



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

June 9, 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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Last Sunday, we celebrated the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** all day long, but most especially at the 10:00 AM Mass (which I termed the principal celebration of the Eucharist) and was followed by the outdoor **Procession with the Blessed Sacrament** and concluded with Benediction back in the church. The attendance was a little better than usual for the mid-morning Mass time, and many of those who attended the Mass walked behind the monstrance too. And many of those who walked also knelt back inside the church as we brought to an end our worship of the Lord with a solemn blessing.

Thank you to all, especially our musicians and choir, our ushers, our servers and two of our deacons who assisted in the sanctuary. We continue to make good faith efforts at giving to the Lord our very best. And that would be our attention, our reverence, and our devotion. We will continue to make these efforts on Solemnities with great festivity and every time we celebrate the Holy Mass – not excluding weekdays, either.

A thank you is in order to all those who prepared the light collation in the church basement once our prayers and devotions were completed. I am thinking of Karen Norris, our administrative assistant, our Religious Education Coordinator, Jackie Mirenda, and Tom Piderit, the Grand Knight of Heart of the Island, and a few of the other Knights from that same council. Those who stayed for the reception enjoyed beverages of various kinds and bagels and other delectables.

As I indicated already, we will continue to celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** as we have done the last three times ('22,'23 and '24). As always, please join us two weeks after Pentecost Sunday (when we always celebrate **Corpus Christi**. May the lord be praised, most especially for the gift of His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

Next Sunday (the 16th) is the third Sunday of the month of June and we honor our fathers on what is known as Father's Day. There is also the opportunity afforded us to remember our fathers, living or deceased, at Mass in what is called the **Father's Day Novena**, that is, at the celebration of Mass for nine days.

There is an envelope for this purpose. So, if you receive envelopes at home to support Saint Margaret, please use what you have been sent in the mail. Otherwise, additional envelopes are available in the vestibule. These "loose" envelopes are with the box designated for Father's Day Novena envelopes. The box is where you can place your envelopes beginning this weekend. As always, you can place your envelope in the collection taken up by the ushers at weekend Masses.

If you have been following the **Eucharistic Revival** (and I hope you have) it is opportune to mention that a **Eucharistic Congress** is taking place next month in Indianapolis, Indiana. I don't know how many Catholics are expected to attend the five-day gathering in America's

heartland, but I can tell you that your pastor will be there. I don't know how many Catholics from the Diocese of Rockville Centre will attend, either. But I will report on that when the occasion presents itself – probably upon my return.

Later this month (on the 22nd), the Church marks the **Memorial of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher**. Sir Thomas, as he was known because he served in the government of King Henry VIII, is the better known of the two sixteenth century Englishmen. Saint John Fisher was the Bishop of Rochester. Both of them were highly capable, greatly talented and most importantly of all – holy men. Both men were put to death for defying the King, the English King, that is. Both martyrs, though, were intensely loyal to Christ the King.

Saint Thomas More, a husband and father, is the subject of Robert Bolt's play *A Man for all Seasons* which later was made into a film with the same title. I urge you to watch the film. It's available on YouTube. It would be a good way to wrestle with the central questions having to do with belief, allegiance, conscience, and duty among so many others.

My recommendation of the film version is by way of helping us all think through the tensions which inevitably occur when the power of faith meets up with the power of the state. We feel this tension pointedly = although not as pointedly as Thomas More and John Fisher did who paid dearly with their lives for adhering to the convictions of faith. Even if we don't suffer what they did, we must respect the witness they gave, because their witness shows us that dying for the truth is the supreme way of living the good life.

To be continued next week...

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 heart.

Sacrificial Giving

Following is the sacrificial giving amounts for
the month of

May

May 4/5	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at	\$8,496	179
Mailed Envelopes	\$5,172	97
Total Collection	\$13,668	276

May 11/12	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,314	160
Mailed Envelopes	\$6,316	81
Total Collection	\$12,630	241

May 18/19	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,697	97
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,958	52
Total Collection	\$10,655	241

May 25/26	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,138	169
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,849	50
Total Collection	\$8,987	219

June 2/3	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$8,397	174
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,896	88
Total Collection	\$12,293	262



Knights of Columbus Heart of the Island Council 7262 Recruitment Weekend

– June 8/9, 2024

Stop by the table at the
back of church after mass
and find out more about
the Knights

Contact:

**Tom Piderit, Grand
Knight**

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Bible Study Group

There will be no Bible
Study Meetings for the
summer. Meetings will
resume in October. Happy,
healthy summer to
all!



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 _____

Catholic Gifts ~Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine, 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. They carry a large variety of religious articles.

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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