



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

## **Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

Weekday - (Mon through Fri) 9:00 AM

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

## **Confessions**

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

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## **75th Anniversary Year**



*"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world.  
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they may also be consecrated in truth." – John 17: 17-19*

***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.

**July 1 / 2**

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$8,095.....	176
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,702.....	61
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<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$12,797</b>	<b>237</b>

*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.*

As we take advantage of the more leisurely pace of the summer, let me address a few matters which are deserving of notice right now.

As I have said before, I am not using my column during July and August to address the **Eucharistic Revival** which I covered right up through June with quite a bit of detail. However, I will announce here that as a result of the **Eucharistic Revival**, especially as we have sought to put the **Revival** into practice here at Saint Margaret, that there will be a return of the **bells** at Mass – and that includes weekend Mass and Mass during the week. It will commence in September after Labor Day.

For those who don't know or must rely on their memories to recall, the **bells** are rung during the Eucharistic Prayer or during the Canon of the Mass. Traditionally, they were rung three times – the first time, when the priest invokes the Holy Spirit over the Gifts, the second, when the bread becomes the Body of Christ at the use of the words of institution, and the third, when the wine becomes the Blood of Christ at the use of the words of institution.

Ringling bells during the Eucharistic Prayer or during the Canon has a long history in the Church. They were rung in the Middle Ages when the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered in large cathedrals and a great many in the populations of European lands were not literate. Ringing the bells was a way of calling the attention of church-goers that Christ became present at that point in the Mass. The use of bells for this purpose was ordinary and routine all the way through most of the twentieth century – certainly not absent because of the Second Vatican Council. And there is no directive from any authority which I am aware of who/which forbids the use of bells. But in many cases, following the Second Vatican Council, the ringing of the bells disappeared and with predictable results too. And that would be the disappearance of the bells was *presumed* to be liturgical renewal, but as we all know through catechetics and the survey data which began to pour in during the last few decades, liturgical renewal has had a very spotty record, pastorally speaking. That would be a topic for another time, however. Not here and not now.

To enhance our comprehension of the Lord's Presence in our midst and to deepen our communion with Him sacramentally, the bells will be rung again when Mass is offered in our parish. As I said above, it will commence after Labor Day.

On a second topic, I wish to remind all volunteers at Saint Margaret that they must undergo **Virtus Training**. The practice of **Virtus Training** became mandatory about twenty years ago in all Catholic parishes on Long Island. It remains mandatory for all those wishing to exercise an apostolate or liturgical ministry today. Thus, if you started volunteering since its inception two decades ago and you did **not** take **Virtus Training** then, you are required to do so **NOW**. The rule from the beginning is that those who refuse to take the training may **not volunteer**. That rule has not been amended. So, if this affects you, you need to take the training. If you were trained at the start, you do **not need to undergo it again**.

For those whom it does affect, please consult the person/parishioner who is in charge of your apostolate or liturgical ministry. Failing that, you should contact the parish center.

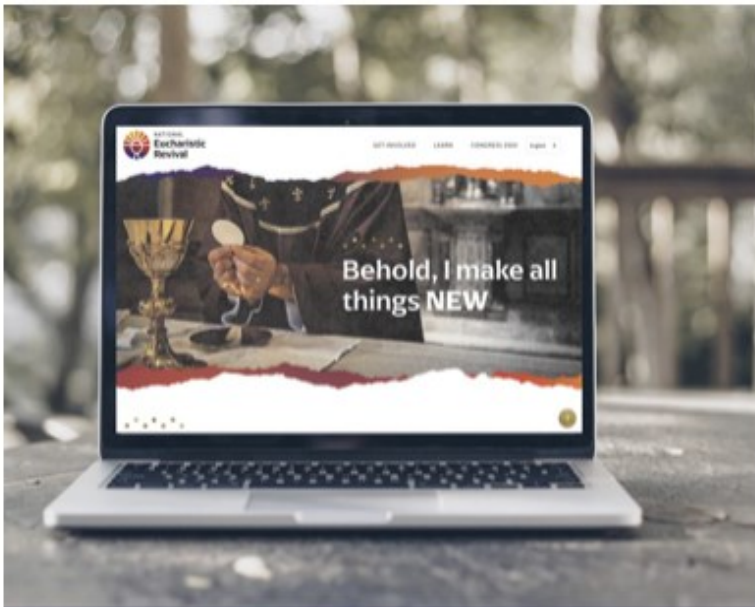
Lastly, I want to observe that when a Catholic receives Holy Communion, the proper response on the part of the communicant is to say: **Amen**. Somehow, for many Catholics receiving Holy Communion today, there is **no** response when the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion declares: **The Body of Christ**. I call upon all communicants to say audibly the word: **Amen**. On a related note, the communicant is **not** to say *Thank you*. The **Amen** is the correct response because it means: Yes, I believe. Yes, I believe it is the Lord and, yes, I believe all that Catholics are called upon to profess *as Catholics*. We say Yes to the Lord and to His Body, the Church. Thus, it is not a small matter at all.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor





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Revival**

A three-year initiative to inspire and prepare the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

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**[www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)**



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### **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)**

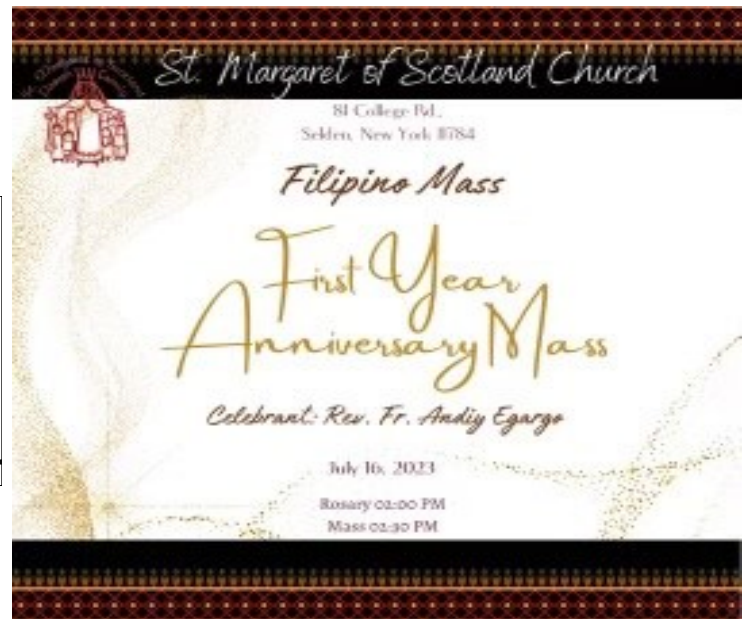


### **Catholic Charities TALBOT HOUSE**

**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.**



### **St. Margaret's Blood Drive**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**There will be a sign up table at**

**all masses this weekend.**






## 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.



**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.

### 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

### 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'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



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.



## Sunday, Jul 09, 2023

### The unexamined life is not liberating

Interested in ministering, healing, and caring? Intrigued by dream analysis, speaking in tongues, or miracles? Seeking transcendence or the art of meditation? Does your attention reside at the intersection of faith and psychology? If any of the above concern you, there's a Morton Kelsey book with your name on it. Episcopal priest, Jungian therapist, and prolific author, Kelsey notes that we're controlled by what we assume and have never thoughtfully considered: "You can't come to a new point of view until you realize what your brainwashing has been." Take the first step toward inner freedom. Review your assumptions.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (100). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."*

## Monday, Jul 10, 2023

### Don't let setbacks throw you

The first bishop of Denver, Joseph Machebeuf, who died on this day in 1889, was the basis for the character Joseph Vaillant in Willa Cather's 1927 novel *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. Machebeuf was born in France and his character's French last name means "courageous"—for promoting the faith, in his case. In real life, Machebeuf was thrown from a carriage and disabled from his injuries, but went on to found schools and hospitals while overseeing the enormous growth of the Catholic population in Colorado. May his life inspire you to be valiant in overcoming challenges in your service to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

## Tuesday, Jul 11, 2023

### The Bible according to Benedict

When a team of theologians, medievalists, and artists began work on Saint John's Illuminated Bible in 1995, certain core values of Benedictine spirituality served as guiding principles. The finished product—the first hand-wrought copy of the Bible since the printing press in the 1400s—embodies some undeniable basics from Benedict's Rule, such as: the holiness of ordinary objects (simple goose quills for calligraphy) and the dignity of manual labor (vellum pages were hand-sanded repeatedly). But it's the larger themes of hospitality, transformation, and justice for God's people that make it a rich text for our time. Contemplate this Bible's full significance at the Library of Congress website.

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"I have seen God face to face," he said."*

## Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023

### Foundation for a just society

The Knights of Peter Claver was incorporated on this day in 1911, the fruit of a collaboration between three Josephite priests and three laymen in Mobile, Alabama. The black Catholic fraternal order was founded for African Americans in an age when much of the U.S. Church was still segregated and many Knights of Columbus councils refused to accept black members. Named for the historic Spanish Jesuit missionary to South America, the order has since gone on to incubate justice-minded Catholics in the United States and also in Saint Peter Claver's own mission base of

Colombia. The organization added a Ladies Auxiliary in 1922, which now outstrips the men in membership and activity. If you're interested in the intersection of the Catholic faith and social justice, support the Saint Peter Claver Foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). *"Go . . . to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

## Thursday, Jul 13, 2023

### Let it reign

The kingdom of God, or reign of God, means many things to many people. The term appears in today's gospel and in fact appears in the New Testament alone well over 100 times. Theologians have discussed its meaning over the centuries. They propose that in various contexts it refers to a heavenly reward, to Jesus himself, to the faithful as they pursue righteousness on Earth, to a culture based on love, mercy, and justice, and other variations on these themes. Like any big concept, there might not be one "right answer." How do you envision the kingdom of God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

## Friday, Jul 14, 2023

### A touch of faith

"She who gropes her way" is an English translation of the Mohawk name Tekakwitha, Saint Kateri's second given name. That epithet is likely related to the fact that an outbreak of smallpox left Kateri orphaned, scarred, and visually impaired at the age of 4. As Kateri felt her way through her short life, she experienced the glories of nature, the riches of Catholic teachings, and the dignity of every soul. With help from family, friends, and a host of strangers, she discovered her true calling: to dedicate her life to God and give voice to God's truths. Pray to Saint Kateri that your vocation becomes crystal clear.

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, MOHAWK

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"Do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say."*

## Saturday, Jul 15, 2023

### What we leave behind

History was not kind to the remains of Saint Bonaventure (1221-74), an Italian cardinal and minister general of the Franciscans. His many works of philosophy and theology are carefully preserved. But his body? Not so much. His torso was burned by invading Huguenots in 1562. His head, discovered to be uncorrupted 160 years after his death, was lost in the destruction of a church during the French Revolution. Only a lone arm has survived, resting in a church in Bagnoregio, Italy. Though your body will not last, your legacy can. Make it a good one.

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the 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

# 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.



**FIRST 100 CHILDREN !**

**\$35 per child**

**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: Tooth Paste, Toilet Paper, Shampoo*

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

## Life Center of Long Island Fundraiser

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish is currently 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 ALL 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.

*Make every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!*