



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

October 12, 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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This autumn has been “one for the books” is what my Irish grandmother would have said. It’s hard to surpass the weather we have had over a number of weeks now. Warm and seasonable during the day, little rain at any time, and cool at night. It extends summer and the cold is kept at bay a while longer. It’s great for outdoor activities, especially professional sports.

The Mets finished badly. The Yankees surged at the end of their season. But it doesn’t look good for them now. The Bronx Bombers are down 0-2 to the Toronto Bluejays in the second round of the playoffs as I write this column. Indeed, it could be over for them before you read this column. We’ll see what happens.

The Giants and the Jets have been disappointing, with just one win between the two teams after five weeks of play. The pro basketball and pro hockey seasons have yet to start, so we’ll have to wait and see what develops before hometown rooters will be upbeat or downcast. So, in the meantime, let us continue to enjoy the great weather we have had.

This weekend, I am speaking at all Masses briefly to update you on the financial condition of our parish. There is an insert related to my report in your bulletin today, and I urge you to look at it as a summary of what happened fiscally in the period between September 1st of 2024 and August 31st of 2025. The insert in next weekend’s bulletin (October 18/19) is a reprise of my comments this weekend.

Next weekend, we mark **Mission Sunday**. Each year, we are invited to renew our commitment to the Church’s work of proclaiming the Gospel. For all of us, that commitment commenced with our Baptism. Our Baptism into the Lord’s dying and rising makes us bearers of the Good News. It is through our speaking and acting that we become witnesses to the redemptive love of Christ.

As I said in my column last week, we don’t have to go to the foreign missions to share in the Church’s missionary work. We can engage in it right here and right now – in our own families, in our communities, in our own parish. Look for opportunities then to carry out your missionary discipleship, and by all means call upon the Holy Spirit to assist you in this great endeavor.

Allow me a few words on **Twenty Minutes**. This is the fourth year we have had Twenty Minutes on Sunday mornings before the 10:00 AM Mass. **All families** who have children enrolled in Faith Formation for this academic year **are to participate**. This is a **requirement**; it is not optional. Please follow the schedule established at the start of this school year for your participation.

Thinking ahead a few weeks, I wish to mention that the Solemnity of **All Saints** is November 1st, a Saturday this year. The precept to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass does not apply, thus it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Nevertheless, I still recommend that parishioners go to Mass and honor the Saints whose company we hope to keep for all eternity. The next day, on November 2nd, the Church observes **All Souls Day**. Since it is a Sunday, the precept to attend Mass does apply. Like any other Sunday, the obligation to attend Mass is in effect. It is a good opportunity to remember deceased loved ones (relatives and friends) at the Mass and pray for them.

Belonging to Christ’s Body, and in accord with the Pauline description of the Body in the New Testament, the parts (all of us) are interrelated. We rejoice together and we suffer together. The suffering of death includes not being able to see the face of God right away because we are not ready for the *lumen gloriae* (the light of glory). It is necessary to pass through Purgatory, a time of purgation, whereby we become ready to see the Lord face-to-face. Please remember those closest to you on earth at Mass(es) that you might be with them for all eternity. An excellent way to do this is remembering your family members and friends by name in our **All Souls Novena**. Additional envelopes for the Novena are available in the church.

Thank you for participating in the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. Bottles are not due back until the weekend of the 24th/25th of this month.

I went to the **Life Chain** or **Stand Up for Life** last Sunday. As you may remember, the weather for October 5th was picture perfect and thus it was easy to be on Rt. 110 in Melville with other pro-life people. May the cause of the unborn become more and more the concern of a growing number of people who make up the Culture of Life.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Leo invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



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.



The parish center will be closed
Monday, October 13th, in
observance of Columbus Day.
It will reopen Tuesday,
October 14th, at 9:00AM.



*Columbus
Day*



Leonardo Pasquale DeMola
Matthew John Kenny

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.

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, November 6th 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.

Faith Formation

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

- ◇ October 12 — Levels 6 & 7 ◇ November 2 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ October 19 — Levels 3, 4, & 5 ◇ November 9 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ October 26 — Levels 1 & 2 ◇ November 16 — Levels 1 & 2



Parish Happenings

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.



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 remaining dates are:

October 14
October 21
October 28



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.

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

October 25th & 26th



*Please continue to
say the prayer
attached to the bottle.*

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** with the mothers and fathers served by our pregnancy care centers!

Coping with Grief Through the Holidays

This event is sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry of St. John Nepomucene Parish, located at 1140 Locust Ave. in Bohemia. (Elevator access to lower level of Church.)

**Thursday, November 13th
7:30—9:00PM**

RSVP to (631) 589-0540 ext. 250 to reserve your seat.

Refreshments will be served. A free will offering is appreciated.



Community Happenings

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School



**RISE TO THE
CHALLENGE**



OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 25th
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

GET A GLIMPSE OF LIFE AT SJB! 🐾 TOURS AVAILABLE!

**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED!**

Scan the QR Code to register!



ADMISSIONS OFFICE: (631) 587-8000 X113

🐾 1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795 🐾

Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, October 18th | 10:00AM – 1:00PM



Michael J. Grant and Thomas A. Marinello Funeral Home, LLC, is hosting another free paper shredding event on Saturday, October 18th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. While your documents are securely shredded, enjoy a warm beverage, a snack, and the opportunity to meet their caring team. Please note: bound books, plastic, vinyl, rubber, & metal clasps are not accepted. 493 Middle Country Rd., Coram | (631) 732-6969

Free Community Lecture

"Let's Talk Acid Reflux"

Thursday, November 13 — 5:30PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center
455 Hunter Ave., West Islip 11795



Food and refreshments will be available. RSVP to (631) 376-4444 or christina.woods@chsli.org

2025 SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
10 AM TO 4 PM



Featuring 300+ unique vendors.

Handmade Gifts • Holiday Decor • Boutique Finds
Baked Goods • Unique Crafts

Family Friendly • Indoor Event

FREE ADMISSION



NO PETS ALLOWED! REGISTERED SERVICE DOGS ONLY | 275 WOLF HILL ROAD, SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY 11747

Thank You!



A heartfelt thank you to Suffolk County Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services and Legislator Nick Caracappa for supplying a new AED for the parish property. We will be implementing training for some of our ministers so that we will be prepared for various potential incidents. We are very grateful for this grant!

Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday, October 16th.



Christmas Wreath Sale

Saint Margaret's will be bringing back the sale of Christmas wreaths and grave blankets.

Those wishing to purchase must prepay their order. The deadline will be Wednesday, November 12th. Pickup will be Saturday, November 29th. *Check future bulletins for the order form.*



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. 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!*

This week's requests:

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| ◇ Pasta | ◇ Crackers |
| ◇ Spaghetti | ◇ Canned Fruit |
| ◇ Jelly | ◇ Bathroom Tissue |
| ◇ Hearty Stews | ◇ Dish Soap |
| ◇ Cookies | ◇ Detergent |