

# 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.

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

12:00 noon & 7:30 pm



March 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7 - 7:30 pm

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## March 5, 2023

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Before getting to the **Eucharistic Revival** and the document guiding our participation in this national effort to build a better foundation for Eucharistic belief and piety, I want to address a topic which needs attention at this time. That topic would be behavior in the church building.

I am thinking of the reverence which used to characterize our presence in Catholic churches wherever these buildings are found. That reverence has been eroding for a long time now, and little if anything has been said about the phenomenon as it reaches epic low proportions.

Some of it has been brought on by the culture around us which insists that we be “plugged in” to electronic devices wherever and whenever. I have in mind mobile phones which have now become the equivalent of an apparel item – making you feel inferior if you can’t at a moment’s notice take a call, make a call or find the latest answer to the question of the moment.

Please, please do not bring your cell phone into the church with you. Leave it in the car. Or, at the very least, put the device on silent mode and don’t touch it until you leave the church building. Text messages can wait until you are in the car or at home.

A Catholic church is where we find the Presence of the Lord. We used to show our respect for that Real Presence of the Lord by using genuflections before and around the tabernacle. The proper time for such an act of piety is upon entering a pew or leaving or a pew or crossing in front of the tabernacle. Seldom do we see such things anymore and, I must say, we are poorer for that omission.

If you haven’t been genuflecting and you are able physically to do this, I ask you in the spirit of a Lenten request to resume using genuflections. Put very simply, our behavior around the Blessed Sacrament is tied very much to our belief in Who – if anything at all – is with us when we pray. Jesus is there or He isn’t.

And, lastly, there is the noise level. A Catholic church is where we find God. And we find Him in silence. If you visit the Sistine Chapel in Rome, it is required that you remain quiet so as not to disturb others who are overcome with awe in the presence of such a great work of art. There is no Blessed Sacrament there, either! Can we learn from this solemnity outside of the Real Presence? I think so. And apply that discipline to what is More Beautiful than what we can create on our own.

Now, to the **Eucharistic Revival** and *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* which are helping us to be more focused on what matters most to us as Catholics. Last time, we read an excerpt on what our response is to the Holy Eucharist while Mass is being offered. Today, I continue with the remarks in the document I cited above on conversion.

*Christ began his public ministry by calling people to repentance and conversion. Repent, and believe in the gospel, said Jesus. (cf. Mk 1:15 and Matt 4:17) It is fitting, the bishops write, that, at the beginning of every Mass, we are invited to acknowledge our sins in order to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. We confess that we have sinned, and we implore the Lord’s mercy. This is necessary since we are all sinners and fail to live up to our vocation as disciples of Jesus and to the promises of our Baptism. We need continually to heed Christ’s call to conversion.*

*While all our failures to do what is right damage our communion with God and with each other, they fall into different categories, reflecting different degrees of severity. This brings us to the distinction between venial and mortal sins. Venial sins are those sins and everyday faults that, although they reflect a degree of selfishness, do not break the covenant with God. They do not deprive the sinner of friendship with God or of sanctifying grace. Venial sins are not to be taken lightly, but they do not destroy communion because they do not destroy the principle of divine life in us. Indeed, reception of the Eucharist strengthens our charity and wipes away venial sins, while also helping us to avoid more serious sins.*

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



## Divine Mercy Novena

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

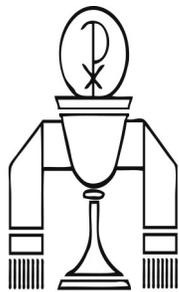
Holy Saturday will be after the 8:30 Morning Prayer. Easter Sunday you may do private.

Daily Novena will be after morning Mass

## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 3 PM in the Church

## Eucharistic Miracles



An exhibit on **Eucharistic Miracles** will be coming to Saint Margaret in late April. Over the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>, parishioners will have the opportunity to view the exhibit in the auditorium/church basement following parish Masses.

Don't miss it. The exhibit is yet another way to enhance the profile of the **Eucharistic Revival** which began last year and will conclude next year. The Lord is with us always through the Holy Eucharist; we should be with Him some of the time.



## COFFEE with JESUS

### Lenten Series via Zoom

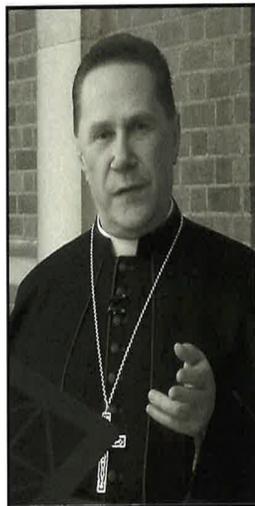
#### Join Bishop Andrzej

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](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

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



*Because no marriage is beyond hope...*

A **marriage-saving** program is here in the

New York/Metropolitan Area

April 21-23, 2023

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

**Retrouvaille\* can help.**

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

<https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

[info@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:info@HelpOurMarriage.org)

**Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges**

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To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:

[516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org](tel:516.920.9337)

# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

**FIRST THURSDAYS**  
**APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> & MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

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



## Lectors

All lectors are asked to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the church. There will be a practice of reading liturgical texts at that time with an audio-visual taping of all lectors. Kindly mark your calendars now.



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.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>**

## Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

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

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



## 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.

## Daylight Savings Time

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**



# St. Margaret of Scotland's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

With our celebration of the parish's **75<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 **celebration on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 5 PM**

for the principal celebration of the parish's **75<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain 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, Mar 05, 2023****Honor the unnamed**

The Bible is full of unnamed actors. Many are women: identified simply as mothers, wives, and daughters. While seven blessings promote the name of Abraham, it's the rare woman like Mary who's called blessed "for generations" in her canticle. Today we recall the unnamed wife of Chief Patricio de Hinachuba, an Apalachee laywoman among 57 martyrs in the Florida territory missions between 1549-1715, all currently up for sanctification. These martyrs included priests and catechists, native peoples, soldiers, and children. For all faithful, nameless women, we give thanks.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9 (25). *"I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."*

**Monday, Mar 06, 2023****Read up!**

Could your Catholic school library need some new picks? How about your book club for the adults? This Women's History Month, learn more about a remarkable Catholic black woman writer, Ellen Tarry (1906-2008). She attended Catholic school as a girl and converted to Catholicism and later became a journalist and author who was part of the Harlem Renaissance. Her writing included producing the first African-American picture book, writing a newspaper column on racial injustice and racial pride, and penning her memoir *The Third Door: The Autobiography of an American Negro Woman*. She also wrote biographies for youth and adult readers of Catholic saints Katherine Drexel and Martin de Porres and the Venerable Pierre Toussaint. You might be reading Tarry beyond March!

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). *"Give and gifts will be given to you."*

**Tuesday, Mar 07, 2023****Beyond distinctions**

Devotion to Jesus seriously conflicted with Roman rule in the second century, with citizens expected to worship the emperor instead. Thus, the fate of two young mothers, Perpetua and Felicity: forced into a public amphitheater to be killed by wild beasts, just because they wouldn't renounce Jesus. But Christian faith challenged social convention in other ways, too. Normally, Felicity—as Perpetua's slave—wouldn't be seen as her equal. But belief in Jesus, as Saint Paul writes, makes brothers and sisters of all. Take Perpetua's final words to heart: "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you."

**MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS**

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). *"Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant."*

**Wednesday, Mar 08, 2023****A brother called to heal**

On this day, the church commemorates Saint John of God, a Portuguese religious brother who—like Saint Ignatius of Loyola—was a military man who experienced a sudden conversion. In fact, the two men (along with Saint Teresa) shared a spiritual mentor in Saint John of Ávila. A sermon from the priest moved John of God to repent of his former excesses, so much so that it was mistaken for a mental health crisis; he was quickly institutionalized. Later

engaging in work with the poor, he founded the Brothers Hospitallers in 1572, who continue to care for the sick around the world—including as official caretakers of the pope. In an age of increased mental health awareness, may we always remember John's holy life and recognize our call to serve those in need.

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS**

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232).

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

**Thursday, Mar 09, 2023****Priceless service**

It's entirely appropriate that the Memorial of Frances of Rome coincides with a gospel that tells us in no uncertain terms to care for the poor. Frances of Rome was a wealthy Italian married woman in the early 1400s, a time of great instability and poverty in Italy. She poured her family treasure into efforts to feed and heal the poor. She was recognized for her piety and compassion and founded a religious order dedicated to serving suffering people, now known as the Oblates of St. Frances of Rome. Upon her husband's death, she became superior of the order. What can you do for the poor or sick in your corner of the world?

**MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS**

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). *"Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores."*

**Friday, Mar 10, 2023****Celebrate sisters**

During Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate the good works of Catholic sisters collectively and individually; tell stories of Catholic sisters we love, respect, admire; and share information about becoming a Catholic sister, including directing people to VISION VocationNetwork.org. But, most of all, we focus on the truth that a religious vocation reveals: God is all we need. As Catholic nun and Doctor of the Church Saint Teresa of Ávila observed: "Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

**LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE**

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). *"The Kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit."*

**Saturday, Mar 11, 2023****Confession heals the soul**

Catholics are encouraged to partake of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as much as possible, but especially during Lent, because confession is good for the soul. None of us is perfect, and all of us carry burdens that could be lightened through honest reflection and repentance. Other religions include a confessional practice as well, attesting to the universal need: Jews confess "We have sinned" in the Yom Kippur service. Confession is part of the Hindu *Prāyaścitta*. In Islam, the act of seeking forgiveness from God for sins is called *Istighfar*. Buddhist monks confess their sins to other monks. Check the bulletin, and find time for Confession. You'll feel better for it.

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235). *"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."*

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



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# Faith Formation

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Mirenda at 631-732-3131 x131 or [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto: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: **Juice & Juice Boxes, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Instant Oatmeal**

*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 during 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](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).