



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

June 16, 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

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: We are responsible for our actions and decisions. God has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can come to Him through His priests and be forgiven for the sins we have committed.

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.

June 8/9

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$5,753.....	157
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,690.....	89
Total Collection	\$10,443.....	246

Masses for the Week

Monday June 17th

Fathers Day Novena

Tuesday June 18th

Fathers Day Novena

Wednesday June 19th

Fathers Day Novena

Thursday June 20th

Fathers Day Novena

Friday - June 21st

Fathers Day Novena

Saturday June 22nd

5^{pm}

Fathers Day Novena

Sunday June 23rd

8^{am}

Saint Margaret Parishioners

10^{am}

Fathers Day Novena

12^{pm}

Stanislawa Kowalczyk

Reading for Next Sunday

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- First Reading.....Jb 38:1, 8-11
- Second Reading.....2 Cor 5:14-17
- Gospel.....Mk 4:35-41

*For the week of
June 9, 2024*



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

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, Wendiann & 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

Last week, at the end of my column, I referred to **Saints Thomas More** and **Saint John Fisher**, English martyrs in the sixteenth century. We honor both of them in the liturgy on June 22nd, the end of this week (Saturday). I wrote about these heroic men because their Memorial is in June, but also because both men were killed at the order of King Henry VIII. The king was once a Catholic, but left the Church because he could not divorce his wife and marry another woman in order to have an heir for the English throne. The King started his own church over this!

The lives of More and Fisher, and their martyrdoms of course, reach across the centuries, inviting us to ponder the validity of the word of God. And here I am referring to the biblical teaching on the indissolubility or permanence of marriage, a teaching by the way which originates with Jesus Himself.

The tendency today in many circles is to trivialize that teaching because it is thought to be too restrictive and no longer “fit” for modernity. Well what would it be like if we were to “relativize” other teachings of Jesus, say, the Lord’s teaching on caring for the sick and poor? Who though is brash enough to usurp divine authority and make our own teaching superior to that of the eternal *Logos*? We know the answer to that question, I trust.

There is still more pertinence to the liturgical remembrance of both More and Fisher. And it concerns the matter known as religious freedom. It is the reason why Europeans first came to these shores hundreds of years ago. They came in search of a religious freedom they did not have at home in England. The purpose of government ought not to be the marginalization of religion but to permit the “free exercise thereof.” Sadly, the “free exercise thereof” is under threat with case after case surfacing in the news about government’s refusal to allow men and women of faith from acting according to right judgments of conscience. The United States is still the “land of the free” but how do we understand freedom? Is it to be construed no longer in relation to the truth but against it now?

Today we mark **Father’s Day**. In giving thanks to our earthly fathers, we appeal to our Heavenly Father who gave us the Son in the Spirit. Human fatherhood owes its inspiration then to divine fatherhood. And since our understanding of human fatherhood emerges out of divine fatherhood. It makes sense then that we pray to our Heavenly Father for the men who gave us our start in this world. And what better way to do that than by having your human father remembered in our **Father’s Day Novena**?

Parishioners can do just that by filling out the envelope designated for this purpose. The envelope can then be returned to the parish through the collection basket at weekend Mass or by placing it in the box located in the vestibule.

I urge you to view **photographs** from the Communion Breakfast and the Solemnity of Corpus Christi which are on display in the vestibule. These photographs follow the ones from First Holy Communion and the Crowning of the Blessed virgin Mary from last month. They may also be viewed online at our parish website.

I take this opportunity to encourage you to use some time in the summer and dedicate it to some **spiritual formation**. What I have in mind is making a day of recollection on your own, or going on a retreat, or taking up some spiritual reading (a book or a monograph). There used to be a fair amount of this kind of thing in the years gone by, but not so much anymore. Go against the grain, though. You won't regret spending your time this way. Use your time for the timeless. It's a great way to prepare for the timelessness of eternity.

Then, of course, there is always the timeless character of the **Eucharist**. It starts in time – that's for sure. But its purpose is to give us a glimpse of what is timeless.

On this point, I don't want to forget to remind you that every Saturday afternoon but Holy Saturday, we have a **Holy Hour** (abbreviated to 45 minutes because of the 5:00 PM Mass) starting at 4:00 PM. Please remember that we draw our strength from the One Who shared our life in all things but sin. He has not abandoned us just because He ascended to the Father's right hand in glory. He continues to be with us under the veil of bread and wine.

And, lastly, I offer the recommendation that you see *Jesus Thirsts*, the film I mentioned in the pulpit on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Its initial offering to the public has been extended a few more days this month. Check local listings. You won't want to miss this spectacular film. It is, bar none, the best presentation on Catholicism I have seen in the media in decades! It is truly exceptional!

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.*

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*"We pledge to persevere in prayer,
fasting and witnessing to the
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*- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the
U.S. Supreme Court Decision in
Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022*



Rosary for Life

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Every Friday - 3:00 PM

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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.

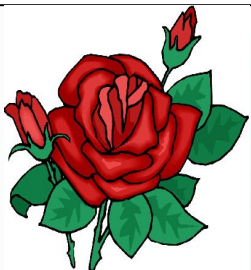
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Hands Needed!

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