



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

**September 7, 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:** Create a habit of asking God for guidance. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you each day of your life. Ask God to give you wisdom so that your paths may be made straight... “And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.”

*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 we begin another school year, we trace the contours of some events and occurrences here at Saint Margaret for this month and next one.

The **Mass Book for 2026** opened just a few days ago. You can remember family members and friends with announced Masses. We accept intentions for all the Masses in our schedule. Nevertheless, please limit a Mass Intention to one person.

On Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come and joins us at the 9:00 AM Mass.

A week from today (on the 14<sup>th</sup>), the Church marks the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. The priest will wear red vestments for the occasion, reminding us of the Blood shed by Our Lord in winning our salvation. Come, let us worship, we say or sing, liturgically.

The next day, the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Church observes the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows when we recall the Virgin-Mother's love for her dying Son on Calvary. Again, join us at morning Mass.

On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>, the **Life Center** in Massapequa is holding a gala celebration to raise monies for the defense of the unborn. Contact the Life Center to learn more about how you might help mothers bring their children to term.

On the last Sunday of September (the 28<sup>th</sup>), we resume our **socials** following the 10:00 AM Mass in the auditorium (church basement). The Knights of Columbus (Heart of the Island Council) host the occasion. All parishioners are invited to attend.

On the first weekend in October (the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>), we have the start of the **Baby Bottle Campaign** which is run by the Life Center in Massapequa. That weekend, baby bottles will be distributed to parishioners on their way out of church. The baby bottles are returned on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with your loose change and currency in them. Speakers from the Life Center will make brief presentations on the purpose of the campaign at all Masses.

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>, there is a **Life Chain** or **Stand Up for Life** on Route 110 in Melville. The event is nearly forty years old. And we invite parishioners to participate in this mostly silent, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life in the womb. It starts at 2:00 PM and concludes at 3:30 PM. Participants use the east side of Route 110 south of Jericho Turnpike.

The Life Chain or Stand Up for Life is sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life every year. Look for the name of our parish on the flyer announcing the event this year.

I encourage parishioners to participate on October 5<sup>th</sup>. I do every year. Bring a family member or friend and introduce someone new to the pro-life movement.

I raise the issue of **assisted suicide** once again. Both houses of the state legislature approved passage of a bill allowing this gruesome procedure to be done. The only thing missing is the Governor's signature. This is quite unusual since New York State already has a lousy record of protecting vulnerable life (*in utero*). There is still time however to contact the Governor and advise her not to sign. Please do so and right away too.

Back to the liturgical calendar, on the Third Sunday of October (the 19<sup>th</sup>), we have **Mission Sunday**. It is a reminder that the Church's mission is always at the forefront of her work, namely, that of proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We all have roles in that work too. We should know what our own role is and then carry it out as assiduously as we can.



Let us do the Lord's work in the time allotted to us here on earth. This is how time becomes sanctified. Putting our hands to the plough and not looking back is how Jesus puts it in the Gospel.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## The Catholic University of America Collection

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously.

Support the collection at: [futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org](https://futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org).

### 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.

### 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.*



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00-6:00PM



### St. Carlo Acutis & St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

In light of Pope Francis' death earlier this year, Blessed Carlo Acutis' canonization was delayed from April 27, 2025, to September 7, 2025. He will be the first "millennial" saint, the first saint to have lived in the new millennium. He and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized by Pope Leo XIV. *St. Carlo and St. Pier Giorgio, pray for us!*

## *St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests*

*"...at the root of every vocation, God is present, in his mercy and his goodness..."*

- Pope Leo XIV

Dear Friends:

Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued financial support for our senior priests residing at St. Pius X Residence.

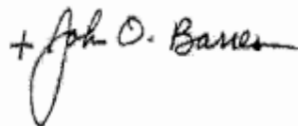
At St. Pius X Residence, our retired diocesan priests live each day with dignity and the ability to practice their Catholic faith in a brotherly community. Although retired, those who are physically able continue to generously help in so many ways — offering Mass at local parishes, hearing confessions, and sharing their spiritual and administrative wisdom with their brother priests. They also spend time in prayer in their chapel praying for the needs of everyone in our diocese.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth, and serving the poor and vulnerable. These priests made a commitment to God to serve Him for their life on earth.

As we offer thanks to God for the gift of the priesthood in our Diocese, and as we pray together for a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood on Long Island, we have a critical role to play in the life of our priests, including our senior priests.

This month you will have the opportunity to express your gratitude to our priests and celebrate their presence among us through your gift to the annual St. Pius X Residence Fund. Your gifts and prayers will ensure that our retired priests are properly cared for today and long into the future.

With my prayers and gratitude.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

## Parish Social Ministry

### Parish Food Pantry Needs

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

- ◇ **All** Soups
- ◇ Dinty Moore Stew
- ◇ Boxes of Rice
- ◇ Shelf Stable Milk
- ◇ Oatmeal
- ◇ Cookies
- ◇ Kids Snacks
- ◇ Boxed Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- ◇ Egg Noodles
- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Toothpaste
- ◇ Bathroom Tissue
- ◇ 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!*

### SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL FRANCISCAN BROTHERS

**Open House**  
*Saturday, September 27*  
**9:00am-12:00pm**



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FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

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## ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR

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

VENDORS, CRAFTS, FOOD COURT, BAKED GOODS, PLANT SALE, RAFFLE BASKETS, LIVE MUSIC & MORE!

**SETAUKET VILLAGE GREEN**

For more information:  
631-941-4245  
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www.carolinechurch.net/fallfair

**FREE ENTRY**  
TICKET

### 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 Caracappa

**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!

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

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

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

- ◇ September 7 — Level 8
- ◇ September 14 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ 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



## Parish Happenings

### St. 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

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.

Our "welcome back" hospitality will take place **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00AM.**

