





This coming Thursday is **Thanksgiving Day**, a national holiday. Join us for the celebration of Mass in the morning at 9:00 AM. Our choir will be with us. Since most are not working on that day, I encourage you to begin the day by giving thanks to God with the quintessential act of giving thanks which we call the Holy Eucharist.

The pastoral center building closes on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM. It will remain closed until the morning of Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

For the third consecutive year, we are offering **Lessons and Carols** on the Third Sunday of Advent. This year, we will begin at **2:30 PM** in the church. The date is December 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a reception in the auditorium immediately following the service of Lessons and Carols.

Please note the new time. It is scheduled earlier in the afternoon for those who don't want to be out in the early darkness of the winter. All parishioners are invited to join us. I wish I could say that the attendance the first two years was impressive but it was not. So, please come out and listen to the biblical lessons and hear the hymns which get us ready to welcome Our Savior when He comes at Christmas.

We begin our **Advent** observance on December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. This means the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be on December 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a relatively short Advent in comparison with other years. I encourage all parishioners to make the best of this abbreviated season of hope. For those who are able, please join us for daily Mass Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM. Additionally, it would be helpful if you use an Advent wreath at home and an Advent calendar.

I stress the importance of Advent, as for years now the culture at large has been emphasizing "the holidays." Indeed, more people wish others "happy holidays" than "Merry Christmas" today. We should insist – and repeatedly too – that religious events are deserving of their place and recognition in a culture formed from the Judeo-Christian inheritance of the West. Do your part to honor what we have received. Be not embarrassed to identify with the ethos that is ours as Catholic Christians.

As this is the **Eucharistic Revival**, I want to mention a few things related to our behavior around the Holy Eucharist. Regarding the reception of Holy Communion, the correct response is **Amen. It is not "thank you."** Neither is it **silence**. We say **Amen** because it means **Yes, I believe**. The communicant believes that the Sacred Host is really and truly Christ. This is Catholic doctrine, dogma really – plain and simple.

I point out too in conjunction with the Eucharistic Revival that habits around the Holy Eucharist which have been part of Catholic piety for a long time are not obsolete. I have in mind the **genuflection** which shows respect and deference for the Real Presence of Our Lord. Kindly continue to use the genuflection or begin to use it or resume using it – whatever applies to you personally. As Eucharistic worship goes, so goes Catholicism. And that is no overstatement.

As we have been having **Holy Hours** to deepen Eucharistic piety, I mention that we are holding another one at the beginning of Advent. The date is Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – the first weekday of Advent. It begins at 7:00 PM and closes at 8:00 PM. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed at the beginning of the hour, there is time for personal prayer in silence, and there is also the proclamation of Sacred Scripture, preaching by the priest, and Benediction at the end of the hour. All are invited to join with us.

We finish the season known as Ordinary Time next Sunday (November 26<sup>th</sup>) with the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. The Lord is the Exalted One Who reigns over all – all persons and all things. The Kingdom belongs to the King and we are His wise and prudent servants – now and, we pray, for all eternity.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

Rejoice always.  
Pray without  
ceasing.  
In all circumstances  
give thanks,  
for this is the will of  
God for you  
in Christ Jesus.

~1 Thessalonians  
5:16-18



Happy Thanksgiving!

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# Apostle of the Impossible: Tour of the Relics of Saint Jude the Apostle



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All are invited to visit and venerate the relics.

## 2023 Tour Schedule & Locations

Monday, November 27, 2023

**St. Jude Church**  
89 OVERLOOK DRIVE, MASTIC BEACH, N.Y. 11951  
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

**St. Anthony of Padua Church**  
20 CHESHIRE PLACE, EAST NORTHPORT, N.Y. 11731  
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

**St. Patrick Church**  
9 NORTH CLINTON AVENUE, BAY SHORE, N.Y. 11706  
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

**Holy Family Church**  
17 FORDHAM AVENUE, HICKSVILLE, N.Y. 11801  
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1, 2023

**Notre Dame Church**  
45 MAYFAIR ROAD, NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. 11040  
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2, 2023

**St. Patrick Church**  
235 GLEN STREET, GLEN COVE, N.Y. 11542  
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

**Holy Name of Jesus Church**  
690 WOODBURY ROAD, WOODBURY, N.Y. 11797  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude: 2:30 p.m.  
Veneration immediately following Mass  
Veneration ends at 9:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4, 2023

**St. Agnes Cathedral**  
29 QUEALY PLACE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570  
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

**St. Patrick Church**  
400 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON, N.Y. 11743  
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.



For more information on the visit of the  
relics of Saint Jude the Apostle, visit:  
[www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com](http://www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com)



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.



We ask parishioners and church-goers at Saint Margaret to check the bulletin boards in church if they are unsure when Second Collections are taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. We do not make announcements during the Church's liturgies about second collections.



### 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



### 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 631-682-8711.

### 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 Bible Study

Bible Study every Wednesday from 10am to 11 am in the parish center. Deacon Ed Hayes will be the

facilitator.

Please bring your Bible.



### 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.

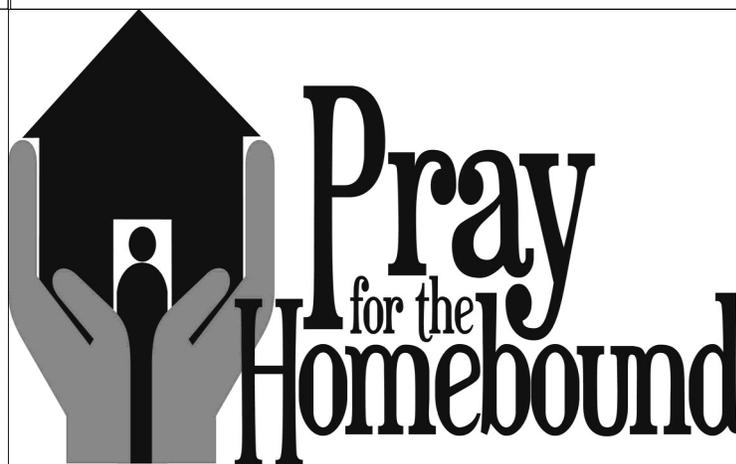
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New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_



## Sunday, Nov 19, 2023

### Curl up with the Good Book

President Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated the first National Bible Week. Presidents since have continued the tradition of encouraging scripture reading during the holidays. The practice began in 1941, when NBC radio hosted the National Bible Association's founders. News of the attack on Pearl Harbor interrupted the program, and NBC asked the association to continue reading the Bible all day to a grieving nation. This week, spend some time with scripture daily. Consider reading the book of your choice, from the Old or New Testaments. Or read a psalm of thanksgiving daily. Discover the inspiration.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1

Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 (157). *"For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness."*

## Monday, Nov 20, 2023

### Can we talk?

The word *bible* is from a Greek word meaning "book." If you could have no other book, the Bible would be the one! As you count your blessings this week, don't forget to give thanks for sacred scripture and spend some time with the inspired word of God. If you haven't before, try *lectio divina* (Latin for "divine reading")—it's a traditional monastic form of praying with scripture in a meditative way to open ourselves to hearing what God is saying to us and listening for our own interior response. Scripture isn't just text, it's the Living Word—strike up a conversation!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497). *"What do you want me to do for you?"*

## Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023

### Mary, most exemplary

According to tradition, Mary's parents—an elderly Anne and Joachim—were so grateful for the unexpected birth of their daughter, they presented her in the Temple to thank God. Accounts also say the toddler Mary "danced with joy" on the third step of the Temple, signifying her future role. Other qualities of the Blessed Mother, present even from her youth, are enumerated in the "Ten Evangelical Virtues of Mary" that we're all encouraged to emulate as Christians: pure, prudent, humble, faithful, devout, obedient, poor, patient, merciful, and sorrowful. Cultivate these in your own life by praying the Virtues of Mary chaplet used by the Marian religious order since 1699.

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498).

*"Today salvation has come to this house."*

## Wednesday, Nov 22, 2023

### Let the music play!

Today's gospel from Luke tells the parable of the 10 gold coins. Matthew tells the same parable (Matt. 25:14-30), only he replaces Luke's "gold coins" with "talents." Whichever version you read, it's clear that God wants us to make the most of what we've been given—and that he recognizes our efforts! In honor of today's Feast of Saint Cecilia, patron of music and musicians, enjoy Anton

Bruckner's Te Deum as performed by the talented musicians of the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia (National Academy of St. Cecilia, founded under Pope Sixtus V in 1585) or check out the contemporary namesake band La Santa Cecilia, recipient of the 2013 Grammy for Best Latin Rock Album (Alternative or Urban).

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499). *"I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."*

## Thursday, Nov 23, 2023

### Give thanks for a virtuous day

Because Thanksgiving brings together family members, personalities sometimes grate, children might misbehave, and the gravy surely will spill. It's an ideal day to practice what the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the "cardinal virtues": prudence (think before you act), justice (be fair), fortitude (don't give up), and temperance (maintain your equilibrium). These virtues smooth out the bumps in human interaction. Ask God to increase in you the virtue you most need for a happy celebration today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500).

Mass for Thanksgiving Day (943-947). *"If this day you only knew what makes for peace."*

## Friday, Nov 24, 2023

### Follow the rule

"Keep the rule, and the rule will keep you." In this monastic proverb, "rule" refers to the daily rhythm of life for monks and nuns that is grounded in their foundation and charism as a community and oriented toward Jesus the Christ. The rule helps the community develop habits for prayer, work, relationships, study, and even play. Monastics still follow a rule of life, as do other intentional communities. Each of us can develop a rule of life according to our own daily rhythm and relationship with God. This rule will keep us grounded, even when the inevitable storms of life roll in.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501). *"Let us go up to purify the sanctuary and rededicate it."*

## Saturday, Nov 25, 2023

### No room for violence

On this day in 1960 a trio of courageous sisters was brutally assassinated for opposing the murderous regime of Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo. Since 1993, the U.N. has commemorated World Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in honor of the Mirabal sisters. It is an appropriate coincidence that today we also honor Catherine of Alexandria, a young convert martyred at the tender age of 18 during Roman persecutions around the year 300. She was reportedly subject to terrible tortures, but her courage instead attracted hundreds more converts. No woman should have to endure violence for any reason. Today is a day we can honor martyrs both modern and ancient with a firm *"No más, no more."*

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, YOUTH MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502).

*"They are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."*

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



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## Calling all Children! Christmas Play Saturday December 9th at 1pm

The children of Saint Margaret’s parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends and all of our parishioners.

***Speaking parts (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up) ~***

*Rehearsals are 6—7pm*

*November 3, 7, 9, 15, 17, 21,*

*December 1, 4,*

*Dress Rehearsal December 7*

***Cast Party to Follow Pageant***

## Faith Formation

### 2023/2024 Minutes with the Pastor/Director

<u>Date</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Level</u>
11/26——1&2	1/21——1&2	3/10——1&2	5/5——1&2
12/ 3——6&7	1/28——6&7	3/17——6&7	5/12——6&7
12/10——3,4&5	2/4——3,4&5	4/ 7——2,3&4	5/19——3,4&5
12/17——1&2	2/11——1&2	4/14——1&2	
1/7——6&7	2/25——6&7	4/21——6&7	
1/14——3,4&5	3/3——3,4&5	4/28——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 **Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Shampoo, Toilet Paper and Grape Jelly***

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