



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

July 20, 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 Service:
As Catholics we are called to serve others.
Identify some people in your neighborhood
or family that you can serve this week.

General Intercession: For our parish, that
we may spread the Gospel to all those in
our community. 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.

July 12/13

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,995.00.....	158
Mailed Contributions	\$3,772.00.....	45
Total Collection	\$10,767.00	

Readings for Next Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....	Gn 18:20-32
Second Reading.....	Col 2:12-14
Gospel.....	Lk 11:1-13



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday—Wednesday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00—4:00PM

Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM

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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 – 1:00PM. Call for an appointment - x119

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 21st

Margaret & Michael Stevens

Tuesday, July 22nd

Donald Francis

Wednesday, July 23rd

Harry Aretakis

Thursday, July 24th

John K. Brantuo

Friday, July 25th

Gloria & Nicholas Ferraro

Saturday, July 26th

8:30AM

Thomas David Tilson

5:00PM

Manuel Araujo

Sunday, July 27th

8:00AM

Carmelo Zappone

10:00AM

Lou Burtoff

12:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

**For all our parishioners
suffering from chronic**

illness, as well as: Jim Rojas,
Marilyn Vacchio, Wendiann
& Nicholas Alfieri, Laura

Durant, Laura Positano,
Lorraine Vogel, Patricia Wowk, Sharon &
Ray Klyn, Veronica Sheridan-Cox,
Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Scott
Spencer, Christina Muller, James &
Catherine Reynolds, Valarie & Victor
Aurigue, Elizabeth Robitaille, Diana
Lyons, James DeVivo, Lauren Esposito,
Steven Vacchio, Brooklyn Gonzalez,
Melissa Kitching, Angela Discepolo,
Christine Rosado, Joseph Benevento,
Rosemarie Rizzo-Cohen, James Bennett,
Katherine & Kenneth Kermain, John
Sullivan, Melissa Rodgers, Richard
Martin, Suriah Bridgall, Petrone Family,
Estelle Beauchamp, Charles Lloyd,
Nicholas DiMonda, Christopher D'Costa,
Crotieau Family, John McGovern,
Brahaspatti Leewing



*Family members: please resubmit names for
those who are ill. We will list them for four
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.*

I take this opportunity to offer a brief synopsis (historically and theologically) of some saints whom we honor this month in the Church's liturgy. And I start with a saint whose liturgical remembrance was last week.

I am referring to Saint Bonaventure whom we remembered on July 15th. He lived in the thirteenth century (d. 1274) and followed the charism of Saint Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscans. He was a Bishop and a Cardinal. He was the author of a work entitled *The Mind's Road to God*, to which I was introduced as a seminarian, and then I covered it in courses when I was a seminary professor.

Saint Bonaventure is known as the *Seraphic Doctor*. The seraphs are angels. It reminds us that Saint Bonaventure's theological outlook is soaring (in the realm of the angels) but he definitely lived his vocation on earth. Otherwise, he could never have vowed to be poor, chaste and obedient in imitation of the Lord in His earthly ministry. Even if we are not bound by these evangelical counsels ourselves, we still must practice the virtues of simplicity of life, chastity and obedience. Without these virtues, we do not belong to Christ Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. (cf. Jn 14:6)

In this week (on the 22nd), we honor Saint Mary Magdalene. We know her from the ministry of Jesus. All we need do is read the Gospels and see that Mary Magdalene is a witness to the Lord's death and Resurrection. The evangelists do not record Mary Magdalene as saying anything when Jesus dies, but Saint John's Gospel has her saying "Rabboni," meaning Teacher (cf. Jn 20:16), after the Risen Lord had called her by name.

Not only did she see the Risen Christ then, but she carried word of this to the disciples. She is a witness therefore to the triumph of the Suffering Servant over this valley of tears as the *Memorare* says of life this side of heaven. As we read and hear the Gospel of the Resurrection proclaimed, we ought to draw inspiration from Mary Magdalene's clear and unequivocal identification of the Lord. Bearing witness to the Lord in our speech and behavior is what we ought to be doing all the time.

A few days later (on the 25th), we honor Saint James, Apostle. Found in every listing of the apostles in the Gospels, he is a blood brother of another apostle, John. You might recall that the mother of these two apostles approached Jesus and asked that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' Kingdom. Not exactly a great moment for Saint James, we should admit. But as we see with another apostle, Peter, there is embarrassment but also vindication for James. For James is the first of the apostles martyred. The apostles are the foundation of the Church, and thus our faith cannot be anything but apostolic. We believe *with* the apostles and never apart from them as the Nicene Creed tells us.

Nearing the end of the month of July (on the 29th), we honor Saint Martha. She has a sister, Mary, and a brother, Lazarus. Jesus visited with all three in Bethany. And, as Saint John's Gospel indicates, Lazarus died. Martha who had previously attended to the details of hospitality, now in the aftermath of her brother's death confesses her faith in Jesus with these words: "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Jn 11:27)

Saint Martha teaches us that serve we must, but believing is the very *raison d'être* for knowing Jesus. We know Him to believe in Him. That is what faith is all about. We should not over-intellectualize faith. It is in essence knowing the Son, and having the conviction that He is Our Savior.

Finally, on the last day of the month (the 31st), we honor Saint Ignatius Loyola. He brings us out of the realm of first-century Palestine and inserts us into sixteenth century Europe. Ignatius, while recovering from injuries sustained in armed conflict, underwent a conversion and went on to found the Society of Jesus (S.J.), also known as the Jesuits.

Saint Ignatius is the author of the *Spiritual Exercises* which has guided retreatants over the centuries and gives us lessons in what we call discernment. In the movement of the spirits, there is consolation and desolation. Knowing how to identify these frequently subtle movements in our souls enables the followers of Jesus to deepen union with Him, or to turn away from sin and seek reconciliation with God.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

You're invited to spend some time with Jesus. Exposition takes place every week. Stop by the church for personal adoration and prayers.

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

First Thursday, August 7th 3:00-6:00PM



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.

Hands Needed



Our Music Ministry is in need of volunteers 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 the parish center at (631) 732-3131 x117. Prayerfully Consider.

Saint Margaret's Ministry of Hope

If you feel you are being called to minister to those who have recently lost a loved one, consider calling the parish center for more information on the Ministry of Hope. It is a ministry that reaches out to those who have recently lost a loved one, conducts a prayer service at the funeral home if necessary, and assists the priest with the funeral at Saint Margaret's.



Saint 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 Saint Margaret's parishioners. For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053.

Church Hours

The church is open at 8:30AM Monday through Saturday. We encourage parishioners and other churchgoers to come early for Mass. The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among those so inclined. The church closes at 12:00PM during the week.

Parish Center Summer Hours

Monday	9:00AM-1:00PM, 2:00-4:00PM
Tuesday	9:00AM-1:00PM, 2:00-4:00PM
Wednesday	9:00AM-1:00PM, 2:00-4:00PM
Thursday	9:00AM-1:00PM
Friday	Closed

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration

Registration info has been sent home to Faith Formation families! The letters contain all you need to know about registering or re-registering your child for Faith Formation, and what the next school year is going to look like. Classes will begin in September.



- ◇ First-time registrants will need a copy of each child's baptismal certificate submitted with their registration form.
- ◇ All children need to be enrolled for Faith Formation each year.
- ◇ Please do your best to adhere to the deadlines so that materials can be ordered.

Contact Jackie Mirenda at JMirenda@saintmargaret.com or x131 with any questions.

Parish Social Ministry

Back to School

Supplies that are needed by Monday, August 18th:

Backpacks, Binders, Folders, Marble Notebooks,
Looseleaf Paper, Crayons (24 ct), Washable Colored Markers,
Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks, Highlighters, Pens/Pencils



Our Biggest Request this year is TEEN BACK PACKS.

Supplies due by August 18th to Parish Center.

Please note our summer office hours.

Thank you for all you do!



Parish Food Pantry Needs



The parish food pantry feeds the needy in the community of Selden. We are always accepting donations of perishable and non-perishable food. We ask that those wishing to donate to bring donations to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or to place items the box in the back of the church. *Please do not leave items by the locked front doors of either building.*

The items we are critically low on are:

- ◇ Crackers
- ◇ Instant Potatoes
- ◇ Jars of Juice
- ◇ Bar Soap
- ◇ Laundry Detergent
- ◇ Gallon Storage Bags

Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry takes place on Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM in the Parish Center. The sandwiches feed the hungry in surrounding communities. Parishioners are invited to attend as their schedule allows. Call the Outreach office at x119 if you would like to volunteer, donate, or assist with drop-offs.



Thank You!



St. Margaret's Outreach would also like to thank Middle Country Automotive for collecting food for our pantry. Troy and his team hold food drives several times a year for our parish, which helps replenish our pantry.



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**If I Shall
But Touch
His Garment,
I Shall Be
Made Whole"**

- MARK 5:22-34



RETREAT DAY

Sobornost For The World invites you to experience a day of prayer, talks, community and living the mission of Christ in our world today.



Rev. Dr. Felix Phiri SMM, Retreat Speaker

Where Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
Conference Room
258 Eastport Manor Road
Manorville, NY 11949

When Saturday, August 30, 2025
9:30 am to 3:00 pm/Mass 11:30 am
Light refreshments offered

What
What might be holding you back from going out into the world with joy, courage and hope? What stands in your way and prevents you from moving toward others? This retreat will explore how reaching out to touch the tassel of Christ's garment in our need is an act of faith which can change our lives forever.

Register (Suggested Donation \$35.00)
Text to 631-680-2892 or email
janinejankowski12366@gmail.com

A Fair Trade table of products will be available to support the Sobornost Foundation missions.

What to expect

The members of Sobornost For The World have been sharing the joy of Christ's mission on Long Island and around the world since 2003 following Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25 where He says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Each helps those who are in severe poverty around the world with what is given to share. Sobornost members believe this is the way to live a joyful life.

Father Felix Phiri SMM, is serving at Our Lady of the Island Shrine, and originally from Zambia. He holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology from Boston College and until his appointment as an Assistant to the Superior General of his Order, he taught Systematic Theology and Liturgy at Hekima University College, a Jesuit School of Theology, Peace and International Relations in Nairobi, Kenya. Sobornost is honored and looking forward to partnering with Fr. Felix in this retreat day.



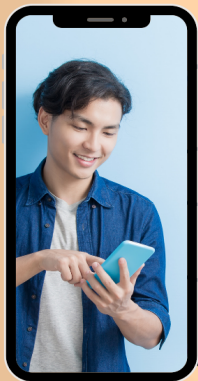
Saint Margaret's Blood Drive Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa



Thank you to all who donated the gift of life at last week's blood drive! Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus and all who volunteered to make this blood drive a success. We were able to collect 36 pints of blood for those who need it!



5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



- 1 Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions
- 2 Monitor technology use (trust but verify)
- 3 Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech
- 4 Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks
- 5 Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online



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"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, June 24, 2022



Rosary for Life

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Scan for Zoom link:



Email lhonkanen@drvc.org
if you would like the link sent to you each week.

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