

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

June 18, 2023

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**June 18, 2023**



## Time, Talent & Treasure

*Stewardship Thought for the Week*  
Living Stewardship ~

We are called to be laborers for the Lord. This week, find a way to be at service for God and fellow man: perhaps donate to the Catholic Ministries Appeal or food pantry or volunteer to mow the lawn for an elderly neighbor or take them food shopping.

## 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.

**June 10 / 11**

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,148.....	173
Mailed Envelopes	\$8,047.....	96
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$14,195</b>	<b>269</b>

### Readings for Next Sunday

#### Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Jer 20:10-13  
Second Reading.....Rom 5:12-15  
Gospel.....Mt 10:26-33

**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.; Call for appointment - x131.

#### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

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

*For the week of June 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Altar Bread & Wine  
in Memory of*



*Mary P.  
Clark*

## Masses for the Week

**Monday - June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Father's Day Novena

**Tuesday - June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Father's Day Novena

**Wednesday - June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Father's Day Novena

**Thursday - June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Father's Day Novena

**Friday - June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Father's Day Novena

**Saturday - June 24<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>pm</sup>

Father's Day Novena

**Sunday - June 25<sup>th</sup>**

8<sup>am</sup>

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10<sup>a</sup>

Father's Day Novena

12<sup>pm</sup>

Special Intentions of Lucas & Stephanie

Mary E. Champion

**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, Wendian & 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, Fred Detweiler, Babies 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.*

We had a beautiful day for our celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and our parish observance of its **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** last Sunday. The weather was splendid, and with a Mass at a special time for a Sunday, followed by an outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament, then Benediction back in church and, finally, with a Reception on the grounds of the church, we lifted our voices and rejoiced in the Presence of Christ in our midst until the end of time. How great it was.

I call your attention to the parish website where there are photos available from last Sunday, along with the church bulletin boards containing the same. With all things being the same, we will mark the Solemnity of Corpus Christi next year in precisely the way we did this year.

I thank all of those who participated in the above cited *acta*. Your witness to the Lord's gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist is how the Body of Christ is built up in faith and good works. Let us be unflagging in our devotion to Christ's Real Presence that we might not miss out on the company of the Lord eternally.

Speaking of being in the company of the Lord eternally, we desire that for our fathers too. And, thus, I remind you to enroll your father, living or deceased, in our **Father's Day Novena of Masses**. Kindly return the envelope for that very purpose in the collection basket at Mass this weekend or place it in the designated box in the vestibule of the church. If you are not in possession of the said envelope, please request one from an usher.

On a completely different topic, I want to say a few words about an issue which has been in the news going all the way back to the month of May. It reached its nadir this past Friday. I am referring of course to the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team choosing to honor the vile and disreputable group which goes by name of the "Sisters of the Perpetual Indulgence." This group of homosexual men mocks women Religious in the Catholic Church by publicly displaying a lewd lifestyle - all in the name of Pride.

When the issue first surfaced, the "**Sisters of the Perpetual Indulgence**" was invited and then disinvited because of their anti-Catholic bias. And then, all of a sudden, the group was re-invited by the pro baseball team to accept public plaudits for its anti-Catholicism. In the paragraph above, I said the nadir was reached at a Dodgers home game, also dubbed Pride Night, which was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

If there is a good part of this story, it would be that public figures such as pro baseball players spoke out against the terrible exercise of judgment by the Dodgers organization. They did so, knowing full well that they could be targeted for retaliation. But, in the end, that didn't matter because something else - more important than a flourishing athletic career - was at risk too. That something else of course is faith.

It is a reminder to all of us that the virtue of courage is needed if our witness to Catholicism is to mean anything at all. Silence is not what is called for - as much as this is what others expect from us. If you missed the opportunity to let the Los Angeles Dodgers and Major League Baseball know what you think about the approval conferred upon anti-Catholicism, I include here the email contact for the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications of the Dodgers (Erik Braverman). It is: [erikb@ladodgers.com](mailto:erikb@ladodgers.com). I wrote to him. Perhaps you may want to do that too.

Just a few days ago (Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>), we marked the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart**. Devotion to the Sacred Heart has been promoted by multiple Popes of the Catholic Church. As I suggested in my last edition of this column, you may want to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart which may be found in any good Catholic prayer book. The Bishops of our nation have suggested we pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart as a way of making reparation for sin - our own and that of others. See the posters in church depicting the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And if you know younger Catholics, grandchildren perhaps, please consider introducing them to the Devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



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

## Lectors

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





## ***Pastoral Staff***

Msgr. Robert Batule - *Pastor* x111

Rev. Patrick Abu-Bonsra - Parochial Vicar  
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### **Deacons -**

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Dcn. William Kogler

Dcn. Biagio Muratore

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## ***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.

## **Parish Office**

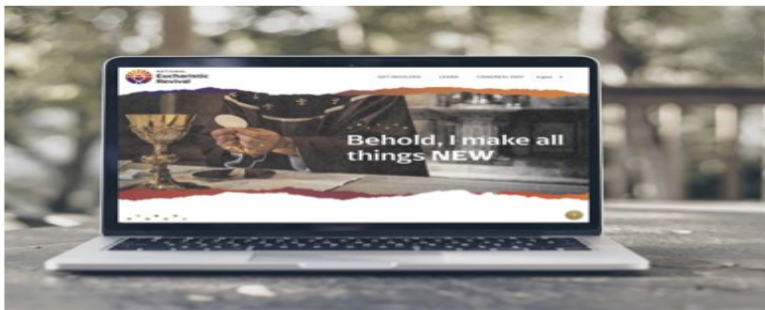
***Monday through Thursday ~ 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM***

***Friday ~ 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM***

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## **PROCLAIM THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR PREBORN INFANTS FACE THE TRUTH PRO-LIFE EVENT**

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

LAKE GROVE - Route 347 (near Smith Haven Mall)

Pro-lifers are invited to join this peaceful public outreach.

Signs available (near Staples S/C). Rain or shine.

Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).



Long Island  
Coalition for Life

# Corpus Christi ~ 2023



## 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 Karen Norris in the parish center during regular business hours.

Mark your calendar ~ 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 of Scotland.

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## WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

**July 29, 2023**  
St. Anthony's High School

For Students currently enrolled in  
8th- 12th grade (this school year)

**Spiritual Talks  
Mass  
Adoration  
Lunch  
Sports**

For more info/register:  
<https://www.campquovadis.com>

## 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. .



## 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

## 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, Jun 18, 2023****Your name here**

At county fairs there always seems to be a stand where someone offers to write your name on a grain of rice. As novel a proposition as that is, perhaps there are better places to have our names inscribed. Scripture mentions a "Book of Life" eight times. It's described as the registry of the just—a desirable place to be listed. Martyrdom is one sure way to make the registry and promoting the gospel is another. Simply put, bring Jesus to others. Witness with your values, decisions, and resources. Add your name to the book.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36—10:8 (91). *"The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew."*

**Monday, Jun 19, 2023****Take your place in paradise**

A thousand years ago, Italian monk Saint Romuald founded a religious order, the Camaldolese, that blended the Christian hermit tradition into monastic life. His monks lived in individual cells but participated in some communal activities. Romuald's rule of life put solitude and contemplation and meditation on the Psalms at the center of his order's spirituality. He wrote, "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish. The path you must follow is in the Psalms—never leave it." Tap into this tradition and try finding a place of solitude and, with the Psalms handy, carve out some quiet time for contemplation in your busy day.

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *"But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil."*

**Tuesday, Jun 20, 2023****We are one vast body in this one vast Lord**

On this day in 1926, the 28th International Eucharistic Congress opened in Chicago, the first one held in the United States. Mass at Soldier Field attracted an estimated 400,000 people gathered in and around the stadium and featured a "Nuns and Women's Choir of 10,000 Voices." At its conclusion, 750,000 pilgrims joined a 40-mile eucharistic procession—on foot or by car, bus, and rail—to St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. A logistical marvel of mass transit, this gathering was as important for Chicago as it was for the U.S. church. Let these words, from 2021's international congress, be your meditation today: "He is our Lord and our Master, our friend and our food, our healer and our peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366).

*"They gave themselves first to the Lord and to us through the will of God."*

**Wednesday, Jun 21, 2023****Your mission**

The brief life of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (he died at 23) is instructive for all who hope to raise or nurture young faith. Though he was raised in royal privilege, a book about the experiences of Jesuit missionaries in India inspired Aloysius to leave his comfortable world behind and dedicate his life to God. As it turned

out, his mission field would be closer to home, as he gave his life serving the sick during a terrible plague in Rome in 1591. Young people are inspired by heroic examples of service. Be that inspiration.

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them .... your Father who sees in secret will repay you."*

**Thursday, Jun 22, 2023****Discipleship still can be costly**

Sir (and Saint) Thomas More, the British humanist and statesman, stared down King Henry VIII and paid the price. He was beheaded in 1535 for refusing to support the king's desire to control the Catholic Church. The 1960 play (and later film) *A Man for All Seasons* kept alive More's considerable reputation as martyr and man of letters. More's final words affirmed that he was the "king's good servant and God's first." Most of us won't have to die for our faith, but many will pay a price for doing the right and faithful thing in a difficult situation. What has your faith cost you?

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS MORE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

**Friday, Jun 23, 2023****'Tis a gift**

The classic rock song "Simple Man" was written by two musicians who had recently lost loved ones: a grandmother and a mother. As the two were sharing stories and advice from these women, the verses of a song began to emerge. The women's advice was simple: Remember God, slow down in life, follow your heart, and find everything you need in your soul. Living simply was key for these women, and it is key for our life as Christians. As you encounter the gospels in your prayer and during Mass, what values of simple living do you hear woven into its verses?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth."*

**Saturday, Jun 24, 2023****Find your voice**

Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, stands in for all of us who fall silent when our doubt overcomes our faith. Along the path of life where we sometimes lose our way, it's difficult to trust that God is with us always. When Zechariah comes to his senses and realizes God is indeed active in his life through the wondrous birth of John, he is able to speak again. So it is with us. We find our authentic voice when we trust in God.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). *"He asked for a tablet and wrote, 'John is his name,' and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."*

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



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## Faith Formation

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**JULY 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Registration Open**



**4 yr. old & up — entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**  
**Potty trained & have been**  
**separated from parent in the past.**



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**Register in the Parish Center**

**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 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up**  
**Call Jackie Mirenda ~ 732-3131 x131—[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: Egg Noodles, Pork & Beans, Cereal**

***A very special THANK YOU to all!***

## Life Center of Long Island Fundraiser

On the weekend of **July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonograms, material aid, maternity housing with eligibility requirements? We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.

**(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)**

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.



*Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life  
to her preborn baby!*