



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

May 26, 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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Deacon William Kogler – Retired
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired

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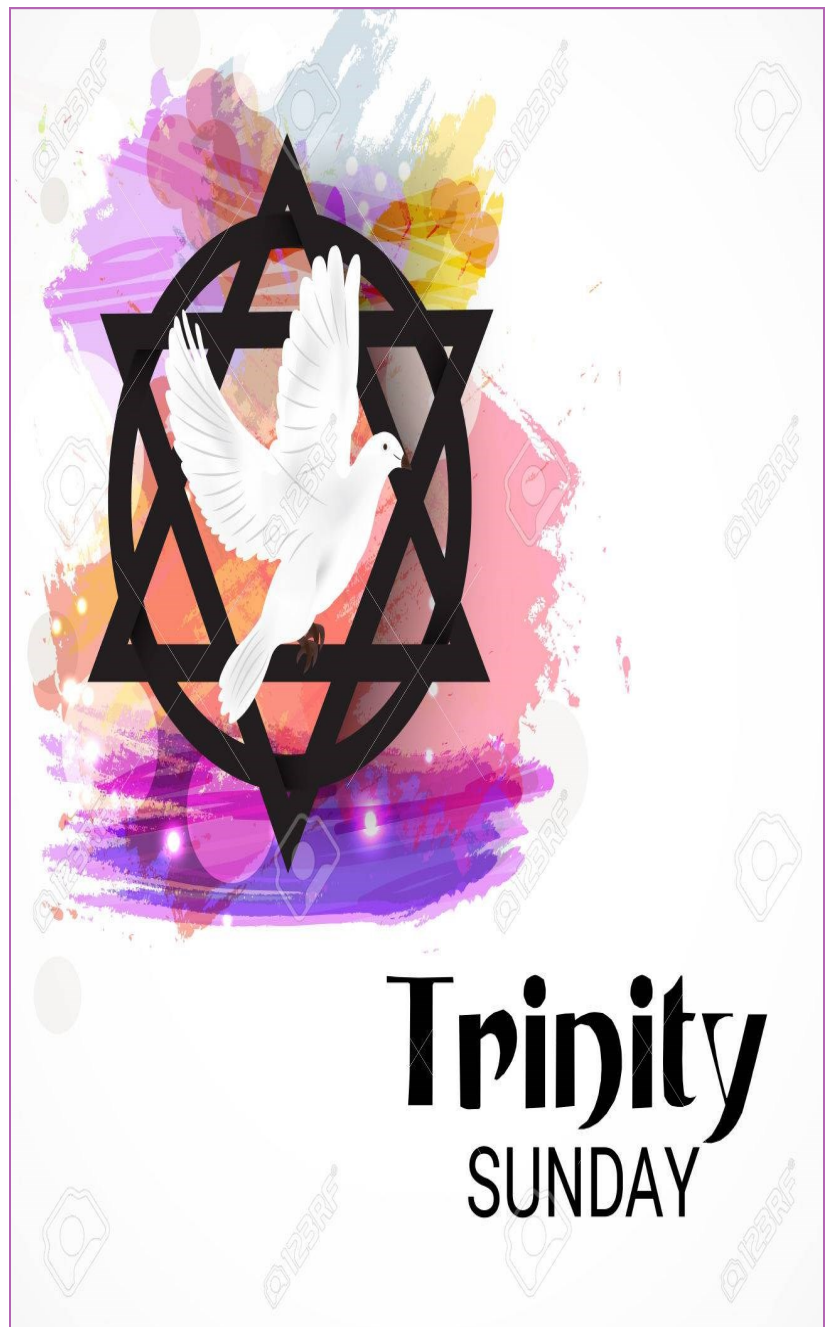
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Time, Talent & Treasure

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News to all we come across. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and courage as you build this Pillar of Formation in your life.

Sacrificial Giving

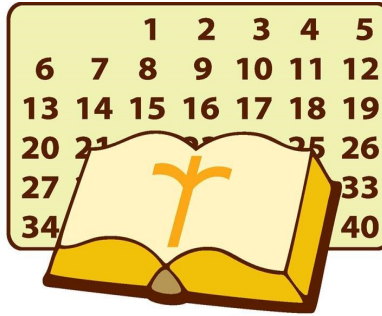
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

May 18/19

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,697.....	164
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,958.....	78
Total Collection	\$10,655	242

Reading for Next Sunday

Corpus Christi



First Reading.....Ex 24:3-8
 Second Reading.....Heb 9:11-15
 Gospel.....Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Parish Office

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

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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 27th

The Palumbo Family

Tuesday May 28th

Joseph Riccobono

Wednesday May 29th

Bill Gunther

Thursday May 30th

Eric Petersen

Friday - May 31st

Norman Gottfried

Saturday June 1st

5^{pm}

Carmen Velandres

Sunday June 2nd

8^{am}

St. Margaret Parishioners

10^{am}

Corpus Christi

12^{pm}

Patrick & Raynald Orlando

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

Today the Church marks the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We are invited to consider what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls “the central mystery of Christian faith and life.” (232) Perhaps the first thing to say about the central mystery of Christian faith and life is that we are deeply immersed in it all the time. From making the Sign of the Cross, to blessing ourselves with holy water, to reading Sacred Scripture, and to praying with the Church, we are surrounded by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And while we can talk about the Three Persons individually, let me say briefly here that the Three Persons constitute the greatest community there is. Nothing compares with the perfect union in God. And that is why the Church proposes the mystery of trinitarian life as the model for all communities to follow. Take Holy Matrimony, for example. Husband and wife form an indivisible union from the time of their exchange of consent. Husband and wife give and accept, offer and receive, and propose and dispose as the Three Persons are doing all the time. Let us rejoice that we are made for communion on the human level, and having found that communion in a community on earth, we yearn and pine for a communion with Divinity for all eternity.

Next weekend, the Church in the United States celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This liturgical observance has come into sharper focus for us during the Eucharistic Revival. Without saying anything more about the Eucharistic Revival now, I underscore the centrality of the Holy Eucharist to the life of the Church. It has to be this way too. For the Holy Eucharist comes to us from Christ Himself, and His clear intent is that we repeat what He did for us at the Last Supper.

As I have remarked before in this space, at Saint Margaret, we will always celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with the festivity it richly deserves and requires. Thus, we have one Mass in our schedule which we are calling our principal Mass (that being at 10:00AM). Following the revered practice of our Catholic faith, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament outdoors – weather permitting – on and off church property. In the event of inclement weather, we will remain indoors and process inside the church. The Procession concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (at the altar). The last part of the observance is a light collation in the church basement for those who are able to stay.

We have spent the better part of two years highlighting the Real Presence of the Lord by having Holy Hours on a regular basis (these too will continue even after the **Eucharistic Revival** has officially been brought to a close). The Church lives from the Holy Eucharist. It really can't be said any other way, either. We are lifeless without the Eucharist because we cannot give grace to ourselves or to anyone else – only God can do that.

Join us on June 2nd for this very important event. A final reminder to all lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and catechists to attend the Mass, participate in the Procession and worship the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction. Be sure to sign in before leaving for the day.

Let me close with the Communion Breakfast which we are holding on Sunday the 26th. The Communion is celebrated at the 10:00AM Mass; the Breakfast is held immediately following the Mass and the site is the church basement. Parishioners can still obtain tickets at the door. The charge is \$10.00 per person.

As I have stated before, we will have a Communion Breakfast in our schedule every year. And we will continue to hold it during the month of May too. I will speak briefly at the beginning of the Communion Breakfast, highlighting the significance of things like the Communion Breakfast in the Catholic ethos.

In June, there will be the Ordination of two priests for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. It takes place on Saturday the 8th. There is also in June the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (the 7th). Along, of course with graduations galore. As graduations mark the end of one time in our schooling history and signal the start of another period in our intellectual development, we ought not to forget that true wisdom is not possible apart from Christ. Seek the Lord's instruction in prayer, through the sacramental life of the Church and in the study of what we call the eternal verities.

Until next time,

Msgr. Batule



The Parish Center will be Closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 9:00AM.



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.*



Focus on Religious Freedom www.cffor.org

From Our Founders: America's Heritage of Freedom of Religion and Conscience

From the earliest colonists through the adoption of America's Constitution and later the Bill of Rights, the issue of religious freedom was paramount in the considerations of the citizens and founders of our nation.

By the time of the American Revolution, America's leaders reflected the colonists' belief in the importance of God, the Bible, worship and the acceptance of all faiths. Throughout the revolution prayer was a constant and vital support. History shows our founders prayed earnestly and saw frequent instances of what they believed to be divine intervention protecting our armies and leaders.

George Washington said, "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an Independent Nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency."

Benjamin Franklin at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 said, "In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard and they were graciously answered."

Rev. Samuel Langdon, Founding Father, said, "Preserve your government with the utmost attention and solicitude, for it is the remarkable gift of heaven."

Referring to our Constitution, Samuel Adams said, "The sum of all is, if we would most truly enjoy the gift of heaven, let us become a virtuous people; then we shall both deserve and enjoy it."

Our prayers and action are essential to preserve 1st Amendment freedom of religion and conscience.

From the USCCB: Prayer for Religious Liberty

O GOD OUR CREATOR, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"[May] you defend these rights, especially your religious freedom, for it has been given to you by God himself." - Pope Francis



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

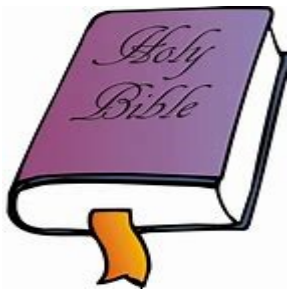
Name _____

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.



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 virtus certified)



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