



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

**August 31, 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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**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer:** Be humble and turn to God in EVERYTHING. When you pray, recognize your littleness and His greatness.

**General Intercession:** For all students in our parish as they prepare for another schoolyear. We pray to the Lord...

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 23/24

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,813.00.....	163
Mailed Contributions	\$2,442.00.....	49
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9,255.00</b>	

First Reading.....	Wis 9:13-18b
Second Reading.....	Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Gospel.....	Lk 14:25-33



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

***Friday 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

Giovanni &amp; Elisa Assalone

**Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Rose Ann Luparello

## Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Special Intention Brendan Smith

**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

William Bugala

## Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

Ann Lloyd

## Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM

Denise Ceruti

5:00PM

Manuel Araujo

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM

## All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10:00AM

Erin Considine

12:00PM

Roger Schaefer

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

Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio,  
 Wendianne & 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.*

Tomorrow, the first day of a new month, is Labor Day, a civil holiday. In a sense, it extends the summer a bit – at least the “feeling” of summer. It’s a little more time to be more leisurely about we are doing. Given that we resume schooling later in the northeast part of the USA, we have a reprieve of sorts. Our attitude is affected by time – and putting things “off” for another day won’t hurt all that much.

The more serious aspect of Labor Day is the respect we accord working and workers. First, working is good. Because of it, we earn a salary and can make payments on the goods we use in the world. By work, we create, partly, our lives. Not completely but partly. It helps to form who we are and how we spend our time. Second, workers are good. Without them, we wouldn’t have an economy, a job force which makes possible how we are going to live. Workers who work help us to appreciate the value and dignity of human beings, and how we might enter into a relationship of solidarity with fellow human beings.

On this point of labor, I call attention to an encyclical of Pope Saint John Paul II dedicated to work. More specifically, it is a social encyclical with the title *Laborem Exercens* (1981). I would recommend that you take a look at this document; it’s easily accessible online. Perhaps even read a little of the work on work. It’s a good way to honor the religious meaning of work, and there is much to say on this topic. So, go to your computer and look it up. Getting just a flavor of the text is most salutary.

With the re-opening of the school near at hand, that can only signal a pick-up in the tempo of what happens in our parish. So, let me just mention a few things which are returning to the schedule now.

Children enrolled in **Faith Formation** resume instruction in September. I call attention not just to class meetings every month but to **Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director** which we hold just about every Sunday from September through May. It is held before the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. Parents and guardians are expected to attend along with the youngsters. The site of the catechesis is the church basement (auditorium). Attendance is according to Level (Grade). Every family should be in possession of a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It is highly advisable to bring that volume with you for the catechetical component.

I will have more to say in future editions of the bulletin about **Twenty Minutes**. For now, I just want to set the table so to speak.

We hold **evenings of formation** for our catechists on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday and Wednesday) starting at 7:00 PM and finishing at 9:00 PM. Remember, if a catechist cannot attend one or both sessions, she is to inform me in advance.

The following week, on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>, there is a **Holy Hour** in the church when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar in the monstrance. Following the Exposition, there is a meeting for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in the pastoral center building. Proceedings will definitely wrap up by 9:00 PM.

Any time we have a Holy Hour, all parishioners are invited to pray before the Eucharistic Lord. And I happily extend this invitation now. It is an excellent opportunity to pray silently, to hear the Word of God proclaimed and listen to preaching on it, and to use the vocal prayers of the Church in Benediction.

If any extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion did not attend the 10:00 AM Mass on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi back on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and did **not pledge a re-commitment to this ministry then**, the meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> in the pastoral center building is the time to state your re-commitment publicly.



There are several matters to highlight in October but I am just going to tease one of them here now. And that would be our devotion to the Blessed Mother. An appropriate time to express this devotion is October 7<sup>th</sup> which, liturgically, is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Weather permitting, I would ask that parishioners gather to pray the Rosary **following the Mass at 9:00 AM. I ask that parishioners gather at the grotto for this expression of Marian devotion.**

Enjoy this Laboy Day weekend with as much tranquility as you can. After the holiday, many of us are “off to the races.” Always take time for the Lord, and there is no better way to do this than through the celebration of Holy Mass peacefully and free of distractions.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## 2026 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2026 will be opening on **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.*



## Parish Center Hours

The parish center will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, in observance of Labor Day. Following this, we will resume our normal office hours on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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.

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

Contact Jackie Mirenda at [JMirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:JMirenda@saintmargaret.com) or x131 with any questions.

## Parish Happenings

### Bible Study

*Mark your calendars!* Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. It will meet on Wednesdays at **10:00AM** in the parish center, led by Deacon Ed Hayes. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.



### 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.



### 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.



### Hands Needed



Our Music Ministry is still 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.



## Parish Social Ministry

### Back to School "Thank You"



Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners & Grant-Marinello Funeral Home in Coram, we were able to assist 60 children from 23 families with their back-to-school needs. The children of our community will be starting their school year off on the right footing! Wishing a prosperous school year for all!



### Parish Food Pantry Needs

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



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| ◇ <b>All</b> Soups (depleted) | ◇ Boxed Mashed Potatoes & Gravy |
| ◇ Dinty Moore Stew            | ◇ Egg Noodles                   |
| ◇ Boxes of Rice               | ◇ Shampoo                       |
| ◇ Shelf Stable Milk           | ◇ Toothpaste                    |
| ◇ Oatmeal                     | ◇ Bathroom Tissue               |
| ◇ Cookies/Kids Snacks         | ◇ Paper & Plastic Bags          |

We ask that all donations be brought to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours placed in 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 Tuesdays at 10:00AM in the Parish Center. The sandwiches feed the hungry in surrounding areas. Parishioners are invited to attend as their schedule allows.

**Volunteers must be Virtus compliant.** Call the Outreach office at x119 if you would like to volunteer, donate, or assist with drop-offs. Thank you!

### Wash Up Kits



Please continue to donate travel size soaps, shampoos, and wash cloths for wash up kits. These kits are assembled by volunteers and donated to

*Lighthouse Missions*. This organization provides individuals with essential items such as food, personal care products, household supplies, and more. You may drop items off at the parish center.



Caroline Episcopal Church's

# ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR

**SATURDAY SEPT. 13**  
**10AM-4PM**  
[rain date: September 20]

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New York Blood Center

# Blood Drive

**Callari Memorial Blood Drive**


Roll up your sleeve in memory of someone special.



**Selden Fire Department**  
Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caraccappa  
**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**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](http://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](http://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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