



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

October 26, 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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All Saints' Day

*All Saints' Day Mass Celebrated
Saturday, November First ~ 8:30AM*

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.

A good number of things get attention in this edition of the Pastor's weekly column in the parish bulletin. And I will go through them one at a time.

We prayed the rosary in common at the grotto on Tuesday the 7th of this month. Liturgically, it was the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Many of those who participated attend Mass daily. Thank you to all for joining in this act of prayer! Please see the collage of the pictures from the event in the church vestibule. We'll see if we can find other opportunities for just this kind of devotion.

We ask parishioners to return their baby bottles to the ushers at Mass this weekend. As you know, the Baby Bottle Campaign assists the work of the Life Centers of Long Island. When the bottles get delivered to this pro-life organization (which will be soon) and the count of your donations has been made, I will be sure to report the total in the bulletin – if not in this space, then in some other part of the bulletin.

Next weekend, we start a new month of the calendar year. On Saturday, November 1st, the Church honors **All Saints**. The Mass is the usual time on Saturday: 8:30 AM. I encourage all parishioners to attend that Mass. The next day, we commemorate **All Souls**. That commemoration starts with the Vigil Mass on Saturday (5:00 PM). All of the Masses on Sunday the 2nd have as the intention the repose of the souls of those men and women in our **All Souls Novena**. The nine-day novena of Masses is for that intention – deceased family members and friends. Their names go on the envelopes you use for those relatives and friends. There is a box designated for these envelopes in the vestibule of the church. You can always place those same envelopes in the collection basket or drop them off at the pastoral center building during regular business hours.

Occasionally, I call attention to our weekend **Adoration** (on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning). I would like to mention that we have a few adorers showing up for the Sunday period (11:15 to 11:45 AM). And I strongly encourage many more to pray with us before the Blessed Sacrament! A fitting way to remember your deceased relatives and friends is before the Blessed Sacrament. Thus, I encourage you to stay after the 10:00 AM Mass on November 2nd or come early for the 12 noon Mass.

Regarding this period of Adoration on Sundays, it will go away briefly beginning November 9th, but it will return on Sunday, December 28th at the regular time. The reason for this is to give time for the children who participate in **Lessons and Carols** to rehearse in the church. I apologize for the disruption in our schedule, especially since this time period on Sunday morning is beginning to draw a nucleus of adorers. Please know that **Adoration** on Sundays will continue after this hiatus. I thank you for your understanding.

We had the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Thursday the 16th of October. Please see the collage of photos in the vestibule of the church from that occasion. The prelate who celebrated the Sacrament for the youngsters was Bishop Luis Romero, one of the Auxiliary Bishops in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Again, I find it necessary to comment on **Twenty Minutes**, that is, the period before the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays with the Pastor or Director. I repeat what I said already so that my message is pellucidly clear: All families who have children enrolled in Faith Formation are to attend these sessions according to the schedule established before the school year began. Twenty Minutes is **required; it is not optional**.

The Catholic faith cannot be passed along to the next generation unless there is participation by **parents with their children in the sacramental life of the Church and the catechetical life of the Church**. It's not one or the other. It is both/and. Parents and their children don't want to spend time at the conclusion of the catechetical year making up sessions that were missed. And I hasten to mention too that the precept to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is binding on all Catholics unless there is an impediment (e.g. illness) precluding participation in the Holy Eucharist.

This Sunday (October 26th) is the Thirtieth Sunday of the Year. Not only do we change the clocks and the temperatures get cooler and cooler, but we get closer to the end of the liturgical year. The end of the liturgical year is still several weeks away, but it is coming (November 23rd). In the meantime, we go about our witness to the Lord, confident that He Who made us in His image and likeness desires ardently that we be with Him for all eternity. That confidence is acquitted in a faithful practice of the Catholic faith.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

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 last class will take place this **Tuesday, October 28th**.



Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday, November 2nd



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.



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.



Jaxon Carlo DeBlasio
Liliana Sophie Wlodek



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.



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.

Faith Formation

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

- ◇ 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
- ◇ November 30 — Levels 3, 4, & 5



Calling all Children! Christmas Pageant Saturday, December 13th ~ 1:00PM

The children of Saint Margaret's parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends and all of our parishioners.



Cast Call Wed. Oct. 29 5:00-5:30PM. All are welcome to participate! Speaking and non-speaking parts. Call or email if interested in non-speaking part. Rehearsals will take place 5:00-6:00PM in the Church. Costumes Provided. Rehearsals: Wednesdays Nov. 5, 12, 19, Tue. 25; Dec. 3, 10 Dress Rehearsal ~ Friday Dec. 12 @ 5:00PM Saturday, Dec. 13—Day of Show—arrive at 12:30PM Cast Party to follow immediately after pageant.

Parish Social Ministry

Knights of Columbus Food Drive



Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the Knights of Columbus helped replenish our food pantry with 1,685 lb. of food and \$405 donated!

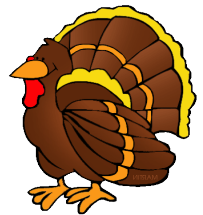
Thank you to all who assisted!

Thanksgiving Wish List

Dinners will be distributed the week of November 17th

St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Please choose items off of our wish list and bring them into the Parish Center during office hours or place items in the box in the back of the church. (No perishables in church, please.) You may bring donations in by Monday, November 17th. **Thank You!**

- ◆ Turkey (or Voucher)
- ◆ Instant Potatoes
- ◆ Canned Vegetables
- ◆ Stuffing
- ◆ Packaged Gravy



- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Apple Juice
- ◆ Cookies/Cake Mix
- ◆ \$10 ShopRite Card

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.



PBJ 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 x119 if you would like to assist or volunteer somehow.



Thank
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Thank you to our dedicated catechists who were recently recognized at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Patchogue. Noreen, Marie, Linda, Terry, and Maureen (not pictured) received ten- and twenty-year awards for their years of service.



Hospitality This Sunday

Hospitality Sunday is **this 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.



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.

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@chsli.org



Is God Calling You to Be a Lay Dominican?

Formerly known as the Dominican Third Order, the Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic, comprised of men and women seeking a deeper relationship with God, are dedicated to prayer, study, the Christian apostolate and community, while maintaining and living their ordinary day-to-day lives. Should you feel a call to this type of vocation, and wish to learn more, you are most welcome to attend one of our meetings held on the second Sunday of each month at 1PM at St. Jude Parish Center, 89 Overlook Dr., Mastic Beach.

For more information, please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053.

StDominic.OLOH@gmail.com | LayDominicans.org



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, 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.

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!



St. Margaret of Scotland CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

Prepaid Orders ONLY

Deadline for orders Wednesday, November 12th

Pickup orders on Saturday, November 29th

PARISH CENTER ~ 9:00 to 10:30AM



Return form below with cash or check by November 12th to the parish center.
Checks made payable to St. Margaret of Scotland ~ **Please print neatly.**

CUT HERE

Name: _____

Phone: _____



Wreaths	_____	X \$28 = \$_____
Log Centerpieces	_____	X \$30 = \$_____
Grave Blankets	_____	X \$55 = \$_____

Total \$_____

All Items Will Come Decorated

Amount Enclosed: \$_____

