

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

February 11, 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 Is there something in your life that is causing you stress or discomfort? Come to Jesus in prayer (especially before the Blessed Sacrament) and bring your troubles to Him

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.

February 3/4

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$8,834.....	206
Mailed Envelopes	\$3260.....	78
Total Collection	\$12,094	284

Reading for Next Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Gn 9:8-15
Second Reading.....1 Pt 3:18-22
Gospel.....MK 1:12-15

*For the week of
February 11, 2024*



*Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of
Kimberlynn Bertolino*

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 12th

Tom O'Donnell

Tuesday February, 13th

Kimberlynn Bertolino

Wednesday February 14th

9^{am}

Genevieve & Joseph Convery

7:30^{pm}

Patricia Malico

Thursday, -February 15th

Deacon Angelo D'Aversa

Friday - February 16th

Joel Zabbara

Saturday - February 17th

5^{pm}

Robert S. Digiose

Sunday February 18th

8^{am}

The Fais Family

10^{am}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12^{pm}

Luis Velazquez

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 Laccasaglia, Mary Carey

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.

We have an early **Lent** this year. It starts with **Ash Wednesday**, on the 14th, and just three days from now. Please consult our Ash Wednesday schedule on the bulletin boards of the church, along with the reminder that the first day of Lent is a universal day of fast and abstinence. Get Lent off to a good start and see this holy season as an excellent opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord through the disciplines we have available to us.

Recall that we have **Stations of the Cross** on the Fridays of Lent at 12 noon in the church. All are invited to join us in recalling the *Via Dolorosa* of Jesus.

We also have a series on Monday nights in the church beginning on the 19th. The series is one of **Holy Hours**. We have been using these spiritual exercises since I arrived at Saint Margaret in 2021. And we will continue to have them in our schedule not just until the **Eucharistic Revival** is over, but beyond it. To revitalize the Catholic faith personally and corporately, we must be a people wholly dedicated to the Eucharist. And not just through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Church's history is rich with Eucharistic devotion apart from the Mass. And, thus, we ought to make use of what we have in our ecclesial repertoire to deepen our communion with Christ.

These Holy Hours go all the way through March 18th. Each of the **five nights** there will be time for personal prayer before the Holy Eucharist and time to listen to preaching on themes related to the Holy Eucharist. Each Hour concludes with Benediction.

As you know, we just started having Eucharistic Adoration on **Saturday afternoons** between 4:00 PM and 4:45 PM. I encourage all parishioners to come and pray if only for a few minutes during this period of time. And if you can't be with us on the Monday nights I just mentioned above, this period on Saturday afternoons might be better for your schedule.

Without getting ahead of ourselves too much, on the 25th of March, there is **Reconciliation Monday**. This you will remember is the opportunity afforded parishioners to come to our parish church between 2 and 4 PM or between 6 and 9 PM when there will be a priest-confessor available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with you. But more on that in the weeks to come.

A little bit later in **Holy Week** is **Holy Thursday**. That night, we celebrate the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**. Following that first liturgy of the **Sacred Triduum**, there is a period of Eucharistic Adoration until midnight. As we have had in preceding years, there will be a sign-up in the church's vestibule for parishioners who want to keep vigil with the Lord. This too is still weeks off, but I want to mention it now to let parishioners know what our schedule is going to be.

Last week, I wrote about the practice of going to Mass daily in this space. It is always good to attend Mass whenever we can, and Lent is a good moment to initiate the habit of going every day. Please consider this practice and join with those who already participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy on weekdays. There are many spiritual fruits accruing to those who avail themselves of the Eucharist whenever and wherever it happens to be celebrated. Come and see for yourself. So, come and join us at 9:00 AM Monday through Friday starting on February 14th.

Still on the topic of the start of Lent, a few additional comments are in order. In a few days, we have *Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)* which is always associated with New Orleans in Louisiana. You can see film of *Mardi Gras* on televised newscasts originating from the French Quarter. What you see on those brief televised news clips is very much an embellishment, an exaggeration if you will, but it still underscores an important point. Lent is a time for self-denial and fasting.

The day before Ash Wednesday is also known as *Shrove Tuesday*. It is called *Shrove Tuesday* because it was the time to be *shriven* from your sins, that is, to be forgiven your sins. Lent is a penitential season and what better way to mark our penance than by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.

Let me close with a few remarks about Lent beginning this year on February 14th. We are accustomed to calling February 14th Valentine's Day. It's a time to acknowledge one aspect of love – its romantic character. What is glossed over though is that Valentine's Day was first called Saint Valentine's Day. Who was Saint Valentine? He was a third century priest in the city of Rome. His saintly character derived from the fact that he officiated at Christian marriages at a time when Christianity wasn't legal in the Roman Empire. Saint Valentine was, it turns out, a martyr for the faith.

Love has to be defended. And to defend it, we must know what is at the center of authentic love. Its center is what Christ shows us by His life and ministry. Laying down one's life is the supreme ethical realization of love. And I will leave it there for now.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



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

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



Sacrificial Giving

Following is the sacrificial giving amounts for the month of
January

January 6/7	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,348	153
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,419	41
Total Collection	\$8,767	194

January 13/14	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,978	178
Mailed Envelopes	\$6,280	66
Total Collection	\$13,258	244

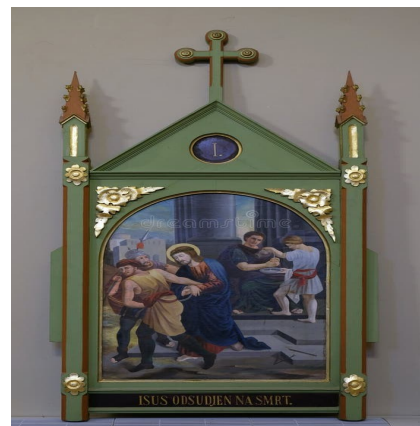
January 20/21	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,318	155
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,947	63
Total Collection	\$11,235	218

January 27/28	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$7,189	181
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,806	55
Total Collection	\$10,995	236

Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

March 29th at 11:00AM



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.

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 _____



Hands Needed!

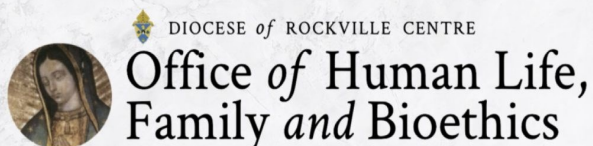
Our Music Ministry is in need of someone to assist in placing the words on our screen during Mass. All that is required is clicking the next screen with one button. Please see Dan, our Music Minister, after Mass or call at 631-732-3131 x117.

*“If love, even human
love, gives so much
consolation here, what
will love not be in
Heaven?”*

- St. Josemaria Escriva

St. Valentine's Day

February 14th



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

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Parish Social Ministry



Food Pantry Needs

We are in need of Shelf Stable Milk, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Bar Soap, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese. Cans of Beef Stew. Please continue to donate travel size soaps and shampoos, wash clothes and quart size bags for wash up kits.

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Faith Formation

2024 –Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director

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February

2/11 Levels 1 & 2

2/25 Levels 6 & 7

April

4/7 Levels 3 & 4 & 5

4/14 Levels 1 & 2

4/21 Levels 6 & 7

4/28 Levels 3 & 4 & 5

March

3/3 Levels 3 & 4 & 5

3/10 Levels 1 & 2

3/17 Levels 6 & 7

May

5/5 Levels 1 & 2

5/12 Levels 6 & 7

5/19 Levels 3 & 4 & 5



Save the Date
Vacation Bible School
July 8, 2024—July 12,
2024



Level 6 and 7 faith formation participants had the opportunity to learn how to make their own rosaries with the guidance of T. Cox, a Carmelite member.