



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

October 19, 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: If even dishonest people will sometimes do good for others out of persistence—how much more will our loving God? We too should learn from our Lord and be respectful and attentive to the needs of others. Do good to others for love of God, not for convenience like the dishonest judge in today's Gospel.

General Intercession: For all those with power or authority over others- that they may respect the dignity of all. 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.

October 11/12

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,860.00.....	157
Mailed Contributions	\$3,590.00.....	63
Total Collection	\$10,450.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
Second Reading.....2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel.....Lk 18:9-14



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, October 20th

Ancilla Mukangwije

Tuesday, October 21st

Dionisio Espiritu

Wednesday, October 22nd

Robert Francis Richardson

Thursday, October 23rd

Michael Jablonski

Friday, October 24th

William H. Goodman

Saturday, October 25th

8:30AM

Rev. Augustine Adjei-Boachie

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, October 26th

8:00AM

Regina & Harold Kurrus

10:00AM

Vincent Aspromonti

12:00PM

Aurora Eross

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 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, Brahaspatti Lewing, Jaime Ottenwalder [U.S. Navy], Carol Etro, Malachai Roucoulet

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.

We probably won't see the fabulous autumn weather we had for a few weeks the remainder of this year. But we did get away somewhat easier than first thought with the nor'easter we had last Sunday into Monday. A lot of precipitation but things like traffic signals continued to work and our routines were hardly interrupted. Would that we are this lucky come January and February.

I want to highlight the importance of another insert in this weekend's bulletin. Last weekend, the insert was the financial statement for the fiscal year which ended on August 31st. This weekend, the insert is a reprise of my remarks on the financial statement. Both inserts are deserving of your attention. I especially want to underscore that there is a lot of room for improvement here at Saint Margaret when it comes to the stewardship of treasure. Our collections must improve, and for that to occur, individual parishioners must step up to ***begin*** contributing financially while other parishioners must ***increase*** their donations on a weekly basis. I do not exaggerate. The statistics bear out what I have said in the pulpit and what I have written in this column. It's up to you to support Saint Margaret **generously** and **sacrificially**.

I want also to repeat what I have written about **Twenty Minutes** in last week's bulletin. All families who have children enrolled in Faith Formation are to attend with their children the sessions held in the church basement before the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays according to the schedule drawn up by Jackie Mirenda. Twenty Minutes is a **requirement**; it is not optional. Attendance is taken each Sunday. Parents may wind up having to make up missed sessions come the Spring of 2026. Don't find yourself in that position, I say. Show up, please, when the schedule has you and your children together for catechesis.

The first Saturday of the next month (November) is the **Solemnity of All Saints**. The Mass for that day is at 8:30 AM. I encourage all parishioners to attend that Mass. Later in the day, the Mass at 5:00 PM is for **All Souls**. And all of the Masses the next day, on November 2nd, are for All Souls.

All Souls Day is when we begin the **Novena**. I ask all parishioners to enroll family members and friends in the nine days of Masses. Envelopes for this purpose have been mailed to parishioners who use envelopes. Additional envelopes may be found in the church too. Envelopes can be returned via the collection basket at Mass or by making use of the box designated for this purpose in the vestibule of the church.

Belonging to Christ's Body, and in accord with the Pauline description of Christ's 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. 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.

The **Baby Bottles** distributed the weekend of October 4/5 are due back at church the weekend of October 25/26. The bottles are given to the ushers who in turn will place them in the crates which came to St. Margaret earlier in the month. Eventually, the crates will be picked up by volunteers at the Life Center. A count of the money in the bottles is made at the Life Center. We are then notified how much our parishioners contributed. I will report that figure in our bulletin.

This weekend, the Church marks **Mission Sunday**. I apply the words of Saint Paul to Saint Timothy (Second Reading) to the mission which is ours through Baptism. "Be persistent . . . convince, reprimand, [and] encourage," the Apostle to the Gentiles writes. Each of these words is a characteristic necessary for the mission we exercise to bear fruit. Don't throw in the towel, act and speak with conviction, chastise when the occasion calls for it, and be bold.

Missionaries are never faint of heart. They are resilient and indefatigable. They demonstrate these qualities because they pray, they share in the sacramental life of the Church, and they practice the virtues noteworthy of faith.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

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.



Altar Server Training

Altar server training takes place on **Tuesdays at 5:00PM** in the church during the month of October. New and returning servers welcome. Open to all boys and girls grade 4 and above.



The remaining dates are:
October 21
October 28

Church Hours

The church is open at 8:30AM Monday through Friday. 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.

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



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.

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus **GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION**



The ***Knights of Columbus*** are partnering with our Outreach Ministry to assist with replenishing our pantry. 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. Assistance from our outreach volunteers to assist at the weekend masses would be appreciated. ***Thank you!***

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.*



Hospitality Next Sunday

Hospitality Sunday is **next Sunday, October 26th**, at 11:00AM, in the auditorium.



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

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 Tom Piderit at (631) 682-8711.

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



REMEMBER TO BRING IN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!

Recently, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Kicked off their Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center.

**THE WEEKEND TO BRING THOSE
FILLED BABY BOTTLES IN IS:**

October 25th & 26th

The Life Center consults women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer to make a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** for all those we serve. **(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)**

*May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a
preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity
to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!*

Blessing of the Animals

October 4th



Coping with Grief Through the Holidays Thursday, November 13th | 7:30—9:00PM

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.)

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

A free will offering is appreciated.



LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series

ENCOUNTERS with JESUS

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verses

**Meeting the Followers
ANDREW and NATHANIEL**

Gospel of John

1:35-51 ; 6:1-14



Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



Saint Anthony's High School Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, November 1, 10:00AM—4:00PM

Featuring over 300 unique vendors, handmade gifts, holiday décor, baked goods, unique crafts. Family friendly, indoor event, free admission.

275 Wolf Hill Rd., South Huntington

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@chsl.org





***Congratulations to all of St. Margaret's
Confirmation Candidates ~ October 16, 2025
Bishop Luis Miguel Romero Fernández***



<i>Sophia A.</i>	<i>Christian</i>	<i>Gianna</i>	<i>Luke</i>
<i>Kelvyn A.</i>	<i>Emarely</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Victor</i>	<i>Abigail</i>	<i>Samantha</i>	<i>Hailey</i>
<i>Nicholas B.</i>	<i>Hayden</i>	<i>Ivy</i>	<i>Leo</i>
<i>Joshua</i>	<i>Alaric</i>	<i>Marck</i>	<i>Victoria</i>
<i>Liam</i>	<i>Nicholas H.</i>	<i>Antonio</i>	<i>Aaden</i>
<i>Sophia C.</i>	<i>Sophia H.</i>	<i>Jeniah</i>	<i>Emma</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Edward</i>	<i>Ashley</i>	<i>Aleksandra</i>
<i>Peter</i>	<i>Amber</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Mason</i>
<i>Regan</i>	<i>Emely</i>	<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Connor</i>
<i>Dylan</i>	<i>Anthony</i>	<i>Tyler</i>	

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

- ◇ October 19 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ October 26 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ November 2 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ November 9 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ November 16 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ November 23 — Levels 6 & 7



**MOLLOY
UNIVERSITY**



Open House

Sunday, November 16 — 1:00PM
Campus Tours Begin at 12:00PM

Register at Molloy.edu/OpenHouse25
1000 Hempstead Ave.
Rockville Centre, NY 11570