

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

July 7, 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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Deacons

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Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired

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Time, Talent & Treasure

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: How strong is your faith? Do you believe Jesus can help you in your daily struggles or do you seek help and comfort from other sources? Turn to Jesus and trust in Him. Build a foundation of trust in Jesus in your life.

General Intercession: For those who are needy in our community, that we may recognize their needs and help them. We pray to the Lord...

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 29/30

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,270.00.....	161
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,465.00.....	45
Total Collection	\$8,735.00.....	

Reading for Next Sunday
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Am 7:12-15
Second Reading.....Eph 1:3-14
Gospel.....Mk 6:7-13

For the week of
July 7th, 2024



Altar Bread & Wine in Memory of Gloria Violette

Parish Office

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

(631)732-3131

81 COLLEGE ROAD • SELDEN • NY 11784-2813

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 July 8th

Mary Loggia

Tuesday July 9th

Deryk Joseph 'DJ' Sandmeier

Wednesday July 10th

Genevieve & Joseph Convery

Thursday July 11th

Gene Spitzer

Friday July 12th

Cathy & Dan Story

Saturday July 13th

5^{pm}

Anthony Stabile

Sunday July 14th

8^{am}

Josephine Piquette

10^{am}

Matthew P. Ernst

12^{pm}

St. Margaret's Parishioners

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, Gerry Roucoulet, 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 Lacesaglia, Robert Coffey, Lou D'Ambrosio, Angela Discepola, Jack Muller, Theresa McGuire, Christine Rosado, Frank De Angelo, The Fais Family.

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.

At some point or other, we have all probably heard the expression “Oh, saints alive.” It’s an exclamation of wonder. It’s a recognition that someone from the past, a holy person, is with us again. It’s also an acknowledgement that we used to have people like this all around us, but not anymore. It’s a rarity now.

Saints, those canonized as such, belong to the past. As any survey of the history of the saints will show: more saints lived then (in the past) and not now. With an horizon in front of us, we are inclined to be future oriented and only occasionally do we dare to look back in time. Let’s do a little of that looking back right now. And let us go right to Saint Benedict who began his life in the late 5th century (480) and lived nearly as far as the mid-point of the next century (547).

The first thing to remember about Saint Benedict was that he loved the monastery. Any monastery, too. For his formation as a Christian, as a genuine man of faith, was inseparably related to monasticism. His life was ordered to prayer and work (*ora et labora*, as we say in Latin). In the monastery, the chapel is for praise of God and, outside, the garden or field is for work.

In addition to prayer and work, the monk’s life revolves around what is known as a *Rule*, in this case, the *Rule of Saint Benedict*. It was a major accomplishment for Saint Benedict, giving his brothers a plan by which they could find true sanctity in community. And not only for the Benedictines. Saint Benedict’s *Rule* was also a blueprint for other Religious communities or families (to which they are sometimes called) in the Church.

Saint Benedict’s most famous monastery is the one at Monte Casino in central Italy. It still gets visitors to this day; I visited there while I was studying in Rome more than fifteen years ago. The buildings there still bear the strafing marks of German planes during World War II. There is also a cemetery located there, where Allied soldiers are interred.

What is the significance of Saint Benedict’s life today? In a couple of words, it would be that monasteries are where holiness flourishes, and where the culture of the West is preserved too. By the culture of the West, I mean the great works of art, literature, and music are studied and held in high esteem because they represent the best of what has been thought and said the world over.

These days, holiness of life and preserving the Western canon are not exactly popular in “chic” circles. They are considered, unfortunately, *passe*. On the other hand, a small minority of Christians, mostly Catholics, see in Saint Benedict’s life a way of emerging from the spiritual atrophy which afflicts us now, along with rising above the dark hue of nihilism which grips the culture now.

A number of years ago, Rod Dreher published the volume *The Benedict Option*. He intended his book to be a clarion call for Christian men and women to leave behind their “regular lives” and take up a kind of monasticism, that is, living apart from the “world” in contrast with their peers who have succumbed to a desultory “worldliness.” At the same time, other serious-minded Christians only see in the Benedict Option an unwise separation from the place where the seeds of faith are sown in what many call a New Evangelization. That last term, New Evangelization, coined by Pope Saint John Paul II, has never really taken hold in practice though – mostly because of the “privatization” of religion and the West’s very deep secularization. Whatever reading you favor, either withdrawal or engagement, it is clear that a radical commitment to the faith is needed now more than ever. That’s why it’s time, I say, for ‘saints alive.’”

I am going to close by offering a brief commentary on the sudden death of one who made a big mark in a short period of time. I am referring to Karen Norris, our administrative assistant in the pastoral center, who died on July 2nd in the early morning at Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson. She was employed for only a year at Saint Margaret. During that time, she was generous with her time (was she ever!), and did so many things quietly behind the scenes that only made us marvel at her ingenuity.

We pray for her and commend her gentle soul to the mercy of God. *Requiescat in pace.*

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



***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.*

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Margaret of Scotland

Sponsored by Nick Caracappa



Tuesday, July 16th

1:00 – 7:00

**81 College Rd., Selden
Auditorium**

Appointments strongly preferred.

Call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybc.org

Medical questions please call 1-800-688-0900

Any further questions contact Jennifer at 516-310-2382



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 Manor-
ville. They carry a large variety of
religious articles.

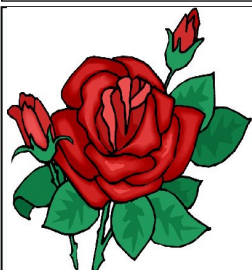
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Hands Needed!

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 be-
reavement counseling ser-
vices are available for those
who are mourning the loss of

their husband or wife. All confidential ses-
sions are held on a weekly basis and partici-
pants 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 organi-
zation founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the
principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. The mem-
bers 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 Rice and Rice Meals, Kid's Snacks, Small Jars of Jelly, & Hearty Soups

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.

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Family
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St. Margaret of Scotland Filipino Community
 Selden, NY

The St. Margaret of Scotland Filipino Community celebrates its 2nd Anniversary!

Come and join us to celebrate this milestone in our Catholic faith.

FILIPINO MASS

Sunday, July 14

ROSARY AT 2:00 PM
 MASS AT 2:30 PM

"The Filipino Catholic Community in our ministry to strengthen our Catholic Faith and keep our Culture and Tradition alive."