



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*



Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Living Stewardship ~

Practice praying to the Holy Spirit. Ask the Spirit for guidance in your life. . .

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Readings for Next Sunday The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

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.

On this last weekend of July, we are about half the way through summer by my reckoning. And, again, I offer a round-up of issues which touch our lives in one way or another.

On the matter of being a godparent or sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, which comes up all the time in the Church's life, I state what is the procedure here at Saint Margaret. The form which is used in this case, a sponsor certificate form, is filled out, partially, by the godparent or sponsor and then submitted to the parish priest (pastor or parochial vicar). To complete this part of the sponsor certificate form, it is necessary to see a parish priest **in person**. The standard way to see a parish priest in person is to get **an appointment with him. A parish priest will not sign a form without seeing the person who presents himself or herself as a godparent or sponsor. All are asked to cooperate with this procedure.**

The **75th Anniversary Committee** is beginning to work on the **second phase** of our observance. The second phase is the preparation of a journal. Continue to follow the bulletin for details.

The **third phase** is a Mass and luncheon on Sunday, November 19th. Please follow the bulletin for details on your participation.

On Saturday, November 18th, there will be a **day of recollection** at Saint Margaret. The priest directing the day of recollection is Fr. Roger Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River in Massachusetts. Over the coming weeks, please follow the bulletin for details.

We thank all those who participated in the **baby bottle campaign** for the Life Center of Long Island. Your bottles were picked up a few days ago by the volunteers of the Life Center. Contributions are counted at the Life Center and we are then notified of the amount our parishioners contributed. In turn, we will report the amount contributed in the weekly bulletin.

The **2024 Mass Book** opens on Monday, October 23rd at 9:00 AM in the parish center. We encourage you to reserve Mass Intentions for family members and friends – living or deceased. You can do that by coming to the parish center. All of our Masses for weekdays and weekends have Intentions. Follow the bulletin for more details in the weeks leading up to October 23rd.

Without returning to the **Eucharistic Revival** (which I begged off a few weeks ago and promised not to return to that subject until post-Labor Day), I mention that we will re-initiate the **ringing of the bells**. How long there has not been any ringing of the bells here at Saint Margaret, I don't know. The bells are rung three times during the Eucharistic Prayer or the Canon. As I have written before, the purpose of ringing the bells is to call our attention to the Presence of the Lord.

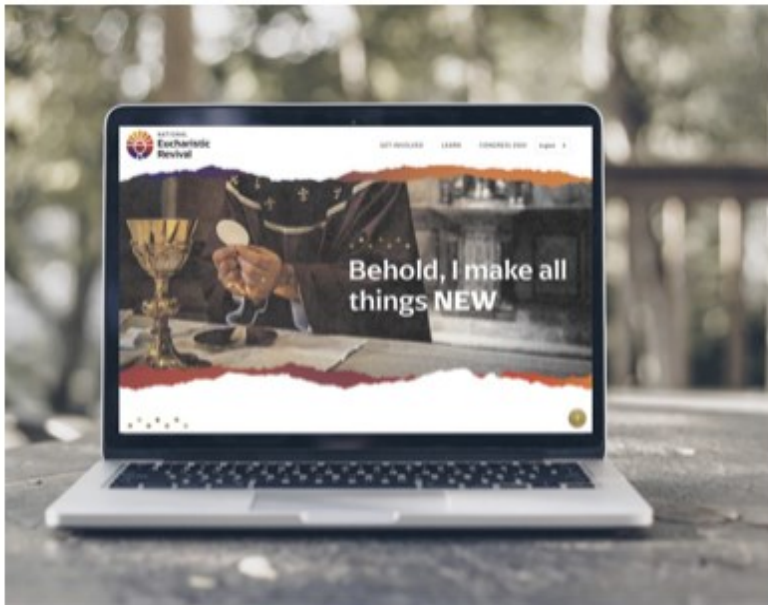
With so many distractions around us, we need reminders of when the Lord comes to dwell with us. He does so without exception at every Mass. He is also with us in the tabernacle which we should acknowledge with a sign of respect. The standard sign of respect is the genuflection which most Catholics of a certain age were introduced to in their formative years. Sadly, many Catholics have stopped genuflecting in the direction of the tabernacle (I am not referring to those who have physical disabilities which prevent them from genuflecting). The other part of it is that younger Catholics have not been taught to genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament.

We are going to emphasize the importance of genuflecting with our youngsters in the school year which commences after Labor Day. I thus call upon our parents of grade school children to reinforce genuflecting. It is a practice which usually stays with Catholics *their whole lives* unless the habit is broken deliberately. Let's see if we can bring back genuflecting and honor Christ Who never leaves us.

To wrap up, I want to say a word or two about **reverence**. It is not *per se* a virtue. But it certainly ranks up there with the virtues – the classical ones and the Christian ones. Reverence is attitudinal but it is expressed in physical acts. It is an acknowledgement that we are in the company of One Who is Holy, the One Whose Holiness makes us holy.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



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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.

Mark your calendar ~ 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 of Scotland.



MASS for VOCATIONS

ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 at 7:30 PM

at the Church of Curé of Ars
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with veneration of a first class relic

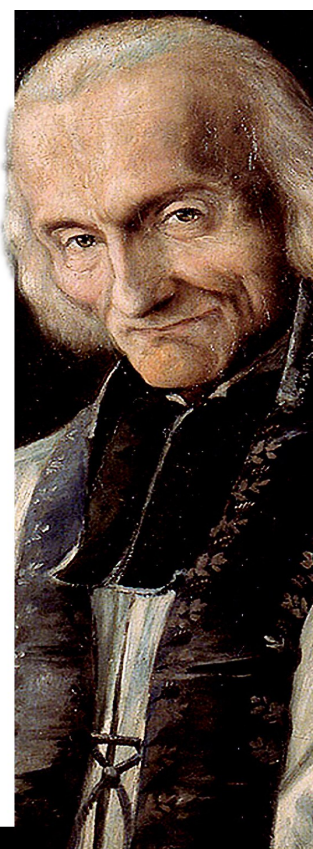
Refreshments to follow
in the auditorium.

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*The Priesthood is the love
of the heart of Jesus.
When you see a priest
think of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

ST. JOHN VIANNEY
PATRON OF PARISH PRIESTS

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Sunday, Jul 30, 2023

String your own pearls

Jewelry is a matter of taste. Some folks like gold; others prefer silver. But in Jewish tradition, the pearl is a metaphor for valuable teaching. Our "pearl of great price," then, is the teaching upon which we build everything else, the motivation that governs our decision-making. What's yours? For some, it's that all life is sacred. For others, the common good must be served. Still others take the preferential option for the poor, or champion stewardship of creation. Remember: You don't have to choose just one.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 (109). *"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls."*

Monday, Jul 31, 2023

Speak his name without shame

Spanish priest Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus (along with Saints Peter Faber and Francis Xavier) in Paris in 1541. Members of this religious order are known as Jesuits. Today, the Jesuits are the largest male religious order in the church, and Pope Francis is the first Jesuit pope. The term Jesuit was originally meant as an insult, meaning "someone who too frequently used the name of Jesus." Ignatius never used the term, but members later embraced it with positive meaning. After all, how could anyone use the name of Jesus too much?

Take a cue from the Jesuits and don't hold back!

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). *"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field."*

Tuesday, Aug 01, 2023

Our saving grace

Alphonsus gave us much, but perhaps the greatest gift was his fight against the Jansenist heresy, encapsulated in his 1748 volume *Moral Theology*. Thanks to Alphonsus, Catholicism has been able to steer a middle path between a darkly pessimistic view of human worth on the one hand and moral laxity on the other. Jansenists held an extreme view of original sin, believing only some are pre-ordained for salvation, saying grace had little chance of saving the rest—even through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Alphonsus encourages us to trust and use the sacrament, but also to "acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends."

MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). *"Pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."*

Wednesday, Aug 02, 2023

Meet your maker

As we honor Saints Eusebius and Peter Julian Eymard, two staunch defenders of the faith during their times, we would do well to remember that "faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love," writes Pope Francis in *Lumen*

Fidei. How do we encounter God? Any embrace of love is a start, but Peter Eymard is more specific: "Happy the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and in the Eucharist all things!"

MEMORIALS OF EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP; PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). *"The skin of his face had become radiant while he conversed with the LORD."*

Thursday, Aug 03, 2023

God's dwelling place

Biblical faith is unique in its image of a universal God who nevertheless chooses to dwell among his people. We have an intimate portrait of this in the Exodus story where Moses is instructed to build a tent that the people of Israel are to carry with them as they sojourn through the desert toward the Promised Land. We can take heart in the notion that God is with us as well, along for the ride so to speak. He will not leave us orphaned. Call on God today, he's right there with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). *"He spread the tent over the Dwelling and put the covering on top of the tent, as the LORD had commanded him."*

Friday, Aug 04, 2023

The garden of the soul

John Vianney was dedicated to helping people understand and live the Catholic faith. On the street, in the confessional, and in his writings, John offered wisdom and counsel to encourage people. He wrote many small catechetical teachings collected within his "Little Catechism." In one, John writes, "The Holy Spirit is like a gardener cultivating our souls." The soul as a garden is a beautiful image to meditate on. What does your garden look like? How are you growing in your relationship with God? With John, let us pray his words: "O God, send me Your Spirit to teach me what I am and what You are."

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). *"Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds?"*

Saturday, Aug 05, 2023

Take a holy walk

The 16th-century Italian priest Saint Philip Neri liked to organize a walk through Rome with a few of his friends and acquaintances, visiting churches along the journey. It was a nice way to combine friendly conversation and a shared religious activity. The churches they visited—St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul Outside-the-Walls, St. Sebastian's, St. John Lateran, Holy Cross-in-Jerusalem, St. Lawrence-Outside-the Walls, and the Basilica of St. Mary Major—became known as the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome and the walk is now repeated annually on Wednesday of Holy Week. Seek out holy places wherever you live—they can be a refuge in difficult times.

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). *"This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants."*

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 21st**..

We will be available for registration and questions.

You may email Jackie at 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: **Instant Potatoes, Jelly, Coffee, Pasta, Shelf Stable Milk , and Bar Soap.**

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 17th to Parish Center.

Thank you for all you do!



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

St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Thank you so much to all who donated at our blood drive. We were able to collect 40 pints of blood which will save 120 lives at a very challenging time.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and all volunteers..



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