

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, 10:00AM and 12 Noon

Confessions

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



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For the last few weeks, we have been reading at Sunday Mass from the 6th Chapter of Saint John's Gospel. In the 6th 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 8th. All students and their families are to keep the **schedule of attendance** which has been drawn up by our Religious Education Coordinator, Jackie Miranda. 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 14th and 15th at all weekend Masses.

The next **Holy Hour** is on Wednesday, September 4th. 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 9th and 10th, 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 13th—15th, 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 jmirenda@saintmargaret.com 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

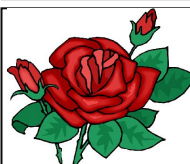


Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

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 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



**St. Pius X
Enriched Living Facility**

On September 14/15, we will have our special 2nd 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 cherishes 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 12th**

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 12th from 2:00-3:15 pm

Contact Michele Nappi at 631-588-8456

Holy Cross, Nesconset - Wednesdays, September 11—October 16th from 1:30-3:30 pm

Contact Kelley Mowat at 631-265-2200 x13

St. Joseph the Worker, E. Patchogue - Thursdays, September 19th—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 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 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.

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!

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☎ (631) 475 - 0422 📘 [holyangelsregional](https://www.facebook.com/holyangelsregional)
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employment@CCLongIsland.org

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WESTBURY, NY 11590
(516) 334-7990

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3442 ROUTE 112
CORAM, NY 11727
(631) 732-3460

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(631) 234-8297

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OLD WESTBURY, NY 11568
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