



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

September 28, 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

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With the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time today, the Gospel we hear is one of the better-known stories from Saint Luke's Gospel. It's the story of Lazarus, the poor man, who dies and goes to heaven, but the rich man winds up in the "netherworld, where he was in torment." It is a parable. Its purpose is to get us to pay attention to the consequences of being unsympathetic to the plight of the poor during our lives on earth. The parable's ending is not hopeful. "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets," Abraham says, "neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

Listening to Moses and the prophets is a good start for us. The Lord uses figures from salvation history to awaken us to our responsibilities toward the poor and the suffering. But the key figure, of course, is Christ. By His life and ministry, Jesus shows us how to act with compassion and mercy toward the least among us. See the Judgment as it is depicted in Saint Matthew's Gospel for its exhortation to practice the corporal works of mercy. We will be judged by how attentive we are to the poor and dispossessed in our midst now.

To share in the Lord's Resurrection ourselves, we must not be indifferent to the plight of the have-nots in this world. The challenge always is to respond in the moment, not to "put off" our assistance to the needy to some undefined future. For the claims on us now are lost on us if we defer to "when I get around to it." The rich man in the parable didn't put off assistance to Lazarus to some undefined future; he just flat-out refused to do so. We can take this option but it will not go well for us at the Judgment.

Next Sunday is Respect Life Sunday. I encourage you to participate in the Life Chain, otherwise known as the Stand Up for Life. It begins at 2:00 PM and finishes at 3:30 PM. Hundreds of pro-lifers will be there on Rt. 110 (east side) and south of Jericho Turnpike.

It is a largely silent and prayerful witness. Bring a family member or friend with you and drive over in your car. The unborn need us to care for them. A part of that care is raising consciousness with a peaceful presence ourselves in public. It's what we have to do before we get baby food, before we get the baby carriage, before we get baby clothes, etc. Life is at stake, and it is no trivial matter!

On the weekend of October 4th/5th, we start the Baby Bottle Campaign here at Saint Margaret. This is being done in conjunction with the Life Center. There will be speakers before the Masses and the distribution of the baby bottles as you leave the church.

I ask you to take a look at the collection total from last weekend. You will see that it fell below **\$9,000.00**. This is not good. Not at all. I ask you to be generous in your support of Saint Margaret Parish **every week**. You may recall that earlier this month (the 7th and the 14th), on both of these Sundays, the collections were over **\$12,000.00**. **We cannot have swings like this. A more than \$3,000.00 difference!** In a parish like this, we cannot pay our bills with less than \$9,000.00 in the weekly collection.

As the fiscal year closed on August 31st, I will be making a report to the parish at all Masses on one weekend next month (likely that it will be October 11th/12th). I ask you to bear in mind that everyone at Saint Margaret, as part of our discipleship, must be stewards of time, talent and treasure. I will be emphasizing the treasure portion of stewardship in my report and I will be imploring you to be generous. Many parishioners need to do much better in this regard.

This Sunday, we resume our socials in the church basement following the 10:00 AM Mass. These monthly socials are hosted by the Knights of Columbus (Heart of the Island Council). All are invited to take part.

I close by asking all parishioners to consider joining us on Tuesday, October 7th at the 9:00 AM Mass. The Church celebrates the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary that day. After Mass, we will go to the grotto on parish property and pray the rosary. This presumes the weather permits us to do so. So long as we don't have a funeral mass that day at 10:00 AM, we can be in the church if the weather precludes us from going outdoors.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

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 invitation is open to all boys and girls grade 4 and above.

The dates are:

October 7

October 14

October 21

October 28



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. Its members reach out to those who have recently lost a loved one, conduct a prayer service at the funeral home if necessary, and assist the priest with the funeral.



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.



Avianna Rose Colon
Jackson Thomas Wilson

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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.

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.



Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

On the weekend of **October 4th & 5th**, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- ✓ Free pregnancy test kits
- ✓ Free sonogram
- ✓ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ✓ Medical care referrals
- ✓ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- ✓ Male advocates available to speak with fathers



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON
OCTOBER 25TH & 26TH**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!

Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, October 5th, is Respect Life Sunday, a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world. The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support. *The annual Respect Life collection will be taken up next weekend.*

Rosary for Life

Join the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics in prayer Every Friday at 3:00PM.

Scan for Zoom link:



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

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

"We pledge to preserve in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life." — Bishop Barrès' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022



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

**Celebrate
the
Human Life**

Faith Formation

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

- ◇ 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
- ◇ November 9 — Levels 3, 4, & 5



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!

Faith Formation Registration

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

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.



Community Happenings

Catholic High School Open Houses

Chaminade High School

Saturday, October 4 — 10:30AM-2:30PM
Chaminade-HS.org | (516) 742-5555
340 Jackson Ave.
Mineola, NY 11501
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 | (631) 587-8000
1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795

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

OUTDOOR Basket Raffle & Craft Fair

OVER 200 Baskets

\$500 * \$100 Lottery Tkts & Gift Certificates

WINNERS CALLED AT 6:30 PM SUNDAY Decor & Holiday Crafts

CHAIRS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ENJOY THE CALLING

Sept. 27 & 28

Rain Dates Oct. 4 & 5

Sat. 12pm - 6pm Sun. 8:30am - 6pm

Food & Refreshments for Sale
Home Baked Cakes & Brownies

Church of the Good Shepherd

1370 Grundy Ave. Holbrook

Take a Look at All the Prizes at:

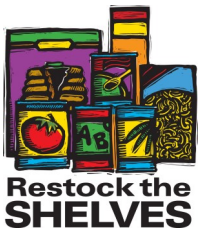
www.facebook.com/GSRaffleFair

Parish Social Ministry

Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION



The ***Knights of Columbus*** are partnering with our Outreach Ministry to assist with replenishing our pantry.



Bags will be distributed on **October 11/12 at all masses**; donations will be collected on **October 18/19 at all masses**. They will be in front of the church to receive your donations. Please assist them—and us—as you can.

If anyone is able to help Outreach on **October 18/19**, please leave a message at (631) 732-3131 x119. ***Thank you!***

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:

- ◇ Shelf Stable Milk ◇ Crackers
- ◇ Hearty Stews ◇ Kids Snacks
- ◇ Oatmeal ◇ Canned Green Beans
- ◇ Cookies ◇ Shampoo / Toothpaste

Hospitality This Sunday

Our kickoff Hospitality Sunday is **this Sunday, September 28th**, at 11:00AM, in the church auditorium.



Sponsored by *The Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus. All are invited! Stop by for fellowship and a bagel.

Parish Happenings

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.