



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

September 21, 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 Hospitality: We are called to treat everyone with dignity, respect and love. We can do this in little ways throughout our week—hold the door open for someone, smile, visit or call someone who is lonely. Our little hospitable deeds can have big impacts on our souls.

General Intercession: For all our elected officials, that they may have the courage to do God's will. 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.

September 13/14

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$8,148.00.....	185
Mailed Contributions	\$4,547.00.....	62
Total Collection	\$12,695.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Am 6:1a, 4-7
Second Reading.....1 Tm 6:11-16
Gospel.....Lk 16:19-31



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday 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, September 22nd

Patricia Ann Mitchell

Tuesday, September 23rd

Herminia Tingcay

Wednesday, September 24th

Joseph Dulovic

Thursday, September 25th

Alissa Savoy-Sadler

Friday, September 26th

Joseph Francis Panzella

Saturday, September 27th

8:30AM

Kenny Duggan

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, September 28th

8:00AM

Rudolf Cannavale

10:00AM

Roger Schaefer

12:00PM

Anthony Marrocco

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 Discepola, 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 Lewing, Seaman Jaime Ottenwalder, Carol Etro

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.

On this 25th Sunday of the Year (Cycle C), I wish to comment on two of the readings at Mass, and that would be the Second Reading and the Gospel. I highlight one point in each text that I just referenced.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul writes to Saint Timothy about Jesus' mission and what is entailed with the exercise of the Lord's mission. The Apostle writes that Jesus "gave himself as a ransom for all." This reminds us of what Saint Paul wrote last Sunday in his Letter to the Philippians. Recall that Jesus laid down His life for us all in that passage. It was a "self-emptying," as the passage indicated. Today's text contains the word "ransom." In acting as Jesus did, it was for a "ransom," that is, for the purpose of saving us. The acceptance of the Cross by Jesus was a perfect act of love. And we can characterize it this way because we are not perfect in our love. We are sinners, and our sins are ugly. Who then but only God can embrace the Cross and ransom us? No one else but Our Redeemer.

The Gospel has a parable which ends with this verse: "You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13) We cannot have dual loyalties when it comes to discipleship. Serving God is either all or nothing. We can't hedge our bets. It's faith or myth. Such a characterization by Jesus makes clear that we can't, as it were, "slice and dice," hoping to have it both ways, some for God and some for myself in an effort to cover all my bases. We serve a God Who has given Himself to us without holding anything back. Can we not attempt to give ourselves to God in like manner?

In a re-cap of events at this time of the year, I mention a few matters which have been in this column since Labor Day.

The first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday. I encourage parishioners to go to the Life Chain (also known as Stand Up for Life) held on Route 110 in Melville. Participants should go to the east side of Rt. 110, south of Jericho Turnpike for a 2:00 PM start. It concludes at 3:30 PM.

It is a largely silent and prayerful public witness. I have attended for many, many years now. Please consult the bulletin boards in the church for more details. You will also see that Saint Margaret is a sponsor of the event – along with many other parishes and other organizations on Long Island. So, drive over in your car, and join with other pro-life people to stand up for the humans we can't yet see with our eyes – not until they are born, that is.

The first weekend of October (the 4th and 5th), we have the start of the Baby Bottle Campaign here at Saint Margaret. We last had it in 2023. It begins with brief talks by volunteers before Masses. The speakers are volunteers at the Life Center. As you leave church after Mass, you can pick up from the ushers the baby bottles. At the end of October (24th and 25th), you return the baby bottle with your loose currency and change in it.

We completed our Orientation sessions with the families of the children enrolled in our parish Faith Formation program. We continue to emphasize the importance of Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director on Sunday mornings before the 10:00 AM Mass. We ask the parents to attend with their child(ren) these catechetical sessions according to the schedule drawn up by Mrs. Jackie Mirenda. The schedule goes almost the entire length of the school year (September – May). Families should bring with them to the sessions their copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

We have a liturgical observance on October 7th honoring Our Blessed Mother (Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary). I ask parishioners to join us on that day (a Tuesday) after the 9:00 AM Mass at the grotto on parish property to pray in common the holy rosary. We will do this weather permitting, of course.

We resume our socials on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 AM Mass on September 28th. The Knights of Heart of the Island Council host the event. Come and join us for some hospitality at the end of this month in the church basement (auditorium).

Again, please pray for our country. We need divine assistance for the ideals of our nation to be realized in the practical order.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

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.



Altar Server Training

Altar server training will take place on **Tuesdays** at **5:00PM** in the church during the month of October.

New and returning servers are welcome. This is open to all boys and girls grade 4 and above.

The dates are:

October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

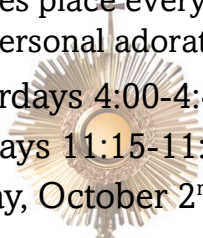
You're invited to spend some time with Jesus. Exposition takes place every week. Stop by the church for personal adoration and prayers.

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

First Thursday, October 2nd 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.



2026 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2026 is now open. 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 12:00NOON daily.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration

Faith formation classes have now started! We ask families who have not registered their child yet to do so **as soon as possible**. Thank you for your cooperation.



- ◇ First-time registrants will need a copy of each child's baptismal certificate submitted with their registration form.
- ◇ Reminder: all children need to be enrolled for Faith Formation each year.
- ◇ Any St. Margaret's parishioner who would like more information on how to become a catechist may reach out to the parish center and ask for Jackie.

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

Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director Sundays at 9:30AM

- ◇ September 21 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ September 28 — Level 8
- ◇ October 5 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ October 12 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ October 19 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ October 26 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ November 2 — Levels 6 & 7



Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 4th — 1:30PM

* Meet by the Mary Shrine



- * Animals must be on leash or in carrier
- * All animals (and their owners) are welcome!

Parish Social Ministry

Parish Food Pantry Needs



The parish food pantry assists the needy in the community of Selden. We ask that parishioners who would like to make food donations to please bring them to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or to place items in the box in the back of the church. *Please do not leave items by the locked front doors of either building. Thank you!*

The week's requests for the pantry:

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| ◇ All Soups | ◇ Kids Snacks |
| ◇ Shelf Stable Milk | ◇ Canned Green Beans |
| ◇ Hearty Stews | ◇ Boxed Mashed Potatoes |
| ◇ Boxes of Rice | ◇ Gravy |
| ◇ Oatmeal | ◇ Shampoo |
| ◇ Cookies | ◇ Toothpaste |

Wash Up Kits

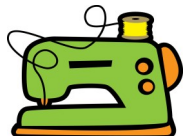


Please continue to donate travel size soaps, shampoos, and wash cloths for wash up kits. These kits are assembled by volunteers and donated to *Lighthouse Missions*. This organization provides individuals with essential items such as food, personal care products, household supplies, and more. You may drop items off at the parish center.

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.



Hospitality Sunday

Our "welcome back" *Hospitality Sunday* is next **Sunday, September 28th**, at 11:00AM, in the church auditorium. Sponsored by *The Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus. All are invited!



Stand Up For Life
Sunday, October 5th — 2:00-3:30PM

*St. Margaret Parish
is a sponsor!*

LONG ISLAND COALITION for LIFE, Inc.

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding their annual *Stand Up For Life* event on Sunday, October 5th, from 2:00-3:30PM (rain or shine). This vigil is part of a nationwide family-friendly event, held at hundreds of cities across the USA & Canada. You do not have to bring anything — signs will be distributed. You are invited to come as you are. You can attend for part of the time or the full 90 minutes. Your presence can help save a life. There is strength in unity.

ALL PRO-LIFE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!

They will be at two locations:

Huntington
Routes 110 & Route 25
(near the Whitman Mall)

Manorville
LIE Exit 70S
County Road 111



*Have you ever thought about
going to the March for Life in
Washington DC in January? Do
you know about the largest
Pro-Life event right here on Long
Island for the past 27 years?*

ProLifeLI.org | (631) 243-1435 | Info@ProLifeLI.org

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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1370 Grundy Ave. Holbrook

Take a Look at All the Prizes at:

www.facebook.com/GSRaffleFair



Parish Happenings

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.



Bible Study



Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the parish center, led by Deacon Ed Hayes. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.

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.

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 (631) 732-3131 x119 if you would like to volunteer, donate, or assist with drop-offs. Thank you!

Community Happenings

Catholic High School Open Houses

Saint Anthony's High School

Saturday, September 27 — 9AM-12PM
StAnthonysHS.org
(631) 271-2020 ext. 226
admissions@stanthonyshs.org
275 Wolf Hill Rd.,
South Huntington, NY 11747

Chaminade High School

Saturday, October 4 — 10:30AM-2:30PM
340 Jackson Ave., Mineola, NY 11501
Chaminade-HS.org
(516) 742-5555
Pre-registration is required



Kellenberg Memorial High School

Saturday, October 4 — 9AM-1PM
Kellenberg.org/OpenHouse
1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd.,
Uniondale, NY 11553



Saint John the Baptist Diocesan HS

Saturday, October 25 — 10AM-1PM
StJohnTheBaptistDHS.net
1170 Montauk Highway
West Islip, NY 11795
(631) 587-8000

Head to CHSEE.org for more information on admittance to a Catholic High School.