

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

August 11, 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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With the Summer Olympics completed until four years henceforth, we approve heartily of the skill and prowess of the athletes in venue after venue, and we are happy that the United States emerged with the highest number of medals in the competition among the nations. But we take exception to the depiction of the Last Supper right before the Games started in late July. It was a grotesque display (of Jesus and the apostles in drag no less) which blasphemed what occurred on the night before Jesus' death on Calvary.

Make no mistake about it, the act was deliberate and the feigned apology was unsatisfactory too. Let me just say here that offensive depictions of the mysteries of Christian faith owing to what is known as *odium fidei* (hatred of the faith) have been sharply on the rise in deeply secularized cultures like our own and that of France. As I mentioned at the celebration of Mass on July 30th, we can do something. We call it making *reparation*. Although we haven't committed the evil in question, we can still repair the damage done. And that would be acts of mortification, freely chosen, which show our rejection of sin and our desire to make satisfaction for it.

If you haven't undertaken such a reparation yourself, you might want to do just that before the event disappears into the collective unconscious except with those who rejoice in such despicable acts. May we commit ourselves in the aftermath of such shocking behavior on the world stage to a greater reverence for the saving acts of Christ themselves and their worthy depiction in the contemporary culture.

On to other things now. This week there is a **Holy Day of Obligation** on Thursday the 15th. It is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass is offered at 9:00 AM and at 7:30 PM.

August is a month for ending and beginning different things. We end things like summer jobs, going to the beach and waking up late. We begin to get acclimated to the school schedule again, we begin to get interested in football again, and we begin wondering about cooler temperatures and how we will be better insofar as mood or disposition. It's a time for making transitions – from the care-free to the care-ful. Careful not to miss things on the calendar.

Such as the **Holy Hour** on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 PM in the church. We ask all lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to attend. There is a meeting after the Holy Hour in the pastoral center building.

All parishioners are invited to make the Holy Hour. It affords a good opportunity to pray silently in the Presence of the Lord, to hear the word of God proclaimed, to listen to preaching on that word, and to adore the Blessed Sacrament with our hymns and prayers. Don't miss out.

We have a **Parish Mission** on September 14th and 15th. Al Barbarino will be here at Saint Margaret and we will hear him at all the Masses that weekend. Please realize that Mass will be longer than usual. As I indicated once before in this space, it wouldn't surprise me if some of the "preaching" concerned the **Eucharistic Revival**.

As the catechetical year begins post-Labor Day, I remind the catechists that there are two **formation nights** on Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 10th in the pastoral center building. All catechists are expected to attend. If a catechist is unable to attend one or both evenings, she must see Msgr. Batule in person. Both evenings begin at 7:00 PM and will conclude at 9:00 PM.

Another year of **Twenty Minutes** gets underway on Sunday, September 8th. All students along with a parent or guardian are to attend according to the schedule. Attendance is not optional. Students along with a parent or guardian gather in the church basement **before** the 10:00 AM Mass. Don't be late!

Following the **Eucharistic Congress** in July, the Church in the United States is dedicated to a Year of Mission. This dedication means that we make efforts to live out our Eucharistic faith and share that with Catholics who no longer go to church. We don't have to look far for Catholics who no longer practice their faith. They are all over! If you are reluctant to speak to persons in your life who have given up on the Catholic faith, then by all means pray for these persons **by name**. This way, your prayer is intentional. You may want to pray for this intention in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 PM until 4:45 PM. Just saying.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Wedding Banns Banns II:

Michelle Verrico and Peter Ferchland
both St. Margaret of Scotland



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, August 15th*

Mass at 9 AM & 7:30 PM



Baptisms

Cameron Lily Carmody, Jade Rosalie Lombardo,
Colton Christopher Ryan, Lily Shanise Anderson



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.*

Faith Formation



Registration ~ September 2024

Letters have been mailed to our St. Margaret families. Please mail or drop off your registration at the Parish Center for placement.

Are you new to the Parish?

You may email Jackie at jmirenda@saintmargaret.com or x131 with any concerns or questions.

TO PRAISE TO BLESS TO PREACH



Formerly known as the Dominican Third Order, the Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic, comprised of men and women seeking a deeper relationship with God, are dedicated to prayer, study, the Christian apostolate and community, while maintaining and living their ordinary day to day lives.

Should you feel a call to this vocation, you are invited to our

OPEN HOUSE ~ St. Jude Parish Center
89 Overlook Drive, Mastic Beach
immediately following the noon Mass on

SUNDAY, August 11th, (approximately 1 pm).

Refreshments will be served.

(631) 584-5865

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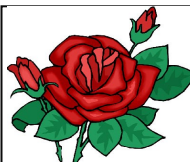
A WEDDING IS A DAY
A MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage.

Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on September 14-15, 2024.

Visit longisland.engagedencounter.com for information and registration.



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.



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.



Back to School



Supplies that are needed by August 20th

Backpacks, Binders, Folders, Marble Notebooks, Looseleaf Paper,
Crayons (24 ct), Washable Colored Markers,
Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks, Highlighters, Pens/Pencils

**Our Biggest Request this year is TEEN BACK PACKS
due by August 20th to Parish Center.**

Thank you for all you do!

Catholic Gifts

Looking for Catholic gifts and items?



You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine , 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manerville. 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 631-732-3131 x117.

Prayerfully Consider



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 _____

Parish Social Ministry



Food Pantry Needs ~ We are in need of *Rice Meals, Jelly, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Hearty Soups, Kid's snacks, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste & Bar 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

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS BY THE LOCKED FRONT DOORS OF EITHER BUILDING. Thank you!

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.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY IN PATCHOGUE



Holy Angels is a child-centered, family-sensitive Catholic School. We are dedicated to the development of the whole child: intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, physically, and socially. Our students are challenged to learn, lead, and serve as Jesus taught.



Stop by for a Tour Today!

holyangelsregional.org [holyangelspatchogue](https://www.instagram.com/holyangelspatchogue)
 (631) 475 - 0422 [holyangelsregional](https://www.facebook.com/holyangelsregional)
 1 Division St, Patchogue, NY 11772



Tuition-Assistance Scholarships
TomorrowsHopeFoundation.org



DEDICATION OF THE NEW ALTAR

WITH BISHOP JOHN BARRES



THURSDAY
AUG. 15TH



Mass at 11:30am

Followed with a Procession & Blessing of the Shrine Chapel

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY
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