



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

February 16, 2025

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday: Monday through Friday 9:00AM

Saturday: 8:30AM, 5:00PM

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

Confessions

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

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Center

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Deacon William Kogler – Retired
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired*

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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: Think of others this week. Do something nice for someone and offer it up to God. If possible, do it anonymously.

General Intercession: For all those negatively affected by the winter weather. 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.

February 8/9

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$4,726.00.....	103
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,274.00.....	60
Total Collection	\$9,000.00	

Readings for Next Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading... 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Second Reading..... 1 Cor 15:45-49

Gospel..... Lk 6:27-38



Parish Office

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00PM—5:00PM

Friday 9:00AM—1:00PM

(631) 732-3131

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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 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00AM – 4:00PM. Call for an appointment - x131

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

Tuesday—Thursday: 10:00AM – 3:00PM. Call for an appointment - x119

Masses for the Week

Monday, February 17th

Lealer Glasgow

Tuesday, February 18th

Mary Field

Wednesday, February 19th

Joseph Jr. & George Prementine

Thursday, February 20th

Robert M. Aretakis

Friday, February 21st

Joseph & Joanne Pietrozziello

Saturday, February 22nd

8:30AM

Anthony Gullo

5PM

Marina D'Alleva

Sunday, February 23rd

8AM

Karen Norris

10AM

Rose DeSaro

12PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as

Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Lauren Esposito, Sebastian Williams, Estelle Beauchamp, Jillian Brown, Virginia Butler, Lorraine Vogel, Steven Vacchio, Laura Durant, Joseph DeAguiar, Joseph Kiely, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Christine McCusker, Dominic Percoco, Laura Positano, DeSantis 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, Elizabeth Robitaille, Christina Muller, Valarie & Victor Aurigue, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Logan Baar, Fred Detweiler, Linda Pennisi, Joseph Benevento, Jennifer Colon, Peter Rodrigues, Jessica Shaffer, Melissa Kitching, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Nicolette Lacesaglia, Robert Coffey, Lou D'Ambrosio, Angela Discepola, Jack Muller, Theresa McGuire, Christine Rosado, The Fais Family, Scott Brown, Rosemarie Rizzo-Cohen, James Bennett, Katherine & Kenneth Kermain, John Sullivan, Melissa Rodgers, Richard Martin



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.

At this mid-point of February, the second month of the year, I take the opportunity to review a few matters which are pertinent to the calendar and a few other matters which need the attention of all of us.

Let me address the matters related to the calendar first.

In less than a month, the Church begins her Lenten observance. As you know, that Lenten observance always begins with Ash Wednesday. This year, it is March 5th. The bulletin will carry the schedule for Ash Wednesday soon enough. Before Ash Wednesday is here, you should know that ashes are distributed a total of four times. After the 9:00 AM Mass, at the end of a 12:00 noon prayer service, at the end of a 4:00 PM prayer service and after the 7:30 PM Mass.

Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays during Lent. The time is 12 noon in the church. That schedule starts on March 7th.

Keeping a practice that has been in use for a few years now, there is going to be a Holy Hour on all the Monday nights of Lent except April 14th, which is Reconciliation Monday in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The Holy Hour starts at 7:30 PM. The first Holy Hour is on March 10th.

Easter comes late this year – on April 20th. Please consult the schedule for Holy Week which will come in the mail to envelope-using parishioners and also will be published here in the bulletin in a timely fashion.

There will be a Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day). It follows the 12 noon Mass and it takes place at the grotto on our property.

We will have another Communion Breakfast this year. The date is Sunday, May 18th. The Breakfast portion of the event is held in the church basement following the 10:00 AM Mass.

In June, on the 22nd, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The principal Mass that weekend is at 10:00 AM. Following that Mass, there will be an outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament (weather permitting).

Much more will be said about these events in the weeks and months to come. For now, you know what the major events are and when they will occur.

Now on to matters not related to the calendar.

I find it necessary to address the topic of reverence in church more frequently than I ever would have thought when I started my priestly ministry. But I fear that if I don't address this topic, I will be neglecting the responsibilities I assumed when I was ordained a priest. So, I ask that you allow me to opine on this topic here and now and again as circumstances suggest.

I ask all who are reading this column to remember that the Presence of the Lord makes our church a holy and sacred place. With respect for that Presence, we must not engage in certain kinds of conduct which may be suitable for other places (e.g. our homes, our backyards, etc.) but not for church. Let me give an example of what I have seen recently: school-age children (about 9 or 10 years of age) running in the church while Mass was being celebrated; yes, while Mass was being celebrated!

It is incumbent upon all of us to give our attention to the Church's liturgy because it is an act of Christ. It is also an act of charity, at the same time, to other worshippers who belong to the Body of Christ, not to interfere with their attention, their prayer, their union with Christ. This is necessary due to the nature of the liturgy. We pray at the Holy Eucharist communally. I shouldn't want ever to be the cause of others not entering into communion with Christ. Moreover, I should want to be a positive example of recollection to worshippers around me. It's a little bit like the instruction given to future doctors in medical school: Do no harm!

Those who are parents should want their children to learn the discipline of prayer – and that is exactly what it is – as they, similarly, want their sons and daughters to be disciplined in school when it is a matter of learning academic subjects.

To this end, I am adding more Eucharistic adoration to our weekend schedule. In addition to the lead-up to the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturdays when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we will now have the Blessed Sacrament exposed before the 12 noon Mass on Sundays. It will be 30 minutes (from 11:15 to 11:45 AM) when the Blessed Sacrament will be in the monstrance on the altar. This practice will commence on the First Sunday of Lent (March 9th).

Until the next time.

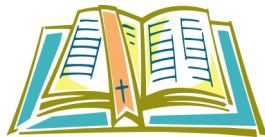
Msgr. Batule
Pastor



The parish center will be closed Monday, February 17th, in observance of Presidents' Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th, at 9:00AM.

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.



Bereavement Support Groups

The following groups will be offered at St. John Nepomucene ~ 1140 Locust Ave., Bohemia
Loss of Spouse ~ General Loss ~ Loss of Adult Child

Each group will be eight weeks in duration beginning Wednesdays ~ March 12th – April 30th ~ 7:00PM-8:30PM
Refreshments and hospitality following each session

The General Support Group & Loss of a Spouse Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior (Loss of Adult Child Group has no wait requirement).

There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. All groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and are limited to 12 people.

Pre-registration is required.
Call (631) 589-0540 ext. 250 to reserve your seat for the group you would like to attend.

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,
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.

Family Winter Wingo

Friday Night ~ February 21st @ 7 PM

In the Auditorium! Bring the Family! Refreshments!
Sign up in the Parish Center.



Raffle Baskets!
\$1 a ticket or
20 for \$10

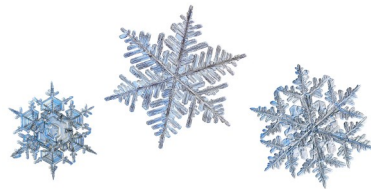
Door Prizes!

Prepaid:
\$10 Per Family
\$5 Single

At the Door:
\$20 Per Family
\$10 Single

Proceeds will benefit Parish Activities.
Please bring a non-perishable food item
to help restock our food pantry.

Family Name _____
of People _____
Telephone # _____



Faith Formation

20 Minutes with the Pastor/Director ~ Sundays at 9:30AM

February 16th – Level 7

March 9th – Level 7

February 23rd – Levels 1, 2, & 3

March 16th – Levels 1, 2, & 3

March 2nd – Levels 4, 5, & 6

March 23rd – Levels 4, 5, & 6



Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry Needs

We are in need of



Pantry Needs

- ◇ SPAGHETTIOS
- ◇ CRACKERS
- ◇ JARS OF JUICE
- ◇ TOOTHPASTE
- ◇ BAR SOAP
- ◇ LAUNDRY DETERGENT

Please bring all donations to the front door of
the Parish Center during office hours
or bring to the box in the back 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, and
wash cloths 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.



No Exceptions! No Compromises!

9TH ANNUAL

INTERNATIONAL GIFT of LIFE WALK NYC

Tuesday, March 25, 2025



GRAND PROLIFE MARSHAL
Rebecca Kiessling
Save The 1



SPECIAL GUEST
Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
Host, EWTN Living Divine Mercy



Tuesday, March 25, 2025 • Foley Square • New York City

Rally: 11:00AM
Foley Square
101 Worth Street
NY, NY 10013
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Rally starts at Foley Square ,
Walking down Broadway (aka
Canyon of Heroes) (0.9 miles)
Walk ends at Stone & Broad Street



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(631) 487-7578 | email: info@PersonhoodEducationNY.com

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 23rd

11:00AM

Following the 10:00 Mass
In the Church Auditorium



Sponsored by the
Heart of the Island
Knights of Columbus

All are invited!

Catholic Gifts

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

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New York
Blood Center

Blood Drive

St. Margaret of Scotland

Sponsored by Nick Caracappa



Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

Tuesday, February 18th

1:00pm-7:00pm

**81 College Rd, Selden
Auditorium**

Appointments strongly preferred

Scan the QR code, call 1-800-933-2566, or visit www.nybc.org

Medical questions please call 1-800-688-0900

800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.



Community Happenings

Spring Bereavement Group Sessions

Parishes across Suffolk County will be conducting bereavement groups this spring for the newly bereaved, including those who have lost a spouse, parent, sibling, child, or partner.

Upon calling the parish of your choosing, you will be mailed a registration form.

There is a one-time cost of \$25 to sign up.

St. Joseph's RCC	Ronkonkoma	Contact: Michele Nappi (631) 588-8456
9 Weeks	Tuesdays	April 1st-May 27th 2:00PM-3:15PM
Holy Cross	Nesconset	Contact: Kelley Mowat (631) 265-2200 ext.13
7 Weeks	Wednesdays	April 2nd-May 14th 1:30PM-3:30PM
St. Joseph the Worker	Patchogue	Contact: Luciano Sabatini, Ph.D. (631) 823-0552
9 Weeks	Thursdays	April 3rd-May 29th 11:00AM-12:15PM