

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

October 20, 2024

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday: Monday through Friday 9:00AM

Saturday 5:00PM

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

Confessions

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



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The beautiful colors of autumn catch our attention before the leaves ever fall to the ground. But in due course the leaves do fall to the ground, leaving the trees with bare branches. And by then, there is no turning back. Winter will then come and it will be months before we see the branches with leaves again. Then the process starts all over again. Birth, life, death, and back to birth again. It's how we mark time, it's how nature lives, dies, and comes back to life again.

We might call it regeneration. For us human beings, our regeneration starts with Baptism. It's our journey to and with Christ, being plunged into the mystery of his dying and rising and thereby establishing the most basic pattern of our lives. We find Baptism in the final charge of Jesus at the end of Saint Matthew's Gospel. "Go . . . and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them." (Matt 28:19)

Today, we mark Mission Sunday. We became Catholic Christians because the people closest to us, usually our parents, had us baptized. Baptism is always an exercise of mission. Our parents shared with us their faith, what was most important to them. We in turn did the same for our children.

It is Baptism which brings us into communion with the Church. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, there are those who are "fully incorporated into the Church." They are united with the Church as part of her visible bodily structure. They profess the same faith, share the sacraments (as understood by the Catholic Church) and accept ecclesiastical government as willed by the Lord. (*Lumen Gentium*, 14) Some though do not possess the faith "in its entirety" such as not having union with Peter's Successor. They may accept some sacraments (e.g. Baptism) but do not hold a Catholic faith in the sacraments. They may not even have a devotion to the Blessed Mother as Catholics do, but they are joined to us "in some real way." (*Lumen Gentium*, 15)

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (cf. Jn 14:6) This is what He says of Himself. No one, He adds, comes to the Father except through Him. (Jn 14:6) This too is His own testimony. There are no other mediators then, such that there could be other or parallel ways to God. This understanding is sometimes referred to as exclusive-inclusive mediation. And that means that all of us, regardless of factors like age, race, culture, etc. are God's children. But there is only one Son. And through that Son, God's Son, is eternal life possible.

Mission Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the truths above, that we might endeavor to share them through evangelization. This evangelization though always begins with ourselves. We must accept the Gospel personally. And then in charity to others, we approach and share with them what is most valuable to us. May the Holy Spirit guide us in how to be effective evangelizers now, at this time in the history of the world.

A round-up of things on the horizon now.

There is a Holy Day of Obligation on Friday, November 1st. It is the Solemnity of All Saints. Mass is offered in the morning at 9:00 AM and in the evening at 7:30 PM. Join with us as we honor the saints of our Church, that we might be more like them in holiness.

The next day is All Souls Day (November 2nd). On that day, we institute another weekday Mass in our schedule. All six days leading up to Sunday, the Lord's Day, have a morning Mass now. Please tell your neighbors and friends about the Saturday morning Mass. It does have a different time than our Monday – Friday Masses at 9:00 AM. The Saturday morning Mass time is 8:30 AM. All Saturdays of the year except Holy Saturday have a morning Mass.

The pastoral center building is open on Monday, October 21st at 9:00 AM for those who wish to arrange for announced Mass Intentions, especially for those who are related to you. In many cases, we know the day of a loved one's death, his/her birthday or wedding anniversary date. Please recall that the Mass Book for 2025 was already opened months ago.

Kindly recall too that there is one intention per Mass. We do not have collective Mass Intentions at Saint Margaret.

During the month of October be mindful of our Blessed Mother. To honor her pray the holy rosary. This practice has been a source of great consolation to Catholics in this "valley of tears" as we say in the *Memorare*.

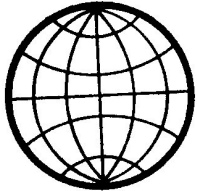
Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in this week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



MISSIONS



Please make check payable to The Propagation of the Faith.

Thank you for your support!

NEW DAILY MASS

Beginning Saturday, November 2nd, there will be a daily Mass held on Saturday mornings. The start time for these Masses will be 8:30AM.



2025 Mass Book



The Mass Book for 2025 will be officially opening Monday, October 21st. We encourage you to remember deceased relatives and friends at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the Communion of Saints, we are never removed from those whom we love. We hope for a reunion with them in God's providence, and praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.

Altar Servers Training

Altar server training will take place on **Tuesdays** at 5:00PM in the church during the month of October. New and returning servers are welcome! The remaining dates are:



10/22 & 10/29

This invitation is open to all boys and girls grade 4 and up.

The church is open at 8:30AM 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.

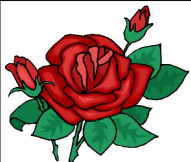


Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

**FIRST THURSDAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th**

3:00 - 6:00PM in the Church



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.

Bible Study Group

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

October 20th – Levels 4, 5, & 6

October 27th – Level 7

November 3rd – Levels 1, 2, & 3

November 10th – Levels 4, 5, & 6



Holy Angels Regional School Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade

1 Division St., Patchogue

PRINCIPAL JEANNINE STEWART

(631) 475-0422

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR



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Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

Our Next Weekend is

November 1-3, 2024

The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington
To register or for more information:

1 (800) 470-2230

HelpOurMarriage.org

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend, call or visit our website.

Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend. No one is

Catholic Gifts

Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine, 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. They carry a large variety of religious articles.

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Coping with Grief Through the Holidays

Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry of
St. John Nepomucene

Thursday, November 14th, 2024

7:30PM-9:00PM

1140 Locust Ave., Bohemia
(Elevator access to lower level of Church)

RSVP (631) 589-0540 x250

to reserve your seat.

Refreshments will be served.

A free will offering
is appreciated.



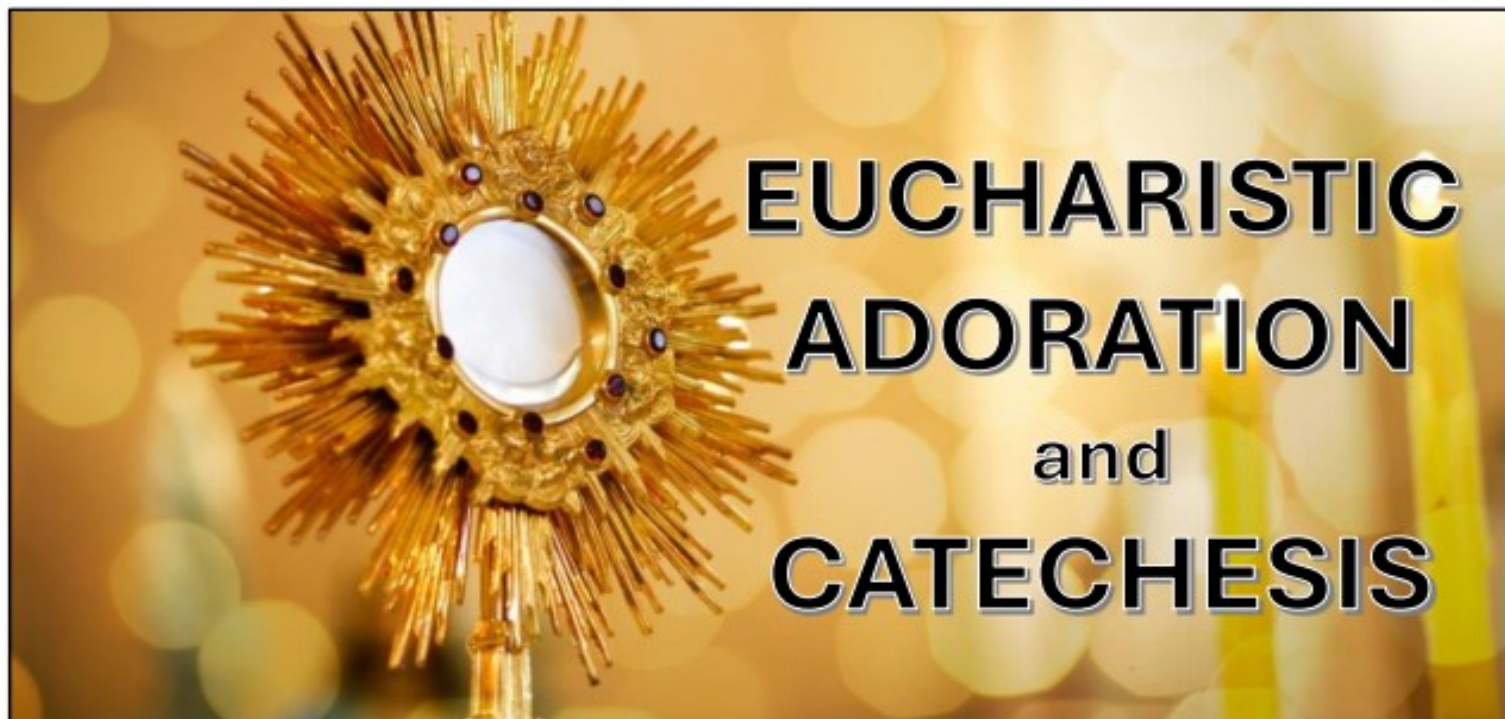
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION and CATECHESIS

Join **BISHOP ANDRZEJ** this Fall
for the monthly times of prayer and reflection called

EUCHARISTIC HORIZONS

exploring the deeper understanding of our mysteries of life
in the light of perpetual gift of grace and real presence of Jesus
in **His Sacrament of Love**

October 29, 2024
“Eucharist –Feast of the Lamb”
November 26, 2024
December 17, 2024

At 7:00 pm

Church of St. Paul the Apostle
2534 Cedar Swamp Rd., Brookville

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information
Call - 516.744.6850
Email - worship@drvc.org

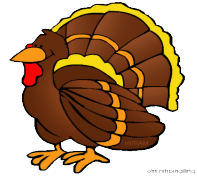


Parish Social Ministry



THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Dinners will be distributed the week of Nov. 18th



St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Please choose items off of our wish list & bring them into the Parish Center during office hours or place items in the box in the back of the church. ***Thank You!***

(NO PERISHABLES IN CHURCH, PLEASE!)

- ♦ Turkey (or Voucher)
- ♦ Canned Sweet Potatoes
- ♦ Instant Potatoes
- ♦ Canned Vegetables
- ♦ Stuffing
- ♦ Packaged Gravy
- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Corn Muffin Mix
- ♦ Cranberry Sauce
- ♦ Apple Juice
- ♦ Cookies/Cake Mix
- ♦ \$10 ShopRite Card

Please bring donations in no later than Thursday, November 14th.



Food Pantry Needs ~ We are in need of BEEF STEW, JUICE BOXES, SHELF STABLE MILK, APPLE SAUCE, JELLY

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!



Food Collection



**Knights of Columbus
Food Drive**

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the Knights of Columbus helped replenish our food pantry with 2,700 lb. of food donated!

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 such as food, personal care products, household supplies, and more.