

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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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: This week, be sure to take time out of each day to say “thank you” to our God for all the gifts and blessings He has bestowed on you.

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.

May 27/28

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,092.....	171
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,162.....	65
Total Collection	\$10,254	236

Readings for Next Sunday Corpus Christi

First Reading.....Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Second Reading.....1 Cor 10:16-17
Gospel.....Jn 6:51-58

For the week of May 28th Altar Bread & Wine in Memory of



**Genevieve
& Joseph
Convery**

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 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 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 - June 5th

Joel Zabbara

Tuesday –June 6th

Joseph, Anne, George, & Elinor
Prementine

Wednesday - June 7th

Mary P. Clark

Thursday - June 8th

Pitrozziello Family

Friday - June 9th

Special Intentions of Robert Cox

Saturday - June 10th

5^{pm}

Norman Gottfried
Kimberlynn Bertolino

Sunday - June 11th

8^{am}

Richard Savona
Ann & Vincent DeAngelo

Corpus Christi ~ 11^{am}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

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



Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, Margaret Jung, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Terry Persina, Lauren Esposito, Sebastian Williams, Estelle Beauchamp, Alyssa Baisch, 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 & John Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, Dina Rajotte, Ethel Naso, Caroline Aubree, Valarie and Victor Aurigue, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Gale Quinones, Logan Baar, Detweiler, Aubrey & Grayson.

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.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* refers to the Holy Trinity as the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. (261) Thus, it should surprise no one among us that there is a Sunday in the liturgical calendar dedicated to the Blessed Trinity. It comes always on the Sunday after Pentecost, regardless of the Cycle of readings we are using (A, B, or C) in any given year. So, on this first Sunday of June, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

When we bless ourselves, we advert to a faith in the Three Divine Persons Who are but One God. This has been the Church's confession from the beginning – even as it took time for this truth to be articulated and clarified satisfactorily. As the *Catechism* states above and we can never forget, it is a mystery of the Christian faith and Christian life. In other words, the Trinitarian mystery concerns what is called the Godhead *and* our own living. There is in the Blessed Trinity a communion, an abiding in shared life. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are never as it were standing alone, outside of the divine communion. And yet, paradoxically, that communion exists outside of the Godhead too. There exists an indwelling of trinitarian life which renews us in our hearts, minds and souls.

The Blessed Trinity is the pattern then for every community. It is perfectly expressed in the relations of the Godhead but no so in our relations with one another. And that is because we are finite, we are prone to sin and we are going to die. Our own communities (marriage, family life, friendship, etc.) are signs but they are not always translucent; that is, they don't always project the divine image as they ought.

On another topic, I want to make parishioners aware that there will be a personnel change in the parish center come the end of this month. Mrs. Julie Burtoff, an employee and parishioner of Saint Margaret, has decided to retire. She will be replaced by Mrs. Karen Norris, currently a volunteer and a parishioner too.

Julie has worked for Saint Margaret for eighteen years and wants to spend more time with her family, especially those relatives who are living in North Carolina. She is often the first voice you hear when you call the parish center on the phone, she is frequently the first person you meet when you come to the parish center, and she is the one who takes charge of our parish's outreach to the needy in the community. Possessed of a pleasant demeanor in all kinds of situations, she knows our parish history better than anyone I have encountered here. Her sense of the parish is matched by her capacity for handling multiple tasks at any given moment of the day. As a good administrative assistant, she anticipates the not-always seen aspects of planning and holding events. We are grateful for the devoted service Julie has rendered to Saint Margaret, and we wish her well in her retirement. We look forward to continue seeing Julie at Sunday Mass and in various volunteer roles at our parish.

Karen comes to us with an impressive work background in the business world, spending a total of twenty-four years at Metropolitan Life. She has managerial experience, gained from her previous employment, and was trained for the Saint Margaret position by Julie. We expect a smooth transition then, for both Julie and Karen have a dedication born of faith and its practice.

I will conclude this column with a few remarks about the **Eucharistic Revival** – the long-running subject of these columns. Since it is Most Holy Trinity Sunday, I mention Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who is cited by the Bishops in their document entitled *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. The citation is the following: "Receiving the Incarnate Logos, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving."

Self-giving is at the heart of Trinitarian life. It is not self-taught. It comes not from ourselves but from the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Before we started giving ourselves to God and to others, God was giving Himself to Himself. We have the best Teacher in the Lord because He is what He does, and He does what He is. In the end, let us be content that Being and Acting are indivisible.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Lectors

Lectors who missed the meeting on April 19th in the church (during which we taped lectors reading publicly) are requested to come for their own taping on Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 PM. Please mark the date and time on your schedule now.



Ministries

We ask all those who participate in liturgical ministries and apostolates at Saint Margaret to be present for the reception on the grounds of the church when photographs will be taken for the parish's **75th Anniversary** journal. The journal will be published later in the year but the reception on June 11th is the only time photographs will be taken.



Wedding Banns
Banns I: Kimberly Schatzger &
 Christian Magnuson
 both St. Margaret of Scotland

Mass Change Next Weekend

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

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. .

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 _____



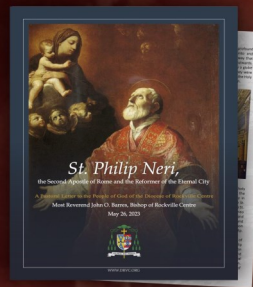
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish

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
weekend Masses.
Tickets available in the
Parish Center.

\$15.00 per person
Limited seating.



New Pastoral Letter
 Bishop John O. Barres

St. Philip Neri

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Mass
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Sports

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St. Margaret of Scotland's 75th Anniversary

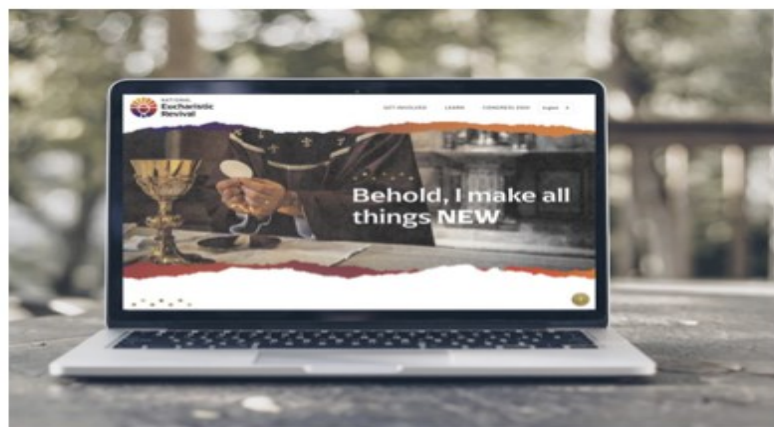
With our celebration of the parish's **75th Anniversary**, we are publishing a journal. If you have any material (e.g. newspaper articles) in your possession related to the founding of St. Margaret and you would like to loan it to the parish, please see Karen Norris in the parish center during regular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



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Sunday, Jun 04, 2023**Widen the circle**

Trinity Sunday isn't for parsing the Three-in-One. It's an invitation to meditate on the mutual self-giving of Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who "so love the world" that we all share in the divine embrace. Yet to child victims of aggression, their experience has felt outside of any caring circle. That's why the U.N.'s "Convention on the Rights of the Child" was the most rapidly and widely ratified rights treaty in history. It ensures every child has a right to life, a name, family or guardian, health care, education, freedom of religion—even the right to play. Encircle the children in your life with tenderness.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18 (164). *"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."*

Monday, Jun 05, 2023**Make your life a work of art**

Artist and author on interreligious thought, Frederick Franck was born in 1909 in Holland and died on this day in 2006 in Warwick, New York—the place of his life's work, *Pacem in Terris* ("Peace on Earth"), a garden of more than 70 sculptures, open free to the public and dedicated to Pope John XXIII, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and the Buddhist teacher D.T. Suzuki. Raised agnostic in a Catholic region of his country and a student of Zen Buddhism, Franck was inspired during the Cuban Missile Crisis to go to Rome in 1963 to draw all the sessions of the Second Vatican Council. "Art is neither a profession nor a hobby, it is a way of being," he said. Take inspiration to creatively express your spirituality in your own way of being.

MEMORIAL OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8; Mark 12:1-12 (353). *"By the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."*

Tuesday, Jun 06, 2023**One bread, one body**

A painting by Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens—called *The Defenders of the Eucharist*—includes a serene Saint Norbert, his white robes wrapped around a *ciborium* (the cup that holds the consecrated Eucharist) as he cradles the Blessed Sacrament. Norbert founded the Norbertine religious order as well as the first Third Order for laypeople embracing the spirit of religious life. And, as a successful peacemaker, he's often depicted with an olive branch. But Norbert's preaching about the Blessed Sacrament, convincing entire villages to reclaim their lost belief in the Real Presence—also having eucharistic miracles happen on his watch—has earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament." May he inspire our devotion as the National Eucharistic Revival enters its second phase this month.

MEMORIAL OF NORBERT, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17 (354). *"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*

Wednesday, Jun 07, 2023**Transcending prejudice in service to God**

This day marks the 105th death anniversary of Servant of God Julia Greeley, one of seven African-American Catholics on the path to sainthood. She is one of two such candidates born into slavery in Ralls County, Missouri during the mid-19th century,

alongside Venerable Augustus Tolton. Freed during the Civil War, she emigrated to Colorado with her employer and became a Catholic due to their influence. There she would become known as "Denver's Angel of Charity" despite her own poverty, assisting the destitute at night so as not to offend her white beneficiaries. She died in 1918 and was the first and only Catholic layperson to lay in repose in the city—later becoming the first buried in the cathedral. May her legacy of service live on in all of us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27 (355).

"When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven."

Thursday, Jun 08, 2023**Love begets love**

It's June, a popular month for weddings in North America. Church teachings about marriage varied for the first millennium. Today they communicate high ideals, resting on this basic framework, paraphrased from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: God loves us with a definitive and irrevocable love; married couples share in this love, which supports and sustains them. Their faithfulness to each other witnesses God's persistent love. Many are called to marriage, but others follow a different path. How has God called you to share the love poured out on you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34 (356). *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."*

Friday, Jun 09, 2023**A troubled land calls for compassion**

Saint Ephrem of Syria was a prolific writer of poetry, hymns, poems, sermons, and biblical commentaries. He has been called the most significant of all the fathers of the Syriac-speaking church tradition. He addressed the church in Syria in troubled times ... and Syria's troubles continue, perhaps never more acutely than today. Already suffering badly the devastation of 12 years of ruthless suppression, in February it suffered a devastating earthquake that killed more than 7,000 people and devastated more than 10,000 buildings in northwest Syria. The U.N. reports that more than 4 million Syrians, mostly women and children, depend on humanitarian aid to survive. Mercy USA invites donations for housing for destitute Syrians. Consider a donation in honor of Ephrem.

MEMORIAL OF EPHREM OF SYRIA, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37 (357). *"I am certain that his eyes will be opened."*

Saturday, Jun 10, 2023**The widow's mite revisited**

It is ironic that the story of the widow's mite in today's gospel is so often used as an example of generous giving when it's obvious that giving "all she had, her whole livelihood" had left her destitute and penniless. Jesus actually uses the widow's action as an example of what happens when the unscrupulous clergy of his day, with their long robes and the esteem of the people, "devour the houses of widows." The lesson is for religious leaders *not* to push poor people into deeper poverty. Pray for your pastors.

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44 (358). *"They devour the houses of widows . . . They will receive a very severe condemnation."*

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



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9:15 AM - 12:30 PM

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We are in need of adult volunteers. Please call to let us know if you're able to assist us.
Must be VIRTUS certified (not sure, ask us). Teen Helpers ~ 7th Grade & Up
Call Jackie Mirenda ~ 732-3131 x131—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: **Quart Baggies, Oatmeal Packets, Laundry Detergent***

A very special THANK YOU to all!

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