



*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.*

I have a number of matters to cover as we mark the fourth Sunday of the month of October. A few of these matters pertain to events occurring in the next couple of weeks.

The **2024 Mass Book** opens on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM in the pastoral center. This is an opportunity for parishioners to reserve Mass Intentions on specific dates and at specific times in the coming year. There is **no** limit on the number of announced Masses you may reserve. I encourage you to remember deceased relatives and friends on anniversaries of death and or birthdays.

At the beginning of November (the 2<sup>nd</sup>), the Church marks **All Souls Day**. It is a Thursday and it starts a Novena of Masses at which family members especially are remembered at the Eucharistic Sacrifice for nine consecutive days. To have your loved ones remembered, you are invited to write their names on the envelope you received along with your regular envelopes in support of Saint Margaret Church. Envelopes are returned in the collection basket or placed in a box for that purpose in the vestibule of the church. If you don't have an envelope, one can be obtained in the church from an usher at weekend Mass or at the pastoral center.

For a while now, we have been publicizing the **Day of Recollection** which is scheduled for Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 PM and finishing with Mass on the Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year. Fr. Roger Landry is the preacher for the occasion.

We are still waiting for **50 persons to commit** that they will attend. We are getting close to that number but we are not there yet. I urge those who have let me know you will attend to ask a relative, a friend or a neighbor to join with us that day too. Let me know the person's name so we can keep track of how many retreatants to expect for the couple of hours we are together.

The Day of Recollection is the day before we close out our observance of our **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a parish**. On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be offered at **11:00 AM. Please note the different time**. There is **no Mass at 10:00 AM and no Mass at 12 noon** on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> – for that Sunday only. Masses on that weekend will be at the Vigil (Saturday) at 5:00 PM, on Sunday at 8:00 AM and at the aforementioned 11:00 AM.

Tickets can be obtained for the **luncheon** after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Members of the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** are available in the vestibule before and after all weekend Masses through the end of this month. Tickets are also available in the pastoral center during the week according to our regular schedule.

Today, the Church in the United States celebrates **Mission Sunday**. There is a second collection and we ask that you be generous in supporting the Church financially the Church's missionary work. Of course, we pray that the missionary work of the Church be undertaken by committed Catholics who desire to share the gift of faith with those who have never heard of Christ, or more likely, were baptized at some point in their lives but no longer practice the Catholic faith. Increasingly, missionaries must go to peoples who have been baptized but there are no longer signs of belief anymore. In these cases, evangelization has to yield to re-evangelization because secularism and indifference have such a firm hold on our age. Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that minds and hearts be changed and renewed.

We continue to keep our eyes fixed on the **Eucharistic Revival**. When we hold Holy Hours in the church, we ask that you come and pray with us. The next seasonal **Holy Hour** is Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. December 4<sup>th</sup> is the first weekday of the **Advent season**. There isn't a better way to get ready for Christmas than to be in the Presence of the Lord, praying that the Son of God Who came the first time in the Incarnation may show us how to ready ourselves for the Coming of the Lord at the eschaton.

Our next **Holy Day of Obligation** is the **Solemnity of All Saints** on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Masses are offered at 9:00 AM and at 7:30 PM. The Lord calls each and every one of us to be holy in His sight. And that would mean recognizing how holiness has been lived out historically in the Church in the lives of canonized saints. The vocation given to each and every one of us in Baptism requires that we hunger and thirst for the living God through prayer and acts of service. Let us make the saintly life our goal every day we breathe the fresh air of faith.

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Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

October 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October is  
Respect Life Month:  
On Life When it is Frail

"Bear one another's burdens,  
and so fulfill the law of Christ."  
- Galatians 6:2



"The right to care and treatment for all must always be prioritized, so that the weakest, particularly the elderly and the sick, are never discarded. Indeed, life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered."  
- Pope Francis

Learn more



HOLY HOURS  
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Today we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.





## St. Margaret of Scotland's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Tickets are currently on sale for the principle celebration of the parish's 75th Anniversary. There will be a luncheon held at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point on Sunday November 19th between the hours of 1pm and 5pm. Tickets are \$70 and will be sold before and after all masses this weekend, as well as weekend. Tickets are also available in the parish center during regular business hours.

## 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

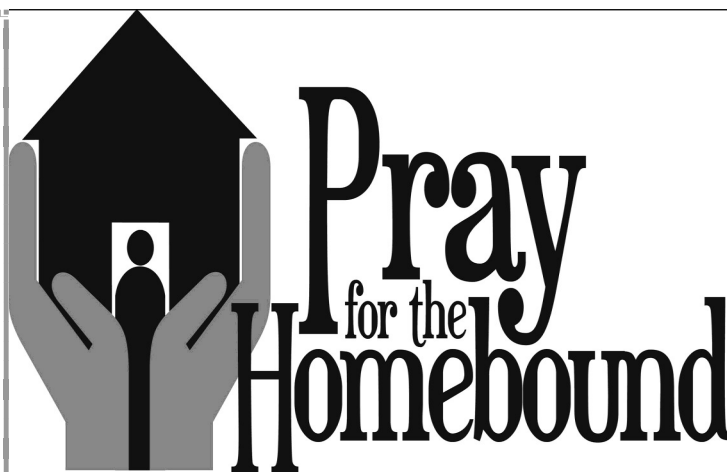


## Baptisms

Carolina James Aultman

Claire Iabel Cardoza

Samantha Rose Knust



## 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



## 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 631-672-8711.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday, Oct 22, 2023

### Hearts on fire, feet on the move

Goal-setting is a normal part of life. We set a particular horizon in our education and profession, in domestic budgeting and in relationships. Pope Francis reminds us on this World Mission Sunday that sharing the Good News is the horizon for all church activity. Our aim isn't just to save our souls but to share in the rescue of the world God so loves. "Everyone has the right to receive the gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone ... as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14). Embrace the mission!

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21 (145). "I am the LORD, there is no other."

## Monday, Oct 23, 2023

### Break new ground

When most people think of the Catholic Worker Movement, started by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933, its "Houses of Hospitality" that help the urban poor often come to mind. But the movement also started farms that follow a similar model of communal living in voluntary poverty—and they are experiencing a resurgence throughout the country (see if there's one near you). Many Catholics, in parishes and lay or religious communities, make tilling the earth on farms or in community gardens a spiritual practice and are leading the way in sustainable living. Pitch in and help them bring forth bounty!

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21 (473). "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

## Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023

### Live your vocation inspired by Mary

When Saint Anthony Mary Claret was appointed archbishop to Cuba in 1849, he initiated practical changes to help the working poor: He taught effective farming methods so families could feed themselves while making a living, began credit unions, and set up vocational training for disadvantaged youth. All of this angered wealthy land owners, who expected cheap labor to help them plunder the land for sugar as a lucrative cash crop. Remember Anthony during October's observance of Free Trade Month, supporting supply chains that honor workers instead of corruption and greed. But also remember Anthony this month as we honor Mary. His prayer: "O Heart of Mary, furnace and instrument of love, enkindle me with love of God and my neighbor."

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

## Wednesday, Oct 25, 2023

### Stay a while

Chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth recaps the tragic decade that Naomi endured: A famine chased her from her home; her husband died; her sons died. She was alone—or so it seemed, until her daughter-in-law Ruth promises to stay with her. Little by little, with

Ruth at her side, Naomi can dig out of what must have felt like a living hell. Who has been like Ruth for you? When have you been like Ruth for someone? This week, as we celebrate Pastoral Care Week, we give thanks for the people who provide spiritual care to those struggling with grief, trauma, and other difficult situations. Learn more at the Pastoral Care Week website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much."

## Thursday, Oct 26, 2023

### All creation divinely sings

We're entering the cold season in the North, and nature's show has become more subtle. But the natural world is an ongoing expression of God that anyone can embrace simply by paying close attention. The work of poet Mary Oliver celebrates this. She writes: "Why do people keep asking to see God's identity papers when the darkness opening into morning is more than enough?" Look around. Listen. How is God showing up in your natural surroundings right now?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!'"

## Friday, Oct 27, 2023

### Breathe in the blessing

Being human is a gift, but sometimes it can feel like a curse. As humans, we are *imago dei*, made in the image and likeness of God. This includes having free will, which oddly enough, we can use to hide or deny our *imago dei*. When we struggle, we might pause and pray with Saint Augustine: "Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want."

## Saturday, Oct 28, 2023

### Help is at hand

The gospels do not elaborate on the life of Saint Jude, but he must have had a reputation for a sunny disposition to later come to be known as the saint of hopeless causes and desperate situations. Which, in a sense, makes him the saint of us all. The human condition, prone to illness, aging, and death, would be fairly desperate if it were not for redemption. Saint Jude is worthy of a daily "thank you" for being there when the chips are down.

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "He called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve."

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

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Levels 6 & 7  
 December 10<sup>th</sup> – Levels 3, 4 & 5  
 December 17<sup>th</sup> – Levels 1 & 2

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

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

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Levels 6 & 7  
 November 12<sup>th</sup> – Levels 3, 4 & 5  
 November 26<sup>th</sup> – Levels 1 & 2

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

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

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Levels 1 & 2  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> - Levels 6 & 7  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> - 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, Shelf Stable Milk, Hearty Soups (not condensed), Cereal, Shampoo and Spaghetti Sauce.***

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

### **Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION**

The **Knights of Columbus** are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry and preparing for our annual Thanksgiving meal distribution.



Food will be collected this weekend **at all Masses** in front of the church and Pastoral Center to receive your donations.

Please assist them and us as you can.  
 If anyone is able to help Outreach on **October 21st or 22nd** please leave a message at 631-732-3131 x119.

***Thank you!***