



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

July 27, 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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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: Take time this week to really pray AND LISTEN to God. Say the Rosary or practice Lectio Divina. "For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds..."

General Intercession: For all peoples vacationing this summer, that they remember their Sunday obligation. 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 19/20

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,900.00.....	155
Mailed Contributions	\$1,447.00.....	27
Total Collection	\$8,347.00	

Readings for Next Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23
 Second Reading.....Col 3:1-5, 9-11
 Gospel.....Lk 12:13-21



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 28th

Leonard Steffek

Tuesday, July 29th

Luisa Cedeno

Wednesday, July 30th

Charles Kick

Thursday, July 31st

Norman Gottfried

Friday, August 1st

Rob Ruymaker

Saturday, August 2nd

8:30AM

Denise Ceruti

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, August 3rd

8:00AM

Frank DeSimone

10:00AM

Dennis Foy

12:00PM

Patricia Martin

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.

As I did last week, I am offering a brief synopsis in this column of the saints we honor on the liturgical calendar – this time, in the month of August. I start near the beginning of August and I will take us almost until the end of this month.

We honor Saint John Vianney, also known as the Cure' of Ars, on the 4th of August. According to the biographies of this French saint, he struggled enormously with his academic courses in the seminary. Naturally, this cast doubt on whether he would ever be ordained a priest. But he was. And what a priest he turned out to be!

He was assigned as the parish priest (curate, abbreviated as *cure* ') in the village of Ars, an out-of-the way place on the French map. His sanctity became evident before too long because he spent long hours in the confessional, not sitting there alone but reconciling sinners with God Who is rich in mercy. His reputation was such that penitents would come from great distances and wait for hours on line to receive absolution from this holy priest.

A few days later, on the 8th, the Church honors Saint Dominic, another priest. But unlike Saint John Vianney who was a diocesan priest, Saint Dominic was a Religious, that is, he belonged to a Religious Order whose members take vows and live in community. Indeed, he was the founder of the Order of Preachers (O.P.). The Order of Preachers or the Dominicans are dedicated to the practice of contemplation.

The Dominicans do a little parish work but are mostly associated with educational institutions at various levels, especially high schools and colleges and universities. The Dominican Order's most well-known university is in Rome, and it is called the Angelicum (with the angels) which has been the intellectual home of some of the Church's canonized saints, including Pope Saint John Paul II (d. 2005).

The very next day, the 9th, we honor one of the most intriguing saints in the history of the Church: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross who was first known as Edith Stein. She was born in Germany and to Jewish parents. Having become an agnostic in her early years, she came across the published works of Saint Teresa of Avila, a Carmelite nun. These published works of St. Teresa of Avila were deeply influential in Edith receiving Baptism and converting to Catholicism in 1922.

Following her entrance into the Catholic Church, Edith became a Carmelite nun herself. But this did not prevent the Nazis from tracking her down and putting her into prison at Auschwitz. She was killed there in 1942. During the pontificate of John Paul II, Edith Stein was raised to the altars (that is, she was canonized a saint).

On the 14th, the Church honors Saint Maximillian Kolbe. He too is connected with the Second World War and with Auschwitz. He grew up in Poland where he discerned a vocation to Religious Life and joined the Franciscans. As a priest, he had a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother and promoted that Marian devotion during his priestly ministry. While he was interred in Auschwitz, he volunteered to take the place of a Jewish man who was a husband and father, and had been marked out for immediate death by the Nazis on this one particular occasion.

By offering himself to the Nazis as a substitute for the Jewish husband and father, this priest-martyr demonstrated a selflessness which reminds us of Christ's self-emptying and culminated of course in His death on the Cross.

At the end of the month (on the 28th), we honor Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. After a period of impulsivity which covered his adolescence and young adulthood, Augustine underwent a profound conversion and dedicated himself to Christ and the Church. He was baptized by Saint Ambrose in the late fourth century and went on to be ordained a priest. After priestly ordination, he was named the Bishop of Hippo in North Africa.

Augustine was an abundantly talented man who preached well, wrote well and founded a Religious Order bearing his name – the Augustinians. He is one of the most quoted figures in religion, and is understood to be one the most decisive figures in the development of Western Civilization. His book entitled *Confessions* (his spiritual autobiography) is read and re-read in many different nations and cultures every year by thousands and thousands of people. It is also required reading at some of the most prestigious universities in the world.

The saints show us the way to Christ throughout all historical epochs. Their witness shines brightly in a rich variety of cultures. In these lazy, hazy days of summer, why not read a biography of one saint who may open up new insights for you about how to follow Christ the Lord now, in your own circumstances.

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.



Baptisms

Christian Alexander Holderer
Imaan Ali Mansoor
Michael Anthony Reising
Michael Cory Vogeli

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

Back to school is already upon us. Below are the supplies that are needed by Monday, August 18th. Our biggest request this year is TEEN BACK PACKS. Please bring supplies to the Parish Center. Note our summer office hours.



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

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 low on are:

- ◇ Crackers
- ◇ Instant Potatoes
- ◇ Jars of Juice
- ◇ Dish 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.



Wash Up Kits



Please continue to donate travel size soaps, shampoos, and wash cloths for wash up kits. These kits are donated to *Lighthouse Missions*. They provide individuals with essential items such as food, personal care products, household supplies, and more. You may drop items off at the parish center. Thank you!

First Friday Devotions

To The
Sacred Heart
of Jesus

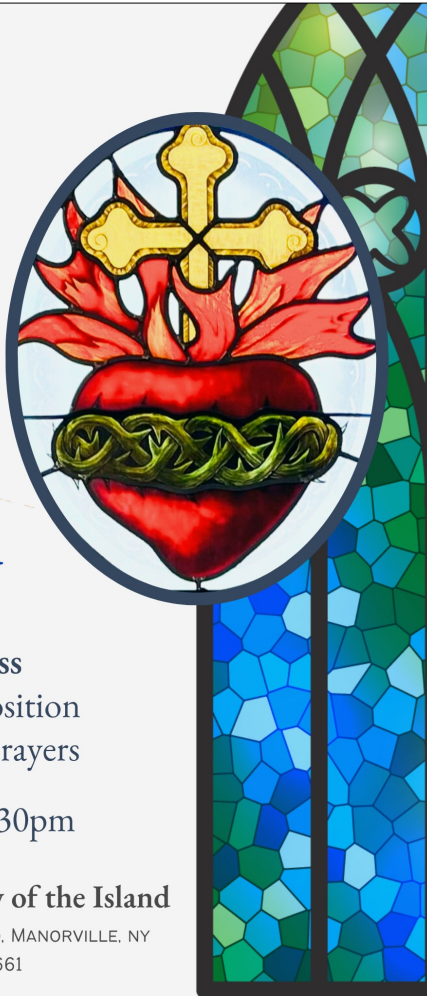
August 1st

11:30am Mass
Followed by Exposition
and Atonement Prayers

Confessions at 1:30pm

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

258 EASTPORT MANOR RD. MANORVILLE, NY
631-325-0661



SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND



You are invited

FRIDAY

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MASS AT 11:30 AM
with Bishop John Barres

258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY

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Visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine
at 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in
Manorville. They carry a wide
variety of religious articles. Their
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New Parishioner? Moving? Need to update information?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection
basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep
our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

New _____ Moving _____ Updating _____



Adoration of the Eucharist & Blessing of the Backpacks



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on
Thursday, August 28th at 3:00PM in the Church.

Following Adoration, all students will have their backpacks blessed for the new school year. All children are invited to attend.



Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

There will be a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe over the Feast Day, December 7 - 13, 2025. Sites to be visited include Mexico City, Puebla, Blessed Miguel Pro, and more. Cost is \$3,599 per person including airfare from JFK, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Mass daily and all scheduled activities. For a flyer or more information please call Mike Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel at (631) 569-2620.

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, and Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. They assist with parish events such as the parish food drive, hospitality Sundays, and blood drive. Prospective members may call Anthony Rebaldo at (631) 346-9026.



Toddler Items Needed

Women First Pregnancy Options is in need of various items. The items can be gently used/clean or new. Any assistance would be appreciated. They are open M-F 10AM-4PM. Their address is 91 Maple Ave., Smithtown. Call (631) 656-0441 if you can donate.



Boys & Girls Clothing 2T - 4T
Daily Essential Toiletries
Infant & Toddler Car Seats
Strollers, Pack & Plays



Holy Angels Regional School

Come and see what the excitement is all about! Educating students Pre-K to 8th grade, Holy Angels Regional School in Patchogue is marking 100 years of Catholic education. Give them a call at (631) 475-0422 for more information or to schedule a tour. Check out their website, too, at HolyAngelsRegional.org.



The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.