



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

It is never too late to grow closer to the Lord. Take time this week to dive deeper into the Faith by reading your Bible more or listening to a trusted Catholic podcast or TV channel.



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| | Stewardship | Envelope |
| Collected at Mass | \$7,530..... | 172 |
| Mailed Envelopes | \$5,630..... | 78 |
| Total Collection | \$13,160 | 250 |

First Reading.....EZ 18: 25-28
Second Reading.....Phil 2:1-11
Gospel.....Mt 21:28-32

The Angels of the Martha & Mary Ministry



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.

Next Sunday, October 1st, is Respect Life Sunday, an annual observance. I invite you to take part in **Stand Up for Life** being held on Route 110 in Melville from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. It is a mostly silent, prayerful public witness.

I have been a participant for many years, going all the way back to when it was known as the **Life Chain**. Join with other pro-life Long Islanders in protecting children in the womb and help to build a culture of life in our nation.

As I have stated in other columns before this one, there is a scheduled Day of Recollection in conjunction with the **Eucharistic Revival** at Saint Margaret. The date is Saturday, November 18th. The speaker is Fr. Roger Landry, a designated preacher on the **Eucharistic Revival** in our country. He is currently the Chaplain at Columbia University in New York City.

I have spoken to the daily Mass-goers about this event on our schedule and our lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion too. I have mentioned that I am concerned about attendance. To make it worthwhile for all parties concerned (the speaker and those who are going to attend), I want to make sure that there is a congregation to hear the preaching on the Holy Eucharist. We need to have at least 50 people in attendance. What I am really looking for is between 50 and 75 persons to participate.

I am asking those who are interested in attending to let me know and, most importantly, tell others about the Day of Recollection and persuade them to attend with you. If it looks like we don't have at least 50 people, I will have to cancel the event. Please kindly let me know before Columbus Day (October 9th). I need to let the preacher know the next day if the event will indeed be held.

Advertising for journal ads in connection with our **75th Anniversary** has been going on for several weeks now. I encourage parishioners to take an ad. Kindly fill out the form you find in the bulletin and submit it to the pastoral center as soon as possible. The deadline for submissions is rapidly approaching.

Tickets for the luncheon on Sunday, November 19th will be available in the vestibule of the church before and after weekend Masses and at the pastoral center during regular business hours. Reservations will be accepted starting October 14th. Tickets are \$70.00 per person.

We close out the 75th Anniversary with a Mass on Sunday, November 19th at 11:00 AM. Please note the different time. There will **not** be a Mass at 10:00 AM and **not** at 12:00 PM on that day. The first Mass on that Sunday is at the usual time of 8:00 AM.

I ask the parents of children enrolled in **Faith Formation** to attend with your children **Twenty Minutes with the Director/Pastor** according to the schedule which has been drawn up. We continue to stress the linkage between catechesis and worship in our Catholic faith. We learn about and worship the same God in the Church founded by Jesus before His ascension to the Father's right hand in glory. Please attend the sessions on time.

We continue to form our students who come to us for religious instruction in and around the Holy Eucharist. We emphasize developing a love for the Holy Eucharist by cultivating certain habits like genuflecting. I ask all parishioners in accord with the **Eucharistic Revival** to resume using genuflections as a way of acknowledging the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you are prevented from doing so for physical reasons, please use a bow of your head when entering and leaving pews or crossing in front of the tabernacle. All of us are teachers when it comes to the Holy Eucharist – priests, deacons, parents, grandparents, peers, etc. Let us all teach that Christ's promise to be with us for all eternity is fulfilled splendidly in the Eucharist.

Please look at the bulletin boards in the church for notices about what is going on at Saint Margaret and elsewhere in the Catholic world. Take a few moments to read and become acquainted with materials calling attention to Holy Hours, Catholic high school open houses, articles appearing in the Catholic press, etc.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

Join 10,000 Catholics to worship at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Mass with New York Bishops
- Confessions
- Great Speakers!
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.

"I cannot stay silent over 30 to 40 million unborn lives cast aside every year through abortion....Abortion is a grave injustice. It can never be a legitimate expression of autonomy and power."

- Pope Francis



Diocese of Rockville Centre
Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics



Respect Life Sunday

Sunday October 1st is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022



Rosary for Life

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

Click here for link

Meeting ID: 811 9648 1100
Passcode: 20EWp7
Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

Email lhonkanen@drvclife.org
if you would like the link sent
to you each month.



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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.



Please join the St. Margaret family and place an ad in our journal. See the insert for more information. Please call Karen Norris in the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 Ext. 118 if you have any additional questions.



Altar Server Training

Altar server training will take place in the church on the following Tuesdays at 5:30PM:

9/26/23, 10/3/23. and 10/10/23.

All Altar servers, please plan to attend.



Baptisms

Penelope Jade Pinto & Olivia Rae Pinto

St. Margaret's Bible Study

Bible Study every Wednesday from 10am to 11am 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



Blessing of the Animals

October 4th at 5PM

(animals must be leashed or in carrier)

Meet by the Mary Shrine

Sunday, Oct 01, 2023

Seamless unity

We work best when we work together. A society pulling in opposite directions tears itself apart. The final prayer Jesus offers at the Last Supper is for unity among his friends. Saint Paul likewise implores his communities to be of one heart. Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we soberly confess that we can't both honor the sacred gift of life and allow poverty, injustice, exclusion, and indifference to remain unchallenged. Coincidentally, it's the International Day of Older Persons, in a world where people over 60 outnumber children under 5. Make this world a welcome place for everyone.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136). *"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."*

Monday, Oct 02, 2023

Watching over us

What exactly does the church teach about angels? "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The church venerates angels as servants and messengers of God. And one is particularly looking out for you. But, as Pope Francis says, not just to protect but to prod: "The angels help us; they push us to continue on the journey [of life]." These pure spirits who are in communication with God encourage us to "be not afraid" and take risks. Join the church in welcoming these—and your—special guardians.

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8 (455); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). *"I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

Tuesday, Oct 03, 2023

The Lord loves justice

Mother Theodore Guerin, whose feast is today, was a missionary to the United States who established schools, a pharmacy, and orphanages. But her love of Christ made her denounce injustices, too. She described a slave auction: "These Americans, so proud of their liberty, thus make game of the liberty of others. Poor negroes! I would have wished to buy them all that I might say to them, 'Go! Bless Providence. You are free!'" Her mission continues today with her Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who strive for peace and justice, particularly in the area of racial equality and equity, criminal justice reform, human trafficking, and immigration. Take to heart Mother Guerin's words as you work to transform the world: "Above all things; justice, justice. If any preference may be shown let it be to the poorest or most abandoned."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"Every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall . . . say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"*

Wednesday, Oct 04, 2023

Make mercy your song to all creation

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our

message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."*

Thursday, Oct 05, 2023

Mercy prevails

Saint Faustina Kowalska is one of a long list of saints who held low status but whose intense relationship with God fueled a power that gained attention. A peasant who became a nun assigned low-level jobs, Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus—at first doubted by church authorities—eventually were embraced widely. They are the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday, characterized by an image of Jesus with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. Faustina's focus on God's mercy is a message that helped her native Poland through harrowing years of war and repressive government, and it continues to inspire. Commit yourself to an act of mercy today.

MEMORIAL OF FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). *"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"*

Friday, Oct 06, 2023

Leading indicators

The stories of the founders of religious institutes most often begin with reluctant souls who feel unworthy to accept such an important task. But, luckily for the church and all blessed by their service and legacy, they eventually take up the mantle of leadership. The decision is not without its benefits, according to Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusians: "God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." And, for Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, prayer is key to finding the answers you seek when unsure of next steps: "I suggest that you pray to Our Lord that He assist you and give you the direction you need." Gain strength from the witness of these two great leaders.

MEMORIALS OF BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."*

Saturday, Oct 07, 2023

By any name

Today's celebration has seen a lot of changes over the centuries. It started out as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the Christian defeat of the Turkish army on this date in 1571. A few years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Pope Clement XI in 1716 changed the date to August 5. Pius X changed it back to October 7. John XXIII changed the name to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Then Paul VI changed the name to Our Lady of the Rosary. However you name it, today's Joyful Mysteries invite you to celebrate Christ in your life.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you."*

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



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Faith Formation

2023/2024 Schedule

20 Minutes with the Pastor/Director

October 1st – Levels 1 & 2
 October 8th – Level 8
 October 15th – Levels 6 & 7
 October 22nd – Levels 3, 4, & 5
 October 29th – Levels 1 & 2

November 5th – Levels 6 & 7
 November 12th – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 November 26th – Levels 1 & 2

December 3rd – Levels 6 & 7 January 7 – Levels 6 & 7
 December 10th – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 December 17th – Levels 1 & 2

January 14th – Levels 3, 4, & 5
 January 21st – Levels 1 & 2
 January 28th – Levels 6 & 7

February 4th - Levels 3, 4 & 5
 February 11th – Levels 1 & 2
 February 25th – Levels 6 & 7

March 3rd – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 March 10th – Levels 1 & 2
 March 17th - Levels 6 & 7

April 7th – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 April 14th – Levels 1 & 2
 April 21 – Levels 6 & 7
 April 28th - Levels 3, 4 & 5

May 5th - Levels 1 & 2
 May 12th - Levels 6 & 7
 May 19th - Levels 3, 4 & 5



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 Cookies, Toothpaste, Juice Boxes, Grape Jelly, Shelf Stable Milk, Hearty Soups (not condensed),

A very special THANK YOU to all!

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 _____

