



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

May 19, 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

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Center

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X 111

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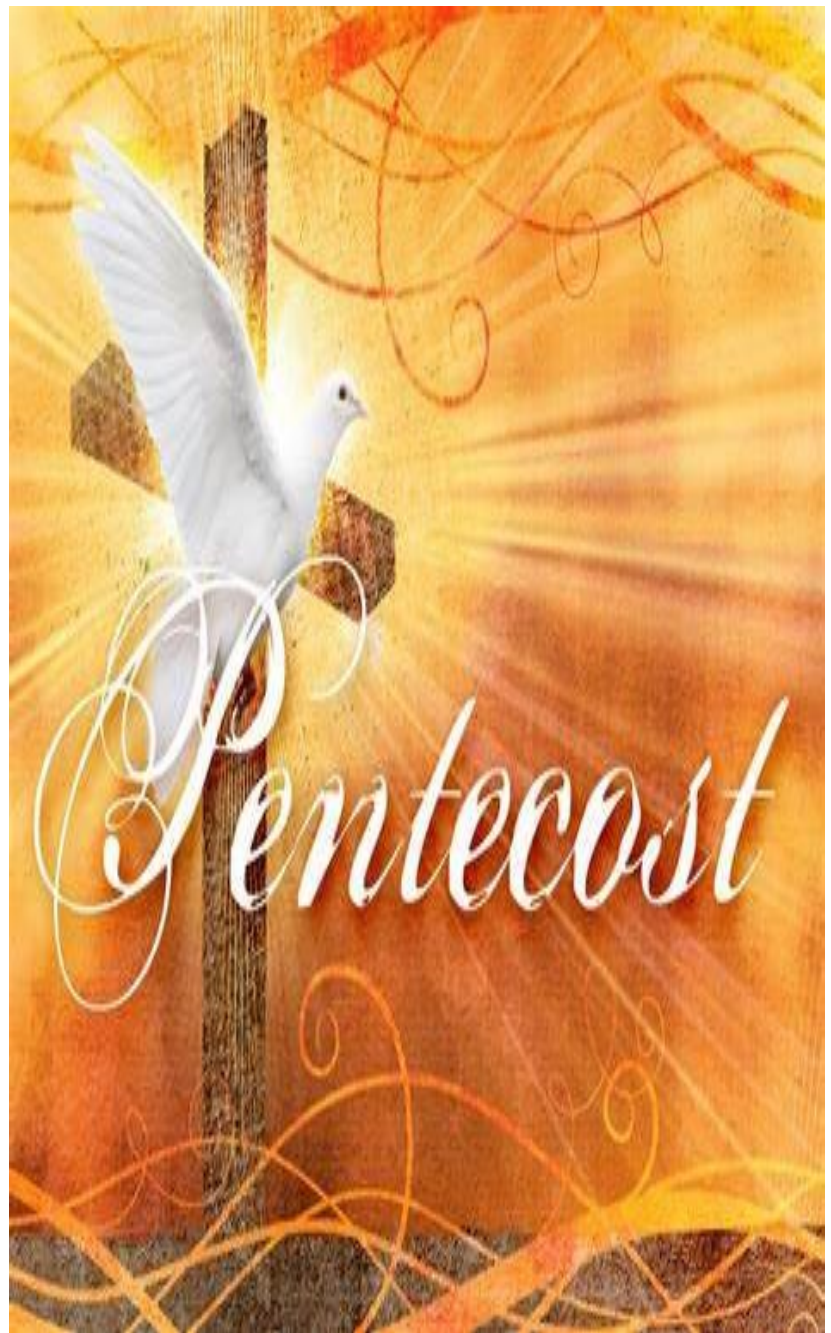
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Time, Talent & Treasure

This Pentecost, pray to the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to always guide you in your life. Also, take the time to learn the “Come, Holy Spirit” prayer or reintroduce it into your life if you know it already.

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.

May 11/12

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,314.....	160
Mailed Envelopes	\$6,316.....	81
Total Collection	\$12,630	241

Reading for Next Sunday
Pentecost Sunday

- First Reading.....Acts 2:1-11
- Second Reading.....1Cor 12:3b-7
- Gospel.....Jn 20:19-23

For the week of
May 19th, 2024



Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of Pat & John Fiscina

Parish Office

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

(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., Wed, Thurs. ~ 10 am – 2 pm. Call for appointment - x119.

Masses for the Week

Monday May 20th

Mothers Day Novena

Tuesday May 21st

John Zangri

Wednesday May 22nd

The Pietrozziello Family

Thursday, May 23rd

Special Intentions for Msgr. Batule

Friday - May 24th

Elisa & Reinaldo Valez

Saturday - May 25th

5^{pm}

St. Margaret Parishioners

Sunday May 26th

8^{am}

Rose Caracappa

10^{am}

Nicholas Ferraro

12^{pm}

Leonardo DiMaria

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



Jim Rojas, 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 Wovk, 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, Robert Coffey, Lou D'Ambrosio, Angela Discepolo, Jack Muller, Theresa McGuire

I intended to write first today on the Solemnity of Pentecost. But I will save my remarks on the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles until later in this column. I want to address up-front an incident that was brought to my attention on Monday the 13th. For on that day, after the 9:00AM Mass, an observant parishioner who attended the Mass, brought to me in the sacristy what she found in one of the pews. She brought to me the Host.

Let me say first that we don't know precisely how the Host wound up in one of the pews, except that I am convinced it was consecrated at Mass by a priest (myself or Fr. Patrick) and was given to a communicant. Regarding the identity of that communicant, I can say I don't have a clue. We did have two First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday the 11th, and then we had the usual four weekend Masses on the 11th and 12th. But I am not focused on who did this with the Blessed Sacrament; I am more interested in the act of not consuming the Holy Eucharist and leaving the Lord's Body in a pew. We call this act and acts like it a desecration. Communicants are always grievously wrong to take the Blessed Sacrament and not consume it **immediately**. To leave the Blessed Sacrament in the pew (**where, fortunately, it was recovered**) is deeply offensive to our Catholic Faith, and our reaction should be one of sadness for the desecration itself and for the one who committed this violation.

I ask parishioners to endeavor to make reparation for this grave abuse. By that I mean, we undergo some mortification (freely chosen, of course) for the insult to the Eucharistic Mystery under the very roof where the Lord Himself dwells. Perhaps you could attend Eucharistic Adoration – some part off it, anyway – on a Saturday afternoon before the 5:00PM Mass.

I will comment on another occasion about showing proper respect for the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps I will do this around the Solemnity of Corpus Christi which comes in two weeks according to the liturgical calendar.

Next Sunday, the 26th, we have our Communion Breakfast. The Mass is at the regularly scheduled time of 10:00AM and the Breakfast follows immediately in the church basement. This weekend, the 18th and 19th, we will sell tickets for the last time in advance. Anyone who shows up for the Breakfast without a ticket can purchase one on the spot next Sunday.

On the first Sunday of June, the 2nd, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Our principal Mass is at 10:00AM. Following the Mass, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament outdoors, on and off the property, and, finally, return to the church for Benediction. A light collation will follow in the church basement.

Lectors, extraordinary ministers, and catechists are to attend the 10:00 AM Mass when they will pledge a re-commitment to liturgical ministry or apostolate. A sign-in will be held for these same lectors, extraordinary ministers and catechists. Don't forget to sign-in.

As I indicated atop this column, I want to offer some remarks on Pentecost before finishing up the space.

During the Easter season, I have reflected periodically at daily Mass about the need for courage in our witness to Christ and the Church. Obviously, the source of that courage is the Holy Spirit. Rather than be timid and frightened in the face of difficulties, we face up to the difficulties and overcome them, yes, I said overcome them. It is exactly as Jesus said in the Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (Jn 16:33) The world can't be conquered (in a spiritual sense) without the virtue of courage.

A faith without courage is not really faith at all. Being tepid and unconvincing; it's completely inadequate to the very real challenges before us in the world. Courageous missionaries throughout the history of the Church have set a high standard for us. We are right at this moment in history, in modernity, to wonder if we have it within us to face down the enemies of suffering and death as those courageous missionaries did before us. In a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday today, we ask to be made vessels of a redoubtable courage. Come, Holy spirit, fill us with the grace to resist all that would wear down courage.

Until next time.

Msgr. Batule



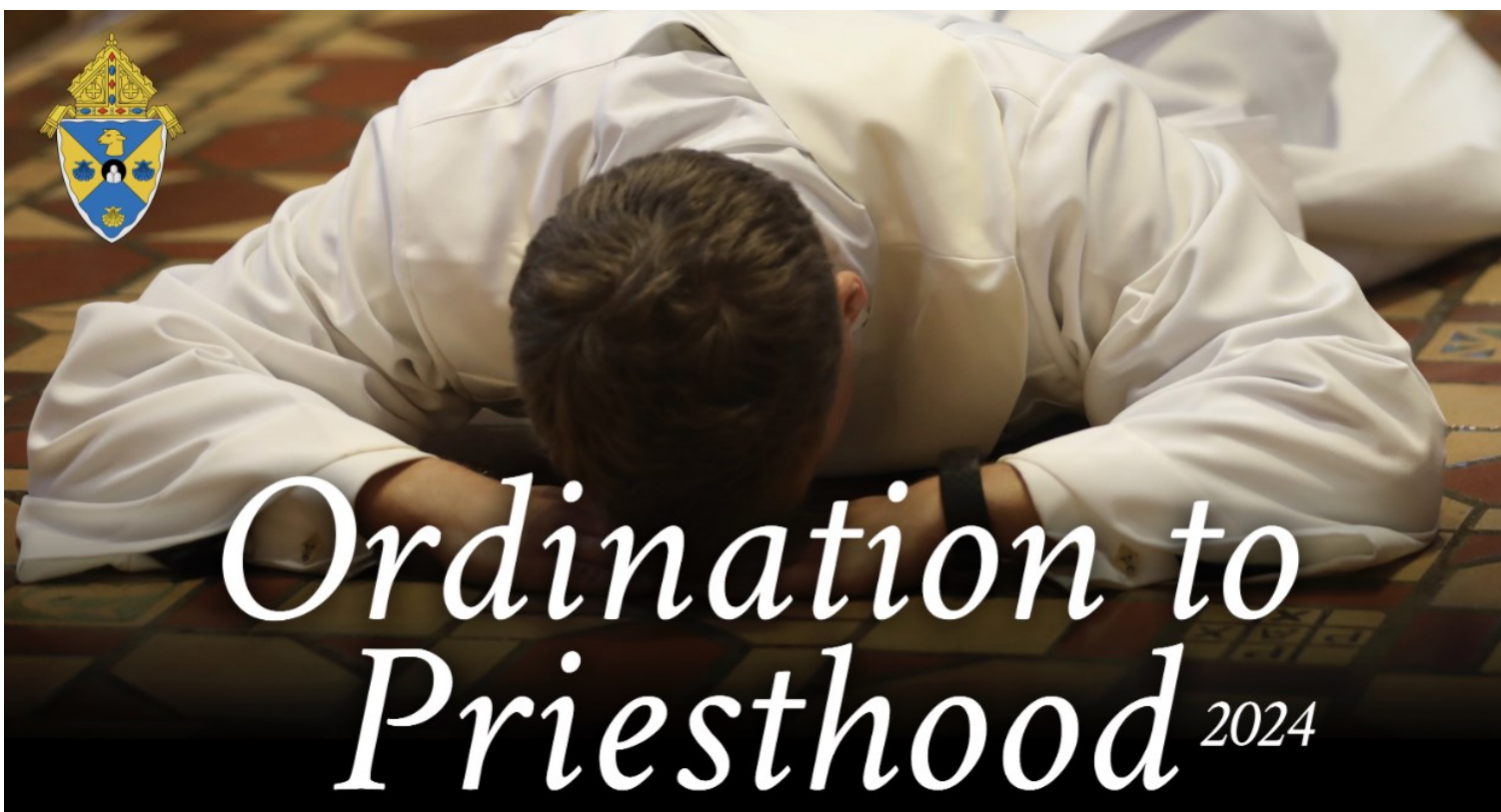
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers,

Saturday Afternoons

4:00-4:45PM

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.



Ordination to Priesthood ²⁰²⁴



*Rev. Mr.
Joseph Lettieri*



*Rev. Mr.
Dennis Gannon*



Let us pray for the two men who will be ordained by Bishop John O. Barres to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ on **Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre.

The Ordination will air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN). It will be replayed later that evening at 8:00 p.m. CFN is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. CFN is also available on select cable and satellite systems and through live stream on cfntv.org. You may also view CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".





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.

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

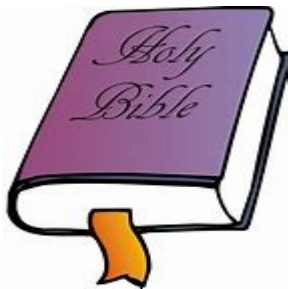
Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____



Bible Study Group

Bible Study group meets every Wednesday from 10am to 11am in the parish center. Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator. Please bring your Bible.



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 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.

Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry Needs



We are in need of **Shelf Stable Milk, Toothpaste, Shampoo, and Body Soap**

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

Wash Up Kits



Please continue to donate travel size soaps, shampoo, wash clothes, and quart size plastic bags for wash up kits. These kits will be donated to **LI Cares Military Appreciation Tuesdays Program**.

This program provides veterans with essential items like food, personal care products, household supplies and more.



Thank you to Decision, Women in Commerce and the Professions for their generous donation to St. Margaret's Parish Outreach.

Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School — SCUBA



Diving into Friendship with God

July 8th—July 12th

9:15am—12:30pm

\$45 per child

Adult Volunteers and Teen Helpers Needed

(must be virtue certified)

Contact Jackie Mirenda at 631-732-3131 x 131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com