



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

August 24, 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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x111*

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Deacon William Kogler – Retired
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired*

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Holy Angels Regional Catholic School

*Jeannine Stewart, Principal
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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality:
Treat people the way God wants you to. Live a life that gives glory to God.

General Intercession: For all families in our parish. 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.

August 16/17

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,839.00.....	170
Mailed Contributions	\$2,678.00.....	66
Total Collection	\$9,517.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading.....Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel.....Lk 14:1, 7-14



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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 25th

Lucile Curley

Tuesday, August 26th

Michael T. Rampanelli

Wednesday, August 27th

Marie Foy

Thursday, August 28th

Lauren Fennell

Friday, August 29th

Norman Gottfried

Saturday, August 30th

8:30AM

Roger Schaefer

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, August 31st

8:00AM

Giovanni Ayala

10:00AM

Francesco Biancaniello

12:00PM

Spec. Int. Henryk & Lucas Chelminski

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 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 Bridglall, 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.



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.



2026 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2026 will be opening on **Tuesday, September 2nd**. 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. *We request one individual be remembered per Mass. Thank you.*



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 daily.

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, September 4th 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.

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.



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.



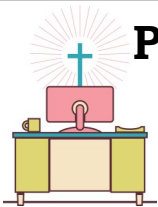
Message from Bishop Barres on Blood Drives in the Diocese

“Thank you to all who have and continue to participate in lifesaving blood drives with New York Blood Center (NYBC). Our diocese contributed nearly 7,000 blood donations to the community blood supply last year, affecting the lives of nearly 21,000 patients. It brings me great pride to see our diocese continue to support this lifesaving work. I firmly believe in our mission to affect, and in this case, save lives across Long Island through the selfless act of blood donation.



We were recognized earlier this year for these efforts, and I am committed to building upon our diocese's strong foundation to reach even more in need.”

Pictured: Father Kevin Creagh, Vice President of Mission Integration for Catholic Health Long Island, with Yadira Navarro, NYBC's Director of Community and Stakeholder Relations (left), and Joyelle Morris, NYBC's Senior Director of Collections, receiving awards on behalf of Catholic Health and the Diocese of Rockville Centre for outstanding blood drive campaigns, at the annual Chairperson Dinner.



Parish Center Hours

The parish center will resume its normal office hours following Labor Day, beginning Tuesday, September 2nd.

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.



Hospitality Sundays

Hospitality Sundays will resume in September. They will take place the last Sunday of each month at 11:00AM, unless otherwise noted, in the auditorium. They will be sponsored by *The Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus. Check the bulletin for upcoming dates.



Looking for Catholic Gifts & Items?



Visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine at 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. They carry a wide variety of religious articles. Their website is OurLadyOfTheIsland.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.

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.
- ◇ The deadline has passed—please register your child as soon as possible!

Orientation Days

Please Note: All orientation gatherings are for parent/child.
Materials and workbooks will be distributed.

- ◇ Level 1: Monday, September 15th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 2: Monday, September 8th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 3: Tuesday, September 9th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 4: Tuesday, September 9th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 5: Monday, September 9th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 6: Wednesday, September 10th, 6:30PM
- ◇ Level 7: Thursday, September 11th, 6:30PM
- ◇ Level 8: Thursday, September 4th, 6:30PM

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

Parish Social Ministry

Parish Food Pantry Needs

The parish food pantry is currently **out of** or **critically low** on several goods.



- ◇ ALL KINDS OF SOUP (DEPLETED)
- ◇ COOKIES
- ◇ BOXES OF RICE
- ◇ SMALL JARS OF JELLY

We ask that all donations be brought 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. Thank you!*

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

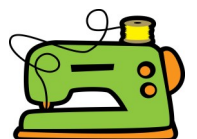


Please continue to donate travel size soaps, shampoos, and wash cloths for wash up kits. These kits are donated to *Lighthouse Missions*. They provide individuals with essential items such as food, personal care products, household supplies, and more. You may drop items off at the parish center. Thank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

Do You Sew?



Your talent is needed, sewers of Saint Margaret. The Stony Brook Children's Hospital needs your help making pediatric patient surgical caps, memory pouches, or demise wraps. Patterns and materials are available to be picked up in the parish center. *You sew — we deliver!* Call Jackie at x131 if you can assist.



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.

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.



Are you still looking for marriage help? Retrouvaille is designed to help couples reconnect, rebuild, & restore their marriage. Their program offers an immersive experience that helps couples gain valuable insights, learn new skills, and make lasting changes that can strengthen their relationship for years to come. Their next weekend is **September 24—26, 2025** at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, NY.

For information and to take the next steps toward a brighter future together call or email:

(516) 405-0323 | 3028r@helpourmarriage.org | HelpOurMarriage.org

St. John Nepomucene

1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, New York 11716



Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement groups will be offered at St. John Nepomucene for the following individuals:

**Loss of Spouse, Loss of Adult Child,
General Loss**

The group will be eight weeks in duration beginning Thursday, September 11th – October 30th at 7:00PM. The group meets weekly for 90 minutes followed by refreshments and hospitality. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. The groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and are limited to 12 people. For the spousal and general groups the loss must have occurred three months prior to the start of the group. Pre-registration is required. Call (631) 589-0540 x250 for more information or to reserve your seat for the group you would like to attend.



Blood Drive

Callari Memorial Blood Drive

Roll up your
sleeve in memory
of someone special.



Selden Fire Department

Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa

Tuesday, September 16th

1:45-7:45

44 Woodmere Place, Selden – Truck Bays

Appointments are preferred and walk-ins are welcomed!

Scan the QR code or call 1-800-933-2566,

or visit www.nybc.org

**All donors will receive sandwiches,
salads, and refreshments!**

Any medical questions please

call 1-800-688-0900

Any further questions contact

Jennifer at 516-310-2382



Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 safety protocols.

For many years the Callari family chaired and coordinated the Selden Fire Dept. and St. Margaret's R.C. church blood drives.

In the past few years, and with deepest regrets from our communities, we lost these wonderful volunteers. Selden Fire Department is holding a memorial blood drive to honor Ex. Capt. and former Commissioner Joe Callari, his wife Sue Callari former Chaplain S.F.D.L.A. and their daughter Roe Callari Ex. Capt. of S.F.D. and Past President of S.F.D.L.A. respectively.

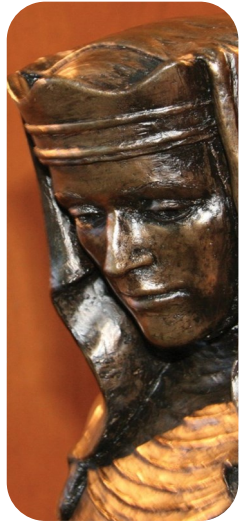
Please join us to honor this dedicated family by donating a pint of blood. Your pint of blood will save 3 lives!

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Why is Our Parish So Charitable?

Our parish patron, Saint Margaret, was born in Saxony in 1045 and raised in Hungary. She went to England in 1066 when her uncle, King Edward the Confessor, died. War broke out and her family decided to return to live in Hungary but a storm at sea forced them to seek shelter in a Scottish port.

Margaret had shown signs of holiness at an early age wanting to enter the convent. However, in 1070 King Malcolm of Scotland (20 years her senior) insisted she marry him and become Queen of Scotland. She became highly influential in the governing of Scotland. She instigated reforms within the Scottish church, as well as development of closer ties to the larger Roman Church in order to avoid a schism between the Celtic Church and Rome. Margaret was a patroness both of the Celts, Scottish Christian hermits, and the Benedictine Order. Although Benedictine monks were prominent throughout western continental Europe, Margaret invited English Benedictine monks to establish monasteries in her kingdom.



Margaret was active in works of charity frequently visiting & caring for the sick herself. On a larger scale, she had hostels constructed for the poor. During Advent & Lent, she held feasts for as many as 300 commoners in the royal castle. She softened the heart of the king so much that it was not uncommon for Margaret and King Malcolm to sit in a large hall of the palace and have people come to them for aid. They would care for and feed the sick and poor of the community themselves. Although a stranger in Scotland, her charitable and unselfish attitude toward her people won her a warm place in their hearts.

King Malcolm and Margaret had 8 children (6 boys and 2 girls). She alone of all the canonized saints is the patroness of large families. That is the image that we use as our parish logo. For centuries, she was honored as a holy woman. Although a Queen, she believed nothing belonged to her and everything was used for the purpose of God. She lived an ordered life of prayer and self-sacrifice.

When William the Conqueror died and hostilities again arose between Scotland and England, King Malcolm & their eldest son Edward, went off to war while Margaret resigned herself to a life of prayer & communion. Malcolm and Edward were both killed. Margaret died four days later of a broken heart on November 16, 1093, repeating the Communion prayers of the Mass.

She was declared a saint in 1250, particularly for her work for religious reform and her charity. She was considered to be an exemplar of a just ruler, and influenced her husband and children to be just and holy rulers. She was declared Patroness of Scotland in 1673.

Her feast day is celebrated November 16th.