



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

**February 9, 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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A lot of eyeballs will be on television screens today (Sunday) – for the very reason that the Super Bowl is being played in New Orleans, Louisiana. Even if you are not a Chiefs fan or an Eagles fan, you just may be interested in the commercials. Which commercial is going to win the plaudits of the most viewers? I don't know. I don't even know what companies or franchises have signed contracts for a minute or so of television time. I guess then we'll all have to tune in and watch – the game or the commercials or both.

Most who tune into watch the Super Bowl will do so with others – family members, friends, acquaintances. The Super Bowl is Americana on display. If ever you wanted some clues about the American psyche, you would be hard pressed to find a better gauge of the national psyche than the annual Super Bowl. It's a grand mix of sport, entertainment, spectacle and so much more that there isn't a single other event which gives comparable insights into who we are and what motivates us. So, watch and enjoy even if you don't know the difference between a placekicker and an offensive tackle.

We had a box in the vestibule of the church for two weekends, allowing parishioners to make a voluntary financial contribution to the California Wildfires Relief. The box contained \$1,366.00. Thank you! What was contributed over a fortnight has been passed along to the Diocese of Rockville Centre for distribution to those affected by the natural disaster in the greater Los Angeles area.

The second Sunday of February is designated as World Marriage Day. It finds its place on the calendar because of the proximity it has to Valentine's Day, which really is Saint Valentine's Day (February 14<sup>th</sup>). At this moment I am not as interested in the saintliness of the priest Valentine (although that is important) as I am in marriage's capacity for promoting saintliness.

The first thing to say about marriage's capacity for promoting saintliness is to make the claim that we were once convinced of that saintliness but that is no longer the case anymore. Let me explain.

Decades ago, the majority of Catholics exchanged marital vows in Catholic churches. And they did so because of the belief that marriage is a sacramental reality. They knew in their hearts that Matrimony was given to us by Christ Who is the Author of each of the seven sacraments. Well, that conviction became less and less tenable for Catholics all the while society became more and more secularized. Many young Catholics (especially those in their 20s, 30s and 40s now) see no difference between getting married at an East End winery and getting married in a church like Saint Margaret.

There are wide-ranging repercussions to the drift away from sacramental marriage for Catholics. It has resulted in less and less personal commitment to prayer and worship, and has seen the drop-off in Mass attendance hit an all-time low of about 10 percent. With fewer and fewer Catholics attending Mass regularly now, there is less and less use of Catholic schools which had always formed young Catholics in the fundamentals of the faith. Also, more and more Catholic children have stopped attending CCD or its equivalent before eligibility for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I could go on but you get the message. We need to restore a Catholic culture which is worthy of its name. Failure to do so will only hasten the Catholic marginalization well under way for decades now. How we marry is utterly critical to what kind of culture we are seeking to preserve or, as the case may be, undermine.

In the space which remains, let me offer a few brief comments regarding the second reading at Mass this weekend. The text comes from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Christians of Corinth. It is the fifteenth chapter of the Letter – a key part of the Apostle's treatment of the Resurrection. It concerns particularly the witnesses to the Risen Lord. The Apostle mentions Cephas (Peter), the Twelve, and then five hundred brothers. And he is not finished, either. The Risen Lord was seen too by James (an Apostle), and, lastly, by Paul himself.



Why list all the witnesses? They all couldn't be wrong, could they? Neither can we be wrong, too. It is not as if we went to the empty tomb like Peter, or had breakfast on the shore with the Apostles, either. But, indeed, we have seen the Risen Lord – in the Eucharist, of course. Stay tuned, as always.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church



*Come join to sing and praise!*

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**ROSARY 2:00PM | MASS 2:30PM**

## 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 may call Anthony Rebaldo at (631) 346-9026.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.**



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 PM

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



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

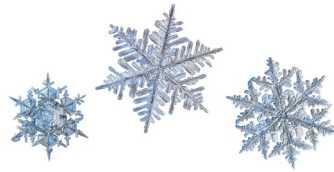
Door Prizes!

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.

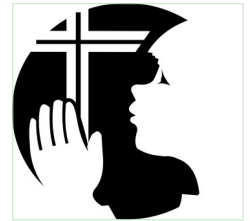
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## Faith Formation

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

February 9<sup>th</sup> – Levels 4, 5, & 6      March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Levels 4, 5, & 6  
February 16<sup>th</sup> – Level 7                      March 9<sup>th</sup> – Level 7  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Levels 1, 2, & 3          March 16<sup>th</sup> – Levels 1, 2, & 3



## Parish Social Ministry

### Food Pantry Needs



- We are in need of
- ◇ JARS OF JUICE
  - ◇ CRACKERS
  - ◇ 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.





# 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 18<sup>th</sup>

### 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](http://www.nybc.org)

Medical questions please call 1-800-688-0900

800.933.BLOOD • [nybc.org](http://nybc.org)

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [nybc.org/eligibility](http://nybc.org/eligibility).





## Community Happenings

### Congratulations, Honor Roll Students!

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll students from

#### *St. Anthony's High School, Huntington*



Nelson Beausoleil, Caily Ging, Sean McMillin, Joseph Miklitsch, Cameron-Noelle Mendoza, Daniel Sawicki, Olivia Semisa, Donovan Symonds, Gabriela Troche

*We commend their efforts to excel!*

### Holy Angels Regional School Registration Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1 Division St., Patchogue

PRINCIPAL JEANNINE STEWART

**(631) 475-0422**

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR




*No Exceptions! No Compromises!*


# INTERNATIONAL GIFT of LIFE WALK

**9TH ANNUAL**


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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## 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.

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