

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

September 8, 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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I have long thought of September as a month of transitions. Characterizing the month in just this way, we think of course that vacations come to an end for the most part, we think further of schools re-opening, daylight getting shorter, and warm days giving way to cooler ones. Taken singly, the aforementioned changes are quite unremarkable in and of themselves. But when they all show up together, it gives rise to a rather significant shift that is pretty hard to miss.

Autumn comes and we say goodbye to sandy beaches except as places for viewing sunsets of brilliant color, maybe even worthy of a framed photograph or two. It isn't just the climate or the weather, either. It is much more than that. It's a return to more pensive pursuits, to planned events that ask us for an RSVP.

As we get acclimated to a new phase of life at home and at the workplace, we take note of two dates this month. The dates are back-to-back, the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and we know them on the liturgical calendar as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross and the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. The transition at stake is that of moving from an unpreparedness for death to an acceptance of it. We undergo this transition the only way we can: to find in the life of Christ the strength and the courage to face our own deaths. And it begins with the acknowledgement that there is victory in the Cross. Suffering, yes – for sure, but the Cross is a suffering unto the Resurrection. And as we undergo this suffering, we recall that the One Who triumphed over it commends his own mother (and our mother too) to an apostle who took her into his own home. (cf. Jn 19:27)

To live discipleship as well as we ought, we must follow Our Lady and the apostle into the home of the church where the Lord dwells sacramentally. He is the One Who told us where He could be found even after He ascended to the Father's right hand in glory. With us in lowliness and humility, the Incarnate Lord wants us to share our time with Him, the Author of time. For our time is passing, so much so that our hearts yearn for what we truly cannot give to ourselves – eternity. Only Jesus can grant this gift. It comes to us first in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

What follows from this point to the end of my column is a reprise of what I have said in columns of the past few weeks.

Next weekend, the Parish Mission is offered at all weekend Masses. Please see the bulletin boards in the church and the display in the vestibule for any additional information about Al Barbarino.

Twenty Minutes commences this weekend. All students enrolled in Faith Formation are to attend the sessions as required. Don't be late! And follow the schedule which has been drawn up by Jackie Mirenda, our Religious Education Coordinator.

Copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* are being distributed to all families who have a child(ren) in the program. We will use the volume at various points during the year. Always keep the book in a place which is readily accessible at home.

We are asking all of our families with children in Faith Formation to support the parish financially every week. We are using envelopes for this purpose. They are going to be distributed on Sunday mornings at Twenty Minutes. We have much, much work to be done on the stewardship of treasure here at Saint Margaret!

In a few weeks, I will make remarks on the financial state of the parish. The bulletin that weekend will have data to which I will refer in my presentation in the pulpit. I ask all parishioners to take an interest in this topic as it figures prominently in what is possible and what is not possible pastorally.

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.*

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm  
Contact Luciano Sabatini at 631-823-0552

## 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](http://HelpOurMarriage.org). **Location: Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington NY**



## Baptisms

Leah Oliveira Bento



## Wedding Banns Banns II:

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

## 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](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com) or x131 with any concerns or questions.

### Bible Study Group

Beginning Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>



Bible Study group meets every Wednesday from 10am to 11am in the parish center.

Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator. Please bring your Bible.



### Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

*Come join to sing and praise!*  
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM Mass ~ 2:30 PM

### 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***

### 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.*



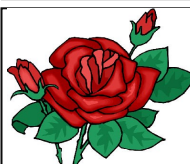
A WEDDING IS A DAY  
A MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME

### *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](http://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



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.

# 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.**

## Pilgrimage to the World Apostolate of Fatima in New Jersey on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

Coordinated by St. Patrick Church, Smithtown Legion of Mary

### Pilgrimage Itinerary

Rosary, Confession, Mass, Adoration, free time to view a replica of the Holy House of Loreto, mini grottoes to St. Padre Pio, Marian icons, outside

### Reservation Information

\$100 cash or check made payable to Elisa Loomis reserves your seat.  
For questions, please call Elisa at 631-675-1385.  
Mary’s Blue Army, Asbury, New Jersey

### Bus Transportation

Departure: Bus departs St. Patrick Church at 7:00 AM and arrives at the Shrine at 10:30 AM

Return to St. Patrick: Bus departs Shrine at 3:30 PM and arrives at St. Patrick Smithtown at 7:00 PM

**Fatima Prayer**—O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy Mercy.



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# Parish Social Ministry



**Food Pantry Needs ~ We are in need of  
SOUP, CRACKERS, JELLY, COOKIES, SHAMPOO, TP**

**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.

## L. I. Women's Retreat Ministry

*Breathing Underwater-A Journey of Hope*



*You are invited to our annual retreat at*

***St. Joseph Villa in Hampton Bays***

***October 11,12 & 13<sup>th</sup>.***

*Our guest speaker is Eileen Benthall.*

*She is an author, speaker, worship leader and coordinator for Magnificat Ministry Suffolk Country Chapter.*

*To hold reservation and for information call*

*Yvonne Bracone ~ 631-398-4046*

*Nina McGee ~ 516-449-6197*

*Cost is \$260 for single room and 5 meals.*

*\$150 for commuters.*

***Reservations are limited.***

***Please call as soon as possible.***

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