



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

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Sacrificial Giving

September 9/10

Readings for Next Sunday

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

First Reading.....Is 55:6-9
Second Reading.....Phil 1:20C-24, 27A
Gospel.....Mt 20:1-16A

Parish Office

Monday Through Thursday ~ 9:00 ^{am} – 5:00^{pm} Friday 9^{am}-1^{pm}

(631)732-3131

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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 1st and 3rd 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 - September 18th

Michele Bongiorno

Tuesday –September 19th

Bennett Azzara

Wednesday - September 20th

Artie Massett

Thursday - September 21st

Barbara Buran

Friday - September 22nd

Dorothy Flaherty Sokolowski

Saturday - September 23rd
5^{pm}

Ronald J. Massaro

Richard William Hepp

Sunday - September 24th
8^{am}

Mary P. Clark

Joel Zabbara

10 am

All St. Margaret's Parishioners
12^{pm}

Donald Francis

Anthony Marrocco

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 Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendianne & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, Dina Rajotte, Ethel Naso, Valarie and Victor Aurigue, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Logan Baar, Fred Detweiler, Babies Aubrey & Grayson, Linda Pennisi, Jennifer Colon, Peter Rodrigues

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.

In two weeks (October 1st), there is something called **Stand Up for Life** being held on Long Island. It begins at 2:00 PM and finishes up at 3:30 PM. It is a mostly silent, prayerful witness in public. It is held on Route 110 in Melville. Please consider this an invitation to attend the event.

I have been a participant over many years, going back to when it was known as the **Life Chain**. It comes every year on the first Sunday in October, the month set aside by the pro-life community to highlight the importance of respecting life in the womb.

We continue to get ready for the final event of our **75th Anniversary** celebration. It happens on Sunday, November 19th with Mass at 11:00 AM. As you can see, it's a different time so please mark your calendar now. The Mass will be offered by Bishop Robert Coyle, an auxiliary bishop and Vicar for Suffolk County in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. All are invited to join with us.

The Mass on November 19th is followed by a luncheon at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point. This event is ticketed. The price of a ticket is \$70.00. Ticket sales begin next month. You will find members of the **75th Anniversary Committee** in the vestibule of the church before and after all Masses starting October 14th. The members of the Committee will be there in the vestibule through the end of October. Kindly make your reservation at that time.

We are working right now to put our journal together for the 75th Anniversary. We invite you to take an ad in our journal. As you have seen the last few weeks in this bulletin, there has been a form for you to secure a place in the journal. Kindly fill out the form and submit it at the pastoral center building in person or mail it back to us.

In Year Two of the **Eucharistic Revival**, the emphasis is on the parish – the chief place for Catholics to be introduced to the Holy Eucharist because First Holy Communions are celebrated there. I ask all parishioners to join us for our **Holy Hours**. Please see the bulletin for dates and times and then join us.

I stress the importance of getting to know the Eucharistic Lord in a Catholic life. I do so because it is utterly indispensable to our Catholic identity. We cannot be Catholic in any meaningful sense of the term without an affiliation with the Holy Eucharist. As I mentioned above, it starts for each one of us at First Holy Communion. But it cannot end with First Holy Communion, as it unfortunately does with more and more Catholics all the time.

We will continue to form our students who come to us for religious instruction in and around the Holy Eucharist. I ask our parents to join in the effort we are making to see the Holy Eucharist as the irreplaceable center of Catholic life. Part of that emphasis of developing a love for the Holy Eucharist are habits, including the habit of genuflecting. If as an adult, you no longer are genuflecting in church in the direction of the tabernacle, may I ask you to resume that traditional Catholic act of piety. All of us are teachers when it comes to the Holy Eucharist – priests, deacons, parents, peers, etc. When we see those around us genuflecting, we are being taught that the act of genuflecting is the proper way to respond to Christ Who is with us always as He promised.

As I stated in my last column, I encourage all church-goers to look at our bulletin boards weekly. Everything you need to be considered well-informed as a Catholic, we cannot put in the bulletin – there just isn't enough space. So, please take a few moments to read the items which are fastened to our cork boards. Sometimes there are flyers there which get us to think about matters which we don't ordinarily think about on our own. You will also find items there which tell us of events taking place outside of Saint Margaret – some of them sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. One of these is an invitation to attend Holy Hours on a monthly basis to pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life.

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.

Annual Seminary Communion Breakfast

Sunday
September 24th
2023



Mass
Seminary Chapel
10 AM

Rev. Matthew Browne
Director, Office of Evangelization & Catechesis

Mass followed by Brunch and Fr. Browne's Presentation in Refectory

\$60. per Guest

\$50. Member of Friends

On-line Registration – www.icseminary.edu (Events)

Information – bmalone@icseminary.edu ♦ (631) 423-0483 x 102

We regret that we cannot accommodate walk-in guests..

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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:

9/12/23, 9/19/23, 9/26/23, 10/3/23. and 10/10/23.

All Altar servers, please plan to attend.

The St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility Fund Collection will take place in all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on the weekend of September 16 & 17.

St. Margaret's Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study will resume on Wednesday September 13 from 10:00AM – 11:00AM and will be held each Wednesday 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, Sep 17, 2023

Each one, teach one

Teachers, preachers, and professors have their place. But most of us learn life lessons more broadly. The first school is our home environment. Groups we affiliate with and wider media influences also communicate their values. In 1935, the Vatican called for special acknowledgment of how our parish catechists pass on the faith. While it's right to honor our DRE or religion teachers on this Catechetical Sunday, let's recall too the role of parents and indeed all parishioners in modeling a life rich in love, generosity, compassion, and forgiveness. Catechists literally "echo" the example of Jesus. Deliver your echo boldly!

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 (130). *"Peter approached Jesus and asked him, 'Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?'"*

Monday, Sep 18, 2023

Make of your life a mission of peace

In an address to the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois in 1954, Dag Hammarskjöld, the second United Nations secretary-general (1953-61), referred to churches as the "guardians of ... the deepest beliefs and the loftiest dreams ..." of humanity. He died in a plane crash on this date while on a peace mission in the Congo and is the only person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize posthumously. Pope Francis praised him in 2015 for giving his life for "reconciliation among peoples." May the example and inspiration of Hammarskjöld, and the many who work to end conflict in the world, unite the people of God in their pursuit.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443). *"I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed."*

Tuesday, Sep 19, 2023

The real magic of relics

The significance of saintly relics is best understood in light of basic Catholic teaching: Relics aren't talismans born of superstition, nor are they magical souvenirs from worship-worthy saints. Moreover, relics deserve the same basic respect as other human remains. This is key because, historically, relics have been the subject of misunderstanding and abuse, everything from pilgrims who would steal bits of saintly bodies to Martin Luther's objection when relics were sold and hoarded like baubles. God alone works miracles and is worthy of worship. Saints merely agree to be the conduit—in obedience to Divine Love—sometimes paying the price with their martyrs' blood. Consider: The real miracle of Januarius' blood might be that he was willing to sacrifice it.

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17 (444). *"A great prophet has arisen in our midst and God has visited his people."*

Wednesday, Sep 20, 2023

Be inspired to broaden your concern

On this day in 1918, at the age of 58, Mary Theresa Dudzik entered into eternal life. She accomplished a lot of good in her time on Earth. After immigrating to Chicago from Poland at 21, she would invite poor elderly women and girls to her home. "I felt the misery and suffering of others, and it seemed to me that I could not love Jesus, or even expect Heaven if I were concerned only about myself," she wrote. Dudzik started the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago in 1893, the first order of religious women founded in

Chicago. The community devoted itself to aiding the elderly and those in need. She received the honorary title of "Mother" in 1948 and is now a candidate for sainthood. Learn more about Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik and her heroic virtue.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35 (445). *"To what shall I compare the people of this generation?"*

Thursday, Sep 21, 2023

Witness value

When the name Saint Matthew comes up, many people recall him as the tax collector apostle who wrote the Gospel of Matthew. Modern scholarship has challenged the belief that Matthew the apostle wrote the gospel with his name on it, and other details of Saint Matthew's death by martyrdom cannot be definitively proven. Maybe having precision about all aspects of Matthew's life is not the most important factor in this feast, however. The church celebrates Matthew for being a faithful apostle and evangelist, things to which every Christian can aspire. Does your life evangelize, that is, bear witness to your belief?

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience."*

Friday, Sep 22, 2023

Delve into fresh spiritual classics

The Spirit dwells in each of us and is expressed in myriad ways. The church treasures this rich diversity as "refractions of the one pure light of the Holy Spirit," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it. Too often erased historically, the experiences of women haven't always been allowed to shine as brightly, however. And so we lift up writers such as Monica Coleman, Gloria Anzaldúa, Mary Oliver, Jung Eun Sophia Park, and Phyllis Tickle, renowned spirituality author who died on this date in 2015. Read one of these or another author whose particular "refraction" resonates with your own.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447). *"Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."*

Saturday, Sep 23, 2023

The essentials of sainthood

Controversy shadowed the life of the mystical Padre Pio, as Pius of Pietrelcina was known. He was said to bear the stigmata, or wounds of Christ, though detractors claimed he manufactured the wounds with carbolic acid. However one views such claims and counter claims, the undeniable fact is that he was a compassionate counselor to the thousands who came to see him during his lifetime, a tireless servant who lived a simple life. At Padre Pio's canonization Mass in 2002, Saint John Paul II said: "The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good, known only to the Lord." You don't have to be a mystic or stigmatist to mirror the ministry of Christ in your own life—all you need is a kind heart and generous spirit.

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELcina, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448). *"And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold."*

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 All Level Parent Child Orientation Meetings

- Level 1—September 11th at 6pm
- Level 2 September 18th at 6pm
- Level 3—September 12th at 6pm
- Level 4—September 19th at 6pm
- Level 5 September 19th at 6pm
- Level 6 September 13th at 6:30pm
- Level 7—September 14th at 6:30pm
- Level 8—September 7th at 6:30pm



Workbooks, schedules, and folders will be given to all registered children upon
Check-in.

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting for check in and attendance.

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, Coffee, 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.

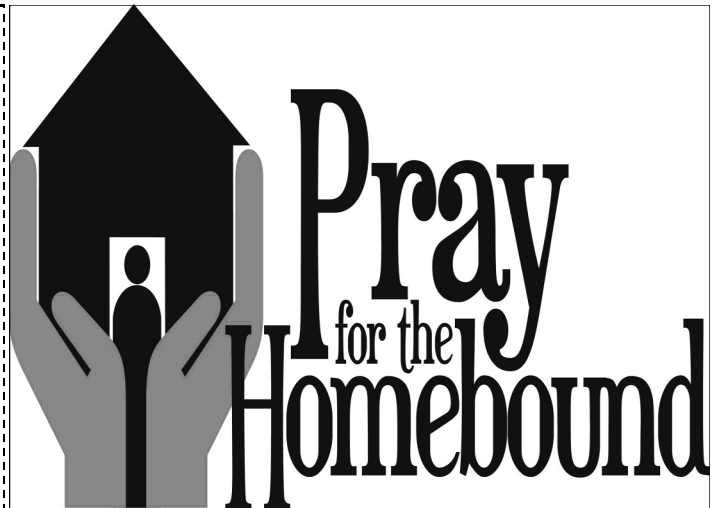
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New Parishioner _____ Moving _____





Anniversary Parishioner Journal Boosters

Order Form

Check all that apply. Please print clearly and neatly.

Deadline is Monday, September 25th.

Make checks payable to: St. Margaret of Scotland

All Ad content and photo/artwork must be reviewed by 75th Committee for approval.

Please submit completed order form with content and/or photo to the Parish Center or email:

knorris@saintmargaret.com

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Example: The Wilson Family circa 1965

The *[insert last name]* Family circa *[insert registration year]*

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[Mr. or Mrs. or First Name]

[insert last name]

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