to Adoration during Lent. Specifically, I am referring to the **Monday Nights of Adoration and Benediction** which begin on February 27th. In total, there are **five (5)** of these evenings with preaching all **five (5) nights on different topics related to the Holy Eucharist**. I urge you to see the flyers on the bulletin boards in the church for a listing of the dates and the topics. All are cordially invited to join us.

Invitations went out in the regular mail to catechists, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to do their best in attending these **Nights of Adoration and Benediction** which have been planned in response to the **Eucharistic Revival**. I look forward to seeing those who serve in the liturgical life and catechetical life of Saint Margaret at these nights.

This Lenten exercise is also leading us to a parish-wide participation in the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** – one of two main celebrations of the parish's **75th Anniversary**. Please follow future editions of the bulletin for more details on the **75th Anniversary**. The first event is a Mass at 11:00 AM on June 11th. A highlight at that first celebration will be to underscore the ministries and apostolates which we have at Saint Margaret.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 7th after the 8:30 AM Morning Prayer and after the 3:00 PM Passion.

Holy Saturday will be after the 8:30 Morning Prayer. Easter Sunday you may do private.

Daily Novena will be after morning Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16th ~ 3 PM in the Church



COFFEE with JESUS

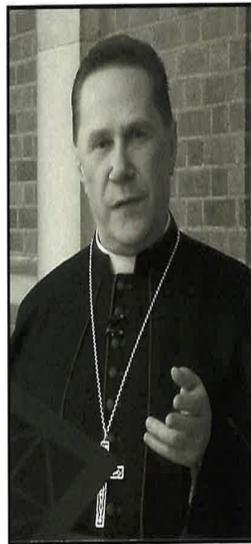
Lenten Series via Zoom

Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 24, March 10 and March 24

Online Lenten reflections on Scripture Readings, with the special emphasis on the Last Words of Jesus.



Great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register, please call Suzanne 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the ZOOM information prior to each session of this Lenten series.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS



MARCH 14
MOLLOY UNIVERSITY
6PM-8PM

MARCH 15
ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY
6PM-8PM



Inviting 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to explore the Catholic High Schools of Long Island!

For more information visit chsee.org

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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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.



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

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.

**Please note—there will be NO Bible Study
on March 8th**



The church is open at 8:30 AM
Monday through Friday. We encourage parish-
ioners and other church-goers to come
early for Mass.

The recitation of the rosary is encouraged
among those so inclined.

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 pray-
ing for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.



St. Margaret of Scotland's 75th Anniversary

With our celebration of the parish's **75th Anniversary**,
we are publishing a journal. If you have any material (e.g.
newspaper articles) in your possession related to the
founding of St. Margaret and you would like to loan it to
the parish, please see Julie Burtoff in the parish center
during regular business hours.

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 11th, the
principal Mass that day will be offered at 11:00 AM. It
will be followed by an outdoor procession with the
Blessed Sacrament off our property. It will conclude with
Benediction back in the church. To continue our **celebra-
tion on the 11th of June**, there will be a reception on the
grounds of the parish. Again, please follow the bulletin
for more details over the coming months. Mark your
calendar.

We ask you to hold the date of

Sunday, November 19th between 1 and 5 PM

for the principal celebration of the parish's **75th
Anniversary**. In the meantime, please continue to follow
the bulletin on all things related to the anniversary of
Saint Margaret.

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to ab-
stain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also
bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding
food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do
not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those
whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast
and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper
cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse
oneself from Good Friday fast and abstinence.

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.



Sunday, Feb 26, 2023**God's messengers**

Have you thought much about your guardian angel since you prayed at bedtime when you were a kid? If not, maybe it's time to catch up with the one that's been assigned to help you. The word *angelos* means "messenger" in Greek, and since angels "always behold the face" of God in heaven (Matthew 18:10), they're well-positioned to intercede for you. Appreciate the watchful care that surrounds you and protects you from spiritual and perhaps physical dangers. Their constant attention indicates how precious you are to God and how active God wishes to be in your life.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 (22). *"He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you."*

Monday, Feb 27, 2023**A book for your nightstand, next to your Bible**

Grigor Narekatsi, born near the turn of the first millennium, was an Armenian mystical and lyrical poet, monk, and theologian. He has the distinction of being venerated as a saint in the Armenian Apostolic and Catholic Churches and was declared a doctor of the church by Pope Francis in 2015. The prayer book of Gregory of Narek is a fixture in religious Armenian homes, second only to the Bible, and is considered a masterpiece of Christian spiritual literature. It has been translated into 30 languages, including English. Given the rave reviews, consider this writer-saint for your next read!

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 (224). *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

Tuesday, Feb 28, 2023**United in prayer**

Pope Benedict XVI, may he rest in peace, wrote beautifully on prayer and the Our Father: "In praying our heart is opened. Not only do we enter into communion with God but actually with all the children of God, because we are one body. When we address the Father in our inner room in silence and in recollection we are never alone. Those who speak to God are not alone. We are within the great prayer of the Church, we are part of a great symphony that the Christian community in all the parts of the earth and in all epochs, raises to God." Pray the Our Father slowly and consciously today, with everyone.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (225). *"This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."*

Wednesday, Mar 01, 2023**Get on board for justice**

Today marks the 98th death anniversary of Homer Plessy, the man who attempted to end segregation with his legendary ride on a whites-only streetcar in New Orleans in 1892. His efforts were unsuccessful, and the following seven decades of U.S. jurisprudence included segregation as a bedrock feature. Plessy, however, is much less heralded for the fact that he was a man of faith, a black Catholic whose famous ride was organized by an interracial activist group known as the Comité des Citoyens (Citizens' Committee). Their holy disobedience was one of the first Catholic-led efforts against the

developing hierarchy of racism in the formerly French and Spanish regions of the Deep South. May the courage of Plessy and his allies be of use to us today as we continue the march toward justice.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 (226). *"Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God; every man shall turn from his evil way and from the violence he has in hand."*

Thursday, Mar 02, 2023**Read it and reap**

Welcome to Read Across America Day, established in 1998 by the National Education Association to encourage this most central, enjoyable, and enriching of activities. Popular among teachers, students, and librarians, today can also be a day for Catholics to explore and support organizations such as the Catholic Media Association, whose members inform, inspire, and educate readers, keeping them connected to their faith, and telling the story of the church. Check a list of Catholic newspapers and magazines to find one you can support with a subscription. You in turn will be supported in your faith.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12 (227). *"Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*

Friday, Mar 03, 2023**Store up treasure in heaven**

Saint Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia in 1858 to a wealthy family. The Drexels had a reputation for generosity, reportedly opening their home several days a week to feed and care for people in need. They also made time every day to pray together. During a trip to Europe as a young woman, Katharine was able to have an audience with Pope Leo XIII. She asked the Holy Father to send missionaries to Wyoming. He answered, "Why don't you go?" Not long after, Katharine stunned society by leaving behind her privileged life to dedicate herself to religious life. She worked to improve living conditions and educational opportunities for African Americans and Native Americans. She left a legacy far greater than her family fortune.

MEMORIAL OF KATHARINE DREXEL, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 (228). *"Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."*

Saturday, Mar 04, 2023**Short but sweet sainthood**

Lenten inspiration can come from anywhere—from scripture to Instagram, from saints to young people. While not a Bible figure or social media influencer, 15th-century Casimir of Poland happens to fit the categories of both saint and young person. Saint Casimir was a prince who was under intense pressure from his family and country to take a leading role in government and politics. But Casimir felt called to focus on prayer, study, and care for people in need. Although he had to contend with some very disappointed people, he stood firm in his decision to follow his calling. Disease cut short his life at the tender age of 25, but his example can inspire us to live out our calling and thus help fulfill his.

MEMORIAL OF CASIMIR, PRINCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 (229). *"This day the LORD, your God, commands you to observe these statutes and decrees. . . . with all your heart and with all your soul."*

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



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Faith Formation

Confirmation Volunteer Update!



Our 1st year Confirmation Candidates created 73 Valentines for the Memory Unit at Oasis Assisted Living. Our 2nd year Candidates made 131 wash up kits for Pax Christi, 46 Valentines for the Memory unit, 52 Angel wreaths, stuffed 86 Easter eggs for distribution of our younger levels, did prep work for Vacation Bible School- cutting of stars along with organizing our supplies. What a blessing for their busy hands helping!

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Theme ~ *Stellar Jesus Light shines!*
July 10-14 ~ 9:15 am-12:30 pm



Ages 4 yrs old to 6th grade ~ Fee \$35 per child
Volunteers Needed! Adults & Students grade 6 and up. High Schoolers welcome.

Registration opens 2/27 limited to first 100 children.
Any question ~ Jackie Miranda at 631-732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com

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: **Non Sugar Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Juice, Saltine Crackers, Toothpaste, Bar Soap and Toilet Paper**
A very special THANK YOU to all!

FACE CLOTHS AND TRAVEL ITEMS NEEDED FOR WASH UP KITS

We are in need of NEW face cloths for our wash up kits projects.. If you have traveled lately and have small shampoo and hotel items please drop off these and the facecloths at the parish center. Thank you!



The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be available the first week of Lent. You may pick one up in the Parish Center or the church lobby.

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.

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. .

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

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.