

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM,

Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 noon

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church
or by appointment.

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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.



Mother's Day May Crowning

We will be honoring the Blessed Mother after the 12:00 noon Mass on **Sunday, May 14th**.

Our 1st Communion children and their families are invited to come and join as the parish processes to crown our Statue of Mary to thank God for the gift of such a loving Mother.

Our Lady of the Island Shrine Fatima Day

Our Lady of Fatima Day will be held on **Saturday, May 13th** beginning at 10:30 AM with a at 11:00 AM Rosary, followed by Mass & Conference ~ ending at 3 PM with Chanting of the Litany of the Blesses Virgin Mary.
258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. For info call 631-325-0661



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration
and prayers.

FIRST THURSDAYS
MAY 4TH & JUNE 1ST

3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



Mark the Date

On June 11th, Corpus Christi Sunday, there will be only **two** Masses ~ 8:00 am and 11:00 am.

The 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon Masses
will resume the following weekend.

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.

St. Margaret's Spousal Bereavement

Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their husband or wife. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis and participants need not be St. Margaret's parishioners.

For more information please contact
Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053



St. Margaret of Scotland Parish

Join us on
JUNE 11th
as we celebrate
CORPUS CHRISTI
Mass at 11:00 am
Immediately following
PROCESSION
BENEDICTION

75th
Anniversary Reception

Please register to
ATTEND.

Volunteers will be in the
lobby before and after
every weekend Mass.

\$15.00 per person



On the verge of a new month, we continue making our way through the Easter season. As we mark the Fourth Sunday of Easter today, we are led by the Holy Spirit to imitate the apostles, especially Saints Peter and Paul, whose bold witness to the Resurrection of the Lord fills the Church with hope.

We keep in mind the following calendar items:

We celebrate the **75th Anniversary of Saint Margaret** on Sunday, June 11th which is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Mass on that day will be at **11:00 AM (there is no 10:00 AM Mass and no 12 noon Mass that day)**. Immediately following the 11:00 Mass, there is an **outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament** and a **Reception on the grounds of the church**. The members of the 75th Anniversary Committee continue to be available in the vestibule of the church before and after **all weekend Masses to accept your reservation**. All parishioners are cordially invited. We especially wish to see those parishioners who are active in liturgical ministries and apostolates at the 11:00 AM Mass. They will renew their commitment to service at Saint Margaret on that occasion.

We have **First Holy Communion Masses** on the second Saturday of May (the 13th) at 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM. We are happy to have children of our parish receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time because the Lord is pleased with this milestone in the Catholic faith. The special attire of blue suits and white dresses reminds us once again of our own First Holy Communions – however many years ago they were. We remind the parents of this year's Class of First Communicants to take their sons and daughters to Holy Mass **every Sunday in accord with God's law and the Church's precept**. We don't come to love what we should love unless there is a habit formed.

The second Sunday of May (the 14th) is Mother's Day. A great way to remember your mother is to enroll her in our **Novena of Masses at Saint Margaret**. **Envelopes for this purpose have been mailed to envelope-using parishioners. Additional envelopes are available in the church for those who don't regularly use envelopes.**

On Mother's Day, we honor the Mother of all of us – the Blessed Mother, the biological Mother of Jesus and our spiritual Mother. Join us after the 12 noon Mass on May 14th **to crown the statue of Our Lady on the grounds of our parish. We call upon the parents of our First Holy Communicants to bring their sons and daughter to the 12 noon Mass and lead our procession to the grotto. During that procession, we will sing Marian hymns.**

Forty days after Easter, the Church in this part of the United States marks **Ascension Thursday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on May 18th are offered at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM.**

We continue our catechesis with **adult Catholics** who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions are held on Monday nights, which lead to the conferral of the Sacrament on Sunday, May 28th at the 12 noon Mass. That Sunday is when the Church this year observes the **Solemnity of Pentecost**.

As for other matters of recent note:

It was good to see so many parishioners view the **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit which came to Saint Margaret last weekend**. We had the Exhibit here as a way of heightening awareness to the **Eucharistic Revival** underway in the United States. Clearly evident was the recollection and reverence as parishioners read the panels of Eucharistic miracles from all over the world and from every historical period. Let us resolve to show that same recollection and reverence in the Presence of the Lord always.

We thank those lectors who attended the session on April 19th in the church to be taped while proclaiming the Word of God. We will make those tapes available to the **individual lectors next month**. Please watch the bulletin for when that will be.

Lectors who missed the April 19th meeting are asked to attend an as yet unscheduled session In June before schools close for the summer recess. Watch the bulletin for the date and time.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



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 **celebration 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.

Invest in the Future of Our Church!

Create scholarships for students to attend our Catholic Elementary Schools! 100% of your parish's collection goes to scholarships for students throughout Long Island attending our Catholic schools! Give to the Second Collection during Mass: Saturday, May 6th | Sunday, May 7th



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.

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, Apr 30, 2023**What are we to do?**

Discernment of our direction is not just a task for young adults. Throughout our lives, we're challenged to consider the course we're following and the consequences of our choices. The apostle Peter called his generation corrupt; in fact, it's a fair assessment of every generation that seeks personal profit at the expense of the common good. Our mutual vocation is to respond to God's call in every hour, with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Pray that you know the role you're called to play and have the courage and passion to live it out.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS; FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49). "[Peter] was exhorting them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' "

Monday, May 01, 2023**In praise of those who do good work**

Religious Brothers Day is celebrated annually on May 1, which is also the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker as well as International Workers Day (known as Labor Day in some countries). The common theme is that they honor the often low-profile work of keeping church, family, and society running. The men and women who take up these tasks deserve more than one day of thanks—even though they're usually the type who never expect it. Maybe you're blessed to be one of them, who humbly serves and sacrifices and asks for little in return. On this day, and every day, let our gratitude be shown and felt for all the workers who dedicate their lives to making our lives better.

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE WORKER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279) or Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559). "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Tuesday, May 02, 2023**Everything everywhere all the time**

Thank Saint Athanasius upon reciting the word "consubstantial"—which used to be "one in being with the Father"—the next time you say the Nicene Creed. Athanasius, as deacon, did the theological homework for his bishop, Saint Alexander I, at the Council of Nicea. Together they resisted Arianism. Prior to the council, the central idea of Arianism had been slowly gaining traction among church leaders: that Jesus wasn't God, wasn't co-equal and co-eternal with the Father as taught by the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. As Athanasius insisted of Jesus and the Incarnation, "there is no part of creation deprived of his presence; together with his Father, he fills everything, everywhere, at all times."

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). "The Father and I are one."

Wednesday, May 03, 2023**What remains is the legacy**

Today the church celebrates the feast of two of the 12 apostles, Philip and James, a peculiar pair of martyrs not otherwise associated with one another in Christian history or tradition. James (also called James the Less) is regarded as the first Bishop of Jerusalem, while Philip was said to have preached in Greece,

Turkey, and Syria. The pairing of their feast days is related to their shared reliquary in the Church of the Twelve Apostles, following a secret move from the Roman Catacombs. Thereafter lost to history for some time, their relics were rediscovered in the church crypt in the 19th century. On this holy feast, let's all remember the sacrifices of the church's first teachers and model their lives of holiness and faith.

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561).

"[Jesus] was raised on the third day . . . After that he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles."

Thursday, May 04, 2023**We are a people with a history**

When asked to speak at a gathering of the Jewish community in the early days of the church, Paul gives a history lesson. He recounts the liberating activity of God throughout Jewish history and ties God's activity directly to the arrival of Jesus the Messiah and the opening of salvation to all humanity. Our God is the God of history, and our human stories—personal and collective—are part of a much larger historical project of salvation. Play your part in the drama.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). "Fellow children of Israel and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors."

Friday, May 05, 2023**Witness this**

Saints and martyrs are the shining lights when it comes to witnessing to Jesus the Christ, often giving their whole lives and their very lives to communicate God's great love. We too are called to be witnesses. "But I'm no saint!" one might protest. "I can't witness like that." You don't have to be! Pope Francis reminds us that "God guides history through the humble courage of those who pray, love, and forgive. There are so many hidden saints, saints who are next-door, hidden witnesses of life, who with little acts of love change history." Next time in prayer, ask God how you've been a hidden witness of God's great love.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). "These are now his witnesses before the people. We ourselves are proclaiming this good news to you."

Saturday, May 06, 2023**Choose your destination**

Can someone really be destined, or "predestined," for eternal life? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, our destiny as beings created by God is eternal life. But because we are free, we can choose to opt out of that destiny. Just like the people invited to the wedding feast in the Lord's parable, we can decide not to come or simply fail to show up. Just so, when we choose to live in hate rather than love, in violence rather than peace, in punishment rather than forgiveness, we're choosing another destiny. The choice is ours to make.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). "All who were destined for eternal life came to believe."

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 6th grade ~ Fee \$35 per child

Volunteers Needed! Adults & Students grade 6 and up.
High Schoolers welcome.

Registration open! Limited to first 100 children.

Any question ~ Jackie Mirenda at 631-732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com



Parish Social Ministry

Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION

The *Knights of Columbus* are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry.



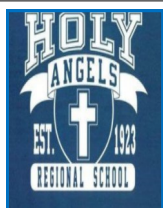
Bags will be distributed on **April 29/30 at all Masses**, and
on **May 6/7 at all Masses**, they will be in front of the
church to receive your donations.



Food Collection

Please assist them and us as you can.
If anyone is able to help Outreach on **May 6/7**
please leave her a message at 631-732-3131 x119.

Thank you!

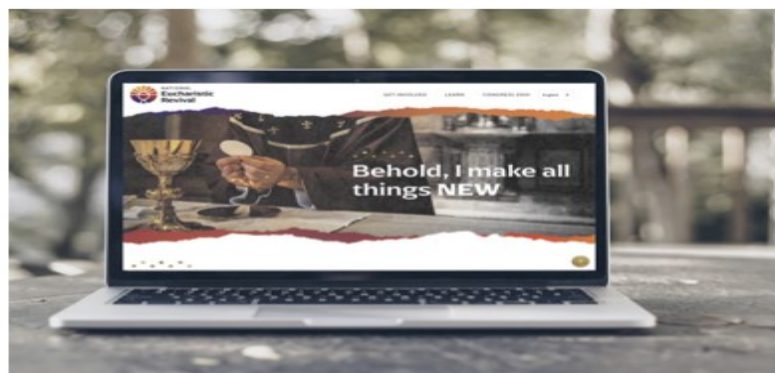


Holy Angels Summer Jam Fundraiser

Please join us to help raise \$ for new chrome books on Friday, June 2nd, 6:00-8:00PM

Tiki Bar & Restaurant, East Patchogue, Live Band, Raffle Baskets and More! ~ \$50 PP – Adults Only

Questions please email: Deena74@optonline.net



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