

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

### August 25 2024

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Weekday-Monday through Friday 9:00 AM Saturday 5:00PM Sunday-8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon Confessions

Saturday-4:00-4:45 PM in the church or by appointment

#### St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Center 81 College Road Selden, NY 11784 631-732-3131

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Deacon. Ed Haves – Retired Deacon William Kogler – Retired Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired

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## Time, Talent & Treasure

**Living Stewardship** ~ **Pillar of Prayer:** To be the best versions of ourselves, to be the best Christians we can be, we need to have a solid prayer life. If prayer is not something you do on a daily basis, or if your prayer life is lacking, take time this week to start building that pillar in your life.

**General Intercession:** For all Catholic students returning to school next month, that they may let the light of Christ shine through them to their friends and classmates. 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.

#### **August 17/18**

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,197.00	158
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,853.00	51

Total Collection \$9,050.00

Reading for Next Sunday

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading......Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8 Second Reading.....Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27

Gospel.....Mk 7: 1-8,14-15,21-23



For the week of August 25<sup>t</sup>, 2024 Altar Bread & Wine in Memory of

Joseph Riccobono

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.  $\sim 10$  am -2 pm. Call for appointment -  $\times 119$ .

#### **Masses for the Week**

Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>
Marie Foy

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>
John Schlageter

Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>
Lauren Fennell

Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> Joseph Riccobono

Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Charlie Conrad Kunkel

Saturday, August  $31^{st}$ 

Norman Gottfried

Sunday, September 1 $^{\rm st}$ 

Lealer Glasgow 10<sup>am</sup>

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners 12<sup>pm</sup>

Spec. Intention Henryk & Lucas Chelminski

## 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, Valarie and Victor Aurigue, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Logan Baar, Fred Detweiler, Babies Aubrey & Grayson, Linda Pennisi, Joseph Benevento, Jennifer Colon, Peter Rodrigues, Jessica Shaffer, Melissa Kitching, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Nicolette Laccesaglia, Robert Coffey, Lou D'Ambrosio, Angela Discepola, Jack Muller, Theresa McGuire, Christine Rosado, Frank De Angelo, The Fais Family, George Grimes.

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.

For the last few weeks, we have been reading at Sunday Mass from the  $6^{th}$  Chapter of Saint John's Gospel. In the  $6^{th}$  Chapter of the Fourth Gospel, we find the Bread of Life Discourse – a biblical passage with no likeness to any other biblical passage. It stands alone and thus we cannot lightly gloss over it or, worse yet, ignore it completely.

The text starts with an incident in Jesus' public ministry, one of Jesus' miracles. The miracle – the multiplication of loaves and fish – has what we call "eucharistic overtones." To use this expression – "eucharistic overtones" – we are immediately aware of how the Eucharist is partly about the difference between scarcity and plenitude. The paucity of food (five barley loaves and two fish) was definitely going to be insufficient for a large crowd. But after Jesus acted to satisfy the hunger of the vast assembly, what remained were twelve wicker baskets of fragments. Out of so little, there is suddenly an enormous surplus. To be sure, this is a difference, an outcome which comes with the Eucharist. What, however, is the cause of this overflowing goodness?

To answer this question, we recall the declaration of Jesus: "I am the bread that came down from heaven." (Jn 6:41) This is difficult for the listeners to Jesus to accept. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven." (Jn 6:42) Even though there is hesitancy at first on the part of the listeners to Jesus and later an outright rejection of Jesus' claim, Jesus gets even bolder when He says: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." (Jn 6:54) The "I" and the "my" are unmistakable in Jesus' speech.

This is a radical teaching of the Lord. And by saying "radical," I mean "at the root." At the root is the Lord Himself. The root of the Eucharist is in the offering made by Jesus Himself, His offering at the Last Supper and on the Cross. This offering is not in giving away an article of clothing as people will sometimes do when they know they are near death. That kind of self-offering is a reminder of someone after he or she passes.

The Eucharist is not reducible to a reminder. It is of course that but it is so much more too. It is really and truly the **Lord Himself**. It is the same Lord Who appeared multiple times to the disciples after His Resurrection. The Discourse on the Bread of Life is an invitation to probe the Eucharistic doctrine of the Church.

To accept that doctrine is to be renewed all over again in the mystery of Christ. To believe in the Real Presence of the Lord is not a belief that comes "from the outside." Jesus is the Word made flesh which we already know from the Incarnation. The Eucharist is thus an extension of the Incarnation.

To have the flesh of the Lord is to have the **Lord Himself** – not just a reminder that He was once with us. No, He is with us now! And He is with us now in every tabernacle in every Catholic church.

With the month of August having just a few more days to go before we start the month of September, let me mention a few important notes.

**Twenty Minutes** before the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays begins September 8<sup>th</sup>. All students and their families are to keep the **schedule of attendance** which has been drawn up by our Religious Education Coordinator, Jackie Mirenda. Attendance is taken each week. And it is not optional; it is required. More will be said on that topic along with a few other topics at the Orientation sessions next month.

The **Parish Mission** will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at all weekend Masses.

The next **Holy Hour** is on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 7:00 PM. Following the Holy Hour there is a meeting for all lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in the pastoral center building.

Catechists are asked to attend the **Formation Nights** on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 PM. The sessions are held in the pastoral center building and will finish each night at 9:00 PM.

Until the next time.

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.



# Wedding Banns Banns I:

Caroline J. Shank, Sts. Philip & James and John N. Muller, St. Margaret of Scotland

#### Retrouvaille ~ Help Heal Your Marriage

Is your marriage tearing you apart, do you feel hurt and angry? Do you have thoughts of leaving or divorce? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, for more information or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on September 13<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup>, please call 1-800-470-2230 or go to HelpOurMarriage.org. Location: Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington NY

# 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	_

## 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 <u>jmirenda@saintmargaret.com</u> or x131 with any concerns or questions.

### Adoration of the Eucharist



#### Blessings of the Backpacks

Please join us for Adoration on Thursday, August 29th at 3:00 PM in the Church.

Following Adoration all students will have their backpacks blessed for the new school year.

# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers. First Thursday Thursday, September 5th

3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



# 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 <u>longisland.engagedencounter.com</u> 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



St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility On September 14/15, we will have our special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the retired priests of our Diocese who reside at *St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility* 

The mission of St. Pius X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishers the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to the faith.

You may use your envelope to place this donation in the mail or drop in the collection basket on **September 14/15.** 

# St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Mission

September 14 / 15 ~ at all Masses



# Guest Speaker Al Barbarino

# "We Are the Church-the True Presence Eucharistic Miracles"

Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, (The Late Fr. Benedict Groeschel's Community) and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Throughout the years in this apostolate, he has recorded CDs/Videos and traveled around the world. He speaks on our faith in a most practical, everyday level. Through all the support of his recordings, he helps the Franciscans at their homeless shelters, Croatian Relief (International Outreach) and the poor, wherever he sings.

Al has worked in the NYC prisons for incarcerated youth as a counselor. He has many stories to share!

His recordings will be available.

#### Suffolk General Bereavement Support Group & Loss of Adult Child Groups

*Will be Offered at St. John Nepomucene, 1140 Locust Ave. Bohemia.*Each group will be eight weeks in duration beginning **Thursday, September 12**<sup>th</sup>

The General Support Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start of the group. The Adult Child Group has no wait requirement. Each group meets weekly for 90 minutes followed by refreshments and hospitality. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Both groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 12 people. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited. Please call the number below to reserve your seat. Call 631-589-0540, ext. 250

Individuals who are newly bereaved and planning to attend one of the following three parishes, there is a one time \$25 fee for materials.

*St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma* - Tuesdays, September 4—November 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:15 pm Contact Michele Nappi at 631-588-8456

Holy Cross, Nesconset - Wednesdays, September 11—October 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 pm Contact Kelley Mowat at 631-265-2200 x13

*St. Joseph the Worker, E. Patchogue* - Thursdays, September 19<sup>th</sup>—November 14th from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm Contact Luciano Sabatini at 631-823-0552

## **Parish Social Ministry**

# Food Pantry Needs ~ We are in need of SOUP, CRACKERS, SHELF MILK

Please bring all donations to the front door of the Parish Center <u>during</u> <u>office hours</u> 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 cloths, 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.



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