

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

February 4, 2024

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday—Monday through Friday 9:00 AM

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday—8:00 AM, 10:00AM and 12 Noon

Confessions

Saturday—4:00—4:45 PM in the church or by appointment



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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: As Catholics, we should remember that we are Christ's hands here on Earth. We are called to help those in need and protect the vulnerable (the unborn, the poor, etc.). Talk to your pastor or contact the parish/diocese to see if there are any ways you can volunteer your time and practice the pillar of hospitality.

Sacrificial Giving

Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish.
You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

January 27/28

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$7,189.....	181
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,806.....	55
Total Collection	\$10,995	236

Reading for Next Sunday
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Lv 13:1-2,44-46
Second Reading.....1Cor1031—11:1
Gospel.....Mk 1:40-45

For the week of
January 7th



*Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of
Amy Grace Quaranta*

Parish Office

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

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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 February 5th

Ann DeAngelo

Tuesday February; 6th

The Living & Deceased Members of the
Bishop McDonnell Class of January 1952

Wednesday February 7th

Tiri Paeper

Thursday,-February 8th

Joseph Prementine

Friday - February 9th

Edythe Ariaso

Saturday - February 10th

5^{pm}

John Schlageter

Sunday February 11th

8^{am}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10 am

Rose DeSaro

12^{pm}

Stanislaw Barolian

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as



Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, 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, 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, Elizabeth Robitaille, 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 , Jessica Shaffer, Melissa Kitching, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Nicolette Laccesaglia.

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.

Last week's bulletin reported that the parish Christmas collection for 2023 was \$26,739.00. It was the third consecutive year that it went over \$25,000.00. And it was more than \$5,000.00 over the Christmas collection of 2020. As a general rule, the Christmas collection is double what a typical weekend collection is in a parish.

On the first Sunday in February this year, we are already beginning to get prepared for Lent. Lent commences just ten days from now. Please see the church bulletin boards for the **Ash Wednesday** schedule for the distribution of ashes. On Ash Wednesday, Catholics are asked to fast and abstain from meat. By fasting, we mean limiting ourselves to one full meal for the day, and denying ourselves snacks throughout the day. By abstaining from meat, we usually mean eating fish as a substitute.

Related also to our Lenten observance would be devotions or sacramentals, that is, a way of deepening our union with the Passion of the Lord. The leading Lenten observance has been for a very long time the **Stations of the Cross**. We will pray the Stations in church on the Fridays of Lent at 12 noon this year. All are invited to join us.

As we did last year, we will have a Lenten series in the church on Monday nights. Like last year's series, it will center on the Holy Eucharist. It will be held on Monday nights from 7:30 until 8:30 PM. Each Monday night will open with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Along with time for personal prayer before the Eucharistic Lord, there will be preaching on various themes at the discretion of the priest. The hour will close with Benediction.

We are having **Holy Hours** not only because we are in the midst of the **Eucharistic Revival** but also because there isn't a more profound way in our treasury of prayer for getting to know Christ with the exception of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All are invited to pray with us at these Holy Hours.

I ask those involved in our parish's liturgical ministries to make a point of attending, that would of course be those who are lectors and extraordinary ministers. I also encourage our parish's catechists to attend these Holy Hours. We cannot discharge important roles liturgically and pastorally unless we take care ourselves to cultivate our interior lives.

While still on the topic of Lent, let me use this column now to encourage all parishioners to consider attending daily Mass during these "forty days." I could write a whole column on the topic of why it is beneficial to the soul to attend Mass every day; however, I am not going to do that now – not least because I have already covered several other topics above. As for one reason to attend daily Mass, I say consider the following. Jesus invites each one of us to follow Him. The Gospels – all four of them – make plain that Jesus called people to join Him as disciples. That is why in fact we get baptized. Going to daily Mass affords us the opportunity to hear that on-going message of discipleship. The Holy Eucharist affords us not only to hear the word of the Lord each day, but it brings us the deepest communion we can have with the Lord on earth – that is, **to receive the Lord Himself** under the appearance of bread and wine. Barring the Presence of the Lord in heaven for all eternity, Eucharistic communion is the most sublime encounter we can have with Jesus.

I ask that you give consideration to coming to daily Mass for Lent. There should be no regrets – not even over how we spend our time. Any time spent in the company of the Lord is time well-spent.

Long after Lent is over, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Pentecost**. This year, we mark Pentecost on May 19th. A long-standing practice of the Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been for adult Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation then. If you are an adult Catholic who never celebrated the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit, you may want to do just that at Saint Margaret. Leading up to the conferral of the Sacrament at the 12 noon Mass on May 19th, we require those interested adults to attend catechetical sessions. The first one is held on Monday, April 8th at 7:30 PM in the pastoral center.

Adult Catholics (over the age of 18) will want to let us know your intention by calling the pastoral center and leaving your name so we can be prepared for your arrival on April 8th.

Continue to follow the bulletin and read my column for news about Saint Margaret. In subsequent editions of the weekly bulletin, I will comment on the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** which is still a few months away at this juncture. Following my promise of last year, our **75th Anniversary Year**, we will annually mark Corpus Christi with an outdoor procession. Watch this space for more details.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



"The charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly."

- St. John XXIII

February, The Month of the Holy Family



DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

**Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics**

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday February 14

9:00 AM Mass

12:00 PM Service

4:00 PM Service

7:30 PM Mass

Repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:15





40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 14-March 24

***Sign up to save lives in the Patchogue area.
Spring Campaign begins soon!***

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000 babies** saved
- Over **200 abortion** workers converted
- Over **100 abortion** centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: sidewalk near Planned Parenthood (450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue).

Vigil hours: Mon/Wed/Sat, 10am - noon, and/or Wed, 3 -5pm.

Local contact: Bob at 631-615-1735 or WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com.

Learn more... get involved...sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at

40daysforlife.com/Patchogue.

**Show your support for life by praying with us
at the Opening Mass for our Spring Campaign:**

**Tuesday, Feb. 13th
9am Mass
Good Shepherd Church
(1370 Grundy Ave., Holbrook)**

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



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*For your personal adoration
and prayers,*

Saturday Afternoons

4:00-4:45PM

In the Church

Adoration is the highest act of worship. By sitting quietly before His presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we offer to God what is most personal and pleasing – our time and our hearts. This allows our gracious God to draw us lovingly to Himself. By joining our adoration to prayer and praise, we celebrate that we are the Body of Christ. Come experience the beauty of this holy exchange heart to heart.

St. Margaret of Scotland Blood Drive

Tuesday February 20th

1:00PM—7:00PM

In the Church Auditorium

Please call Jennifer at 516-310-2382 or Anthony at 631-346-9026

Appointments strongly preferred

Sponsored by Heart of the Island Council Knights of Columbus



*St. Margaret of
Scotland Church*

81 College Rd.
Selden, NY 11784



FILIPINO MASS

Sunday, February 11

ROSARY AT 2:00 PM
MASS AT 2:30 PM

*"The Filipino Catholic Community in our ministry
to strengthen our Catholic Faith
and keep our Culture and Tradition alive."*

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 Shelf Stable Milk, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Bar Soap, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese. Cans of Beef Stew.

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Faith Formation

2024 –Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director

January

1/ 7 -Level 3,4&5
1/14-Level 6&7
1/21-Level 1&2
1/28Level 6&7

March

3/10-Level 1&2
3-17-Level 6&7

May

5/ 5– Level 1&2
5/12-Level 6&7
5/19 Level 3,4,&5

February

2/ 4-Level 3,4&5
2/11-Level 1&2
2//25-Level 6&7

April

4/ 7-Level 2,3,&4
4/14-Level 1&2
4/21-Level 6&7



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 _____

