



# 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

### **Pastoral Staff**

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### **Holy Angels Regional Catholic School**

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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*

July 16, 2023

## Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week  
Living Stewardship ~

This week, let the seed of faith grow deeper within you. Make time to read Sacred Scripture or learn about a particular Catholic devotion—and make it a part of your life.



## Sacrificial Giving

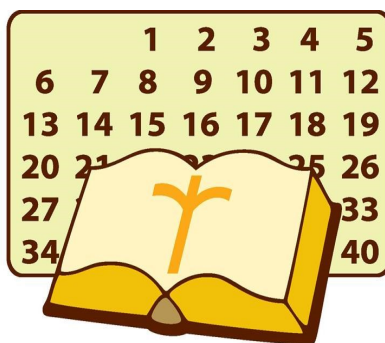
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

July 8 / 9

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,922.....	174
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,033.....	48
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,955</b>	<b>222</b>

Readings for Next Sunday  
Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Wis 12:13, 16-19  
Second Reading.....Rom 8:26-27  
Gospel.....Mt 13:24-43



**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.

## Masses for the Week

**Monday - July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Robert P. Batule

**Tuesday – July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Margaret McSweeney

**Wednesday - July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Tom Murphy

**Thursday - July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Michael & Margaret Stevens and Ellen Tordik

**Friday - July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Kimberlynn Bertolino

**Saturday - July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5<sup>pm</sup>

John Schlageter

Kimberly Schutz

**Sunday - July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8<sup>am</sup>

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10<sup>am</sup>

Harry Aretakis

Lou Burtoff

12<sup>pm</sup>

John K. Brantuo

Eugene Wynne

**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, 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, Fred Detweiler, Babies Aubrey & Grayson, Linda Pennisi.

*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 make our way through July, I want to offer some reminders about events in parish life in the summer and beyond.

All volunteers must receive **Virtus Training**. This applies to parishioners who serve in apostolates and liturgical ministries. It went into effect some twenty years ago, and many of our volunteers were Virtus trained then. If that is the case for you personally, you don't need another **Virtus Training**. But there have been parishioners who started volunteering after that time and were not certified. If you never received **Virtus Training** and you are volunteering now, you need to take the **Virtus Training** in order to continue to volunteer. The rule from the beginning is that those who refuse to take the training may **not volunteer**. The rule has not been amended.

Please comply with the request made of all our volunteers. You can receive information about how to get trained from the person/parishioner who is in charge of your apostolate or liturgical ministry. Failing that, you should contact the parish center.

The **baby bottle** campaign which started on the July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runs until the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please continue to make use of the bottle you received and be ready to return it a week from now. Just bring your bottle with loose change or loose change converted into currency to church with you. An usher will receive the bottle from you, and we in turn will pass all of the bottles onto the Life Center which sponsors the campaign. Thank you for your support!

You may have seen a flyer or two concerning the **New York State Eucharistic Congress** in October or even read about it here in our bulletin. It is being held in the Diocese of Albany, which, as you know, is a couple of hours from here. It is unlikely that many Long Islanders will travel to the state capital for the fourth weekend of October to participate along with Catholics from the seven other dioceses in the state. Nonetheless, I will mention in the bulletin from time to time developments concerning the Eucharistic Congress.

Speaking of **October**, I want to mention too that our **2024 Mass Book** will open for Mass Intentions in that month. As we have done the previous two years, it will occur later in the month of October. Let me say right now that the exact day and date will be **Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If you wish to remember deceased relatives at Mass on certain dates in 2024, it is best to reserve those dates early. More will be said on Mass Intentions for 2024 in our bulletin but later in this calendar year.

A while back, I made reference to a day of recollection for the parish in **November**. The day and date in question is **Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>**. The presenter is Fr. Roger Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River in Massachusetts. Fr. Landry is one of the officially designated preachers for the **Eucharistic Revival** in our country. I ask you to make note of the day and date now so that you don't miss this opportunity a few months away. More details will obviously follow. Read about those details here in the weekly bulletin.

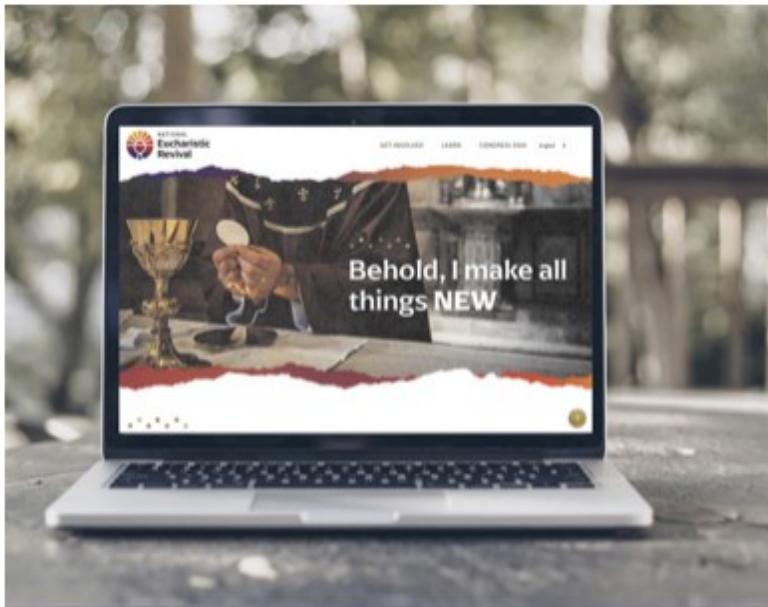
Our observance of the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint Margaret** continues. The second phase is about to open up. In the second phase, we are putting together a **journal**. That journal will be published by Pilot Communications located in Massachusetts. The journal's content will be drawn partially from photography produced at our celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Some of the photographs you have already seen in this bulletin and in the display in the vestibule. Many, many more photographs were taken back in June which you have not yet seen. Stay tuned. Future editions of the weekly bulletin will carry details about the production of the journal and how to support its publication. At this early juncture, you will want to know that the journal will feature ads of various kinds.

In closing, let me add that our annual evening of recollection and meeting for **lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion** is scheduled, as it has been the last two years, in September after Labor Day. It will be held on **Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>**. Follow the bulletin in the coming weeks for details.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor





NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

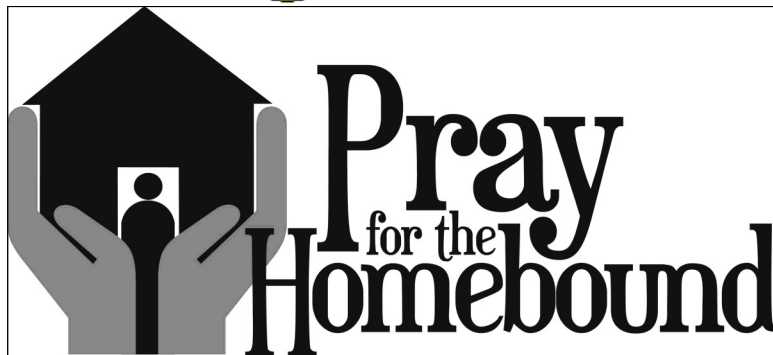
A three-year initiative to inspire and prepare the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Learn more by visiting:**

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



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### **Wedding Banns**

**Banns II:** Christina Romano, Notra Dame Parish  
&  
Michael Gangitano, St.. Margaret of Scotland  
both St. Margaret of Scotland



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.

### **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**





## 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.

**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

### 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)**



## Sunday, Jul 16, 2023

### Pause before speaking

Words are deeds, as theologian Peter Kreeft astutely reminds us. When we speak our thoughts into the air, we are doing something. So many words circulate in the machinery of our media that we tend to take them for granted and view them as cheap or even meaningless. But words matter. They take root in our minds and hearts, as well as in the thoughts and feelings of people who receive them from us. Before you utter the response, make the call, or hit the send key, pause to contemplate what impact your words may have on someone else.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 (103). *"My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."*

## Monday, Jul 17, 2023

### Heartfelt holiness

Like any family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph experienced misunderstandings, disagreements, and hurt feelings within the family unit. Some of those experiences are told in the gospels, but there were surely others we never learned about. The Holy Family is a model for all families in the struggles and joys of family life. There are many devotional prayers to the Holy Family, including a litany and even a devotion to the hearts of the Holy Family. Most Catholics are familiar with the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but perhaps less so with the Chaste Heart of Joseph. Consider adorning your family home with artwork of all three.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389).

*"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."*

## Tuesday, Jul 18, 2023

### Instituting a better bedside manner

Hospitals in Rome and throughout Europe were abysmal in the 1500s, when Camillus de Lellis was admitted—twice—with an infected leg. Hospital workers were poor, often beggars and prisoners, who showed up mostly for free meals. Some even stole food from patients! Saint Camillus was so disgusted by this treatment that he got up from his bed to provide comfort—and cleanliness—to other patients. Thus his vocation was born, along with the Servants of the Sick, the religious institute Camillus founded after becoming a priest. A great Catholic tradition was likewise born: not just spiritual solace but clean and professional care as well. Visit the Catholic Health Association website to pray for hospital workers.

MEMORIAL OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"She was moved with pity for him."*

## Wednesday, Jul 19, 2023

### Mercy me

Our tradition contains a variety of words to describe "missing the mark" when it comes to personal conduct: sin, transgression, and iniquity, a word used hundreds of times in scripture. Iniquity describes willful harming, where we choose to hurt or act with malice. It gets at the character or quality of our intentions. In a sense, our actions are all we really ever own. We carry them with us and we fall short at times. Thankfully, God's mercy is greater even than our iniquity. Examine your conscience, make amends

where possible, and call upon the Lord's mercy. Ask God to crown you with kindness and compassion, as today's psalm promises.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391).

*"The Lord is kind and merciful. He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion."*

## Thursday, Jul 20, 2023

### Inspiration for a dangerous mission

Today's saint, Apollinaris, was a bishop during the first century of the church, a dangerous time to be a Christian. Roman authorities and others disliked the followers of Jesus for disrupting social norms and threatening a social order that gave Roman emperors God-like authority. Christianity was also a new movement, making it even more untrustworthy. Apollinaris was bishop of Ravenna, Italy, and for that public role he was savagely beaten, later dying of his wounds. His martyrdom inspired early disciples. Who inspires you to live dangerously in faith?

MEMORIAL OF APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart."*

## Friday, Jul 21, 2023

### A beautiful work in progress

God is the creator par excellence and invites all of creation, especially human beings, to share in the gift of creating. God enables us "to be intelligent and free causes in order to complete the work of creation, to perfect its harmony" (Catechism §307). There is a beauty in the incompleteness or "unfinishedness" of creation. Not only does it give us the opportunity to follow God's lead, but, according to distinguished professor and theologian Sister Anne Patrick, S.N.J.M., it reveals a beauty of its own and stirs us to gratitude for creation's patient unfolding. What gifts do you find in your own acts of creating?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). *"I say to you, something greater than the temple is here."*

## Saturday, Jul 22, 2023

### Who do you say she is?

No biblical figure is surrounded by more mystery than Mary Magdalene. Who was she, really? What we know from the texts, says Catholic writer James Carroll, is that she was a leader in the community of Jesus' followers. While the men abandoned Jesus in his hour of need, Mary was one of the women who stayed with him even through the Crucifixion. She was the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his Resurrection and the first to preach that Good News, and her status as an apostle in the early church rivaled even that of Peter. Over time, her status was questioned, her reputation tarnished. Powerful women have contended with such treatment throughout the ages. Mary Magdalene stands as a symbol for gender equity and justice as well as faithful witness.

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). *"On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb."*

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



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# Faith Formation

**Registration ~ September 2023**

Letters have been mailed for your child's Faith Formation Registration.

Please mail or drop off at the Parish Center by **August 21<sup>st</sup>**..

We will be available for registration and questions.

You may email Jackie at [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com) or x131.



## 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, Cookies***

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



## Back to School

***Supplies that are needed:***

*Store Gift Cards, backpacks, binders, marble notebooks, loose leaf paper, crayons, folders, index cards, washable colored markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers, rulers, tissue boxes, pens, baby wipes.=*

**Please drop off by August 17<sup>th</sup> to Parish Center.**

**Thank you for all you do!**



## 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!***