

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

September 29, 2024

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday: Monday through Friday 9:00AM

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12Noon

Confessions

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



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As we prepare to leave behind the month of September, I want to mention at the outset a matter which is timely and very serious in nature.

An insert in today's bulletin allows you to read the mind of Bishop Barres on the matter in question, and thus I urge you to read his words along with a few of mine here.

Let me introduce the subject myself. It is an initiative on the ballot this Election season. It is called **Proposal 1**. It is an attempt to expand equal rights, and it is a proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution. If enacted, it would make abortion a permanent fixture in the law. No change at all – not even if future generations in our state constituted a majority of what we call pro-lifers and wanted to overturn the bad law.

The proposal also empowers the state to override parents in making decisions for their under-age children in areas like “gender-affirming” treatments and surgeries. This is a usurpation on the government's part, and it seeks to dislodge parents from their role as the primary teachers of their children regarding morals.

In my column next week, I will have more to say on this subject. For now, I offer a few words above and my recommendation of Bishop Barres' statement.

There is a sign in the vestibule of our church which went up a number of months ago. It announces that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for **adoration** on Saturday afternoons between 4:00 PM and 4:45 PM, right before the 5:00 PM Mass. The only time we do not have the Blessed Sacrament exposed at this time on a Saturday is Holy Saturday. The next Holy Saturday is in April of next year – at least six months away.

I urge all of our parishioners to take some time on a Saturday afternoon to come and pray before the Eucharistic Lord. We are in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival and the Parish of Saint Margaret is vitally involved in this nationwide effort. Coming on a Saturday afternoon will also afford you the opportunity to go to sacramental confession too. Take this opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord, having prepared yourself for the Sacrament of Penance in the Presence of the Lord.

This is the only time we have in our schedule for Eucharistic Adoration weekly. Don't let the opportunities slip away. Resolve to come to the church and be with the Lord – if only for a few minutes. It's a great way to develop the personal discipline of prayer.

Next month, we have a day set aside for parishioners who want to remember deceased relatives at Masses in 2025. That day is **Monday, October 21st**. It starts at 9:00 AM. It's a reminder too that we do **not accept multiple intentions** any longer. One person per Mass, please. That is how, partly, we are able to have a **Saturday morning Mass** in our schedule beginning November 2nd (All Souls Day).

The Saturday morning Mass is at **8:30 AM**. Please note the time as it is different from the time Monday through Friday. I ask you to attend Mass on Saturday mornings as your schedule permits. Going to daily Mass is a terrific way to be in communion with God – first spiritually and then of course sacramentally because of what the Mass is for Catholics.

I remind all families who have children enrolled in **Faith Formation** to attend your assigned sessions of **Twenty Minutes on Sunday mornings. The sessions are required. It is a way of getting something of a Catholic education – not ideal of course but something.**

After the orientation sessions earlier this month for Faith Formation parents, I repeat here the two points I emphasize then. First, the copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which you received is for home reference and for use on Sunday mornings at **Twenty Minutes**. Second, we need all the families to support the Parish of Saint Margaret financially. All parishioners are to make an effort at exercising a stewardship of treasure. This will not happen unless there is attendance at Mass. Go to Mass! Every week too. Please see my remarks on this subject in last week's bulletin column.

Next week, I will report on the **financial condition** of the parish at all four weekend Masses. Kindly listen attentively to my report. I call upon all parishioners to take seriously their responsibility of supporting your parish. Stay tuned.

I close with a welcome. We have a new administrative assistant following Karen Norris' death in early July. Her name is Adriana Burtoff. She started only a few days ago. We wish her well in the work she does for all of us.

Until the next time.

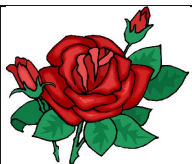
Msgr. Batule
Pastor

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6th is Respect Life Sunday, a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world.

The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

The annual Respect Life collection will be taken up next weekend, October 5th & 6th.



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



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*For your personal
adoration and prayers.*

**FIRST THURSDAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3rd**

3:00 - 6:00PM in the Church



Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!
Sunday, October 13th
*Commemoration of the Fatima
Miracle of the Sun*

ROSARY 2:00PM

MASS 2:30PM

Bible Study Group

Beginning Wednesday, October 2nd



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.

Faith Formation

Schedule ~ 20 Minutes with the Pastor/Director

Sundays @ 9:30AM

September 29th – Levels 7 & 8

October 6th – Level 8

October 13th – Levels 1, 2, & 3

October 20th – Levels 4, 5, & 6

October 27th – Levels 7



Blessing of the Animals

October 4th at 4PM

(animals must be leashed
or in carrier)

Meet by the Mary Shrine



LONG ISLAND COALITION for LIFE, Inc.

Stand Up For Life is on Sunday, October 6, 2024, from 2:00 to 3:30PM (rain or shine).

Join us in Huntington: at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Whitman Mall) or in Manorville LIE Exit 70S on County Road 111.

This Vigil is part of a nationwide family friendly event, held at hundreds of cities across the USA & Canada. Your sign is available at the site, you do not have to bring anything, come as you are to the Family-Friendly event.

You can come for part of the time or the full 90 minutes. Please know by your presence that you help save a life. There is strength in unity. **ALL PRO LIFE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!**

For information contact (631) 243-1435 or email Info@ProLifeLI.org.

Catholic High School Open House Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 5 - 10:00AM - 2:00PM - Chaminade High School

Saturday, Oct. 5 - 9:00AM - 1:00PM - Kellenberg Memorial High School

Saturday, Oct. 5 - 10:00AM - 2:00PM - Sacred Heart Academy

Sunday, Oct. 6 - 10:00AM - 1:00PM - St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Sunday, Oct. 6 - 1:00PM - 4:00PM - St. Dominic High School

Saturday, Oct. 19 - 10:00AM - 1:00PM - Holy Trinity Diocesan High School



For more information go to CHSEE.ORG

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on JESUS and NICODEMUS
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verse

NICODEMUS the PHARISEE
Coming to the Light
Gospel of John 3. 1-21
Life in Spirit

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



Parish Social Ministry



**Food Pantry Needs ~ We are in need of
SOUP, CRACKERS, JELLY, COOKIES, BAR SOAP, TOOTHPASTE**

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 Long Island Cares Military Appreciation Tuesdays Program.

This program provides veterans with essential items like food, personal care products, household supplies and more.

Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION



Food Collection

The *Knights of Columbus* are partnering with our Outreach Ministry to assist in replenishing our Pantry.

Bags will be distributed on **October 5/6 at all masses**; donations will be collected on **October 12/13 at all masses**. They will be in front of the church to receive your donations.

Please assist them and us as you can. If anyone is able to help Outreach on **October 12/13**, please leave a message at (631) 732-3131 x119.

Thank you!

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Serving the Catholic community across Long Island since 1856

WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

Full-Time / Part-Time Office (Sales & Service) and Field Positions

See Career Opportunities On www.CCLongIsland.org

Multiple Locations

Please submit resume to

employment@CCLongIsland.org



OUR CEMETERY LOCATIONS

CEMETERY OF THE HOLY ROOD
111 OLD COUNTRY ROAD
WESTBURY, NY 11590
(516) 334-7990

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

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS CEMETERY
115 WHEELER ROAD
CENTRAL ISLIP, NY 11722
(631) 234-8297

QUEEN OF PEACE CEMETERY
321 JERICHO TURNPIKE
OLD WESTBURY, NY 11568
(516) 434-2439