



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

November 2, 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**

81 College Road  
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(631) 732-3131

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x111

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Deacon Ed Hayes – Retired  
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*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*  
*Sunday, November Second*

## Time, Talent & Treasure



**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer:** In honor of today, pray for all the souls in purgatory. Offer up a Rosary for them all.

**General Intercession:** For all deceased loved ones of our parishioners, for all deceased pastors of our parish and for all deceased former parishioners. 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 25/26**

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$7,739.00.....	172
Mailed Contributions	\$4,421.00.....	58
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$12,160.00</b>	

### Readings for Next Sunday

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

First Reading.....Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Second Reading.....1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel.....Jn 2:13-22



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00—5:00PM**

**Friday 9:00AM—1:00PM**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

All Souls Novena

**Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

All Souls Novena

**Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

All Souls Novena

**Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

All Souls Novena

**Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

All Souls Novena

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM

All Souls Novena

5:00PM

Albert & Marion Pietrozziello

**Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10:00AM

All Souls Novena

12:00PM

Anthony Guida

**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 Discepola, 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, John 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.*

The beginning of the month of November bids us to look to the end – the end of our lives, that is. All Saints and All Souls are two invitations to reflect on what happens when our lives upon the earth are finished.

Not all of us are going to be declared saints of the Catholic Church. Not by a long shot. In truth, very few of those who have ever lived are counted among the canonized saints. Still, saintly living is what we hope for, even if our names are never raised to the altars. The desire to be a saint is enough for it gives our lives direction and purpose. It's our vocation in the widest possible sense. It gives our specific vocations their meaning and value.

All Souls is what democratizes us, spiritually speaking. No one is left out; we all have souls even though we profess different religions and faiths. Having souls elevates us above everything else. Not even AI (artificial intelligence) can compete with ensouled persons. For God and only God has given us our souls. And that in itself is what constitutes our greatness. Being responsible to God is never a burden; it is always an uncompromised blessing.

I thank all those who contributed their loose currency and change to the **Baby Bottle Campaign** sponsored by the Life Centers of Long Island. As I have stated before, when we are informed of how much you contributed to the building of a Culture of Life in our nation, I will let you know through the parish bulletin.

I want to thank those of you who have chosen to be present for **Adoration** on the weekends at Saint Margaret. The Saturday afternoon Adoration came first chronologically, but our Sunday morning Adoration is beginning to attract more of our parishioners, especially recently. And that is very good! As I mentioned the last time in this column, we will have a hiatus with Sunday Adoration so that children who are going to participate in **Lessons and Carols** late in Advent can practice in the church. Sunday Adoration will have a pause then and it will resume on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Kindly take note that November 2<sup>nd</sup> is our last Sunday Adoration for a while. But this time for Adoration will return as I hope our Adorers return too!

This Tuesday is **Election Day**. While it is an “off year,” I urge all registered voters to take an interest in what is up to voters to decide on the ballot this year. It is especially in “off years” that our concern for the common good is most evident. Read up on what is at stake in 2025 and vote your conscience. This of course implies we have educated our consciences in advance. We should seek to have Catholic consciences because our faith informs all of what we say and do. Look up the subject of Catholic social teaching and become acquainted with it. I promise to have more to say about this matter of Catholic social teaching in future editions of this column.

We have but a few weeks before this liturgical year ends. The end comes on November 23<sup>rd</sup> when we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Traditionally, the last few weeks of Ordinary Time has been a time to reflect on what we call last things: death, judgment, heaven and hell. I encourage all to give particular attention to the readings we hear at Sunday Mass and Mass during the week. It is good that we have due regard for what happens at the end of our lives. The best approach to take pertaining to the last things is to get ready now for what awaits us in God's providence. And that is why an examination of conscience is always recommended. It's an extension of what we do in advance of sacramental confession. Speaking of sacramental confession, I give notice here that similar to what we have on Monday of Holy Week, there will be a day right before Christmas whereupon there will be extended hours for the Sacrament of Penance. That day is Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please follow the bulletin for more information on this matter.

At the end of November, we have the national holiday of Thanksgiving. While it is still weeks away at this point, I nonetheless want to ask you to set aside time for Mass on that morning (the 27<sup>th</sup>). The time for Mass is the same for all weekdays (9:00 AM), the exception being Saturday (8:30 AM). My encouragement comes with the knowledge that Thanksgiving is a day when few working people work. So, before going off to see relatives or hosting them yourself, please consider coming to Mass that day.

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.



## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

First Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Altar Bread and Wine

There are still openings for altar bread and wine offerings for the 2025 calendar year. This offering helps fund the cost of the Blessed Sacrament for the week. It may be as a remembrance for one



who has passed, or a special intention of someone who is still with us. The requested offering is \$25 (cash or check) and may be done in the Parish Center.

## 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

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



## Saint Margaret's Spousal Bereavement



Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their spouse. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis. Participants need not be Saint Margaret's parishioners. For more information contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053.

## Children's Christmas Choir



Come, join with others who love to sing in our Children's Christmas Chorus. Rehearsals begin next Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00AM mass. See Dr. Daniel Crews after Mass or contact him at [DCrews@saintmargaret.com](mailto:DCrews@saintmargaret.com) if interested.



# VIRTUS<sup>®</sup>

Thank you to all our ministers who are in compliance with the Diocese of Rockville Centre. As a reminder, all volunteers who are involved in any ministry in the diocese need to have completed the following:

- Attend a "Protecting God's Children" class
- Create a Virtus account on [VirtusOnline.org](http://VirtusOnline.org)
- Sign the Code of Conduct on website
- Complete a background check on website
- Complete the monthly bulletins (sent to your email) if you work directly with children

**If you have not done these things, you are not cleared to volunteer in our parish.**

To find out the status of your Virtus account, or if you need assistance, contact Adriana at [ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com](mailto:ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com) or at x118.

## Faith Formation

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

- ◇ 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
- ◇ December 7 — Levels 1 & 2



### Calling all Children! Christmas Pageant Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.



**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.**

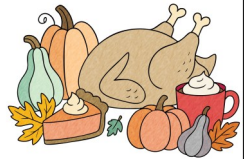
**Rehearsals: Wednesdays Nov. 5, 12, 19, Tue. 25; Dec. 3, 10  
Dress Rehearsal ~ Friday Dec. 12 @ 5:00PM  
Saturday, Dec. 13—Day of Show—arrive at 12:30PM  
Cast Party to follow immediately after pageant.**

## Parish Social Ministry



### Thanksgiving Wish List

**Dinners will be distributed the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>**



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 bring donations in by Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

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| ◆ Turkey (or Voucher) | ◆ Stuffing        | ◆ Apple Juice        |
| ◆ Instant Potatoes    | ◆ Packaged Gravy  | ◆ Cookies/Cake Mix   |
| ◆ Canned Vegetables   | ◆ Canned Fruit    | ◆ \$10 ShopRite Card |
|                       | ◆ Cranberry Sauce |                      |



### 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.



### 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 732-3131 x117. *Prayerfully consider.*



### Peanut Butter & Jelly 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.





# St. Joseph's Prayer Center

Invites the community to celebrate with us

## INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

***"Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever" ~ Psalm 107:1***

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we invite you to gather for a time to bring our families before the Lord for restoration and renewal in His love. Let us thank God for the blessings of the past and the healing He brings to every generation.

If you can name what needs to be healed, then you can claim it and bring it before the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him to wash it in His Precious Blood. Healing is available at every Mass. What makes this different is you are taking time to complete the family tree and contemplate with the Holy Spirit the lies, negative feelings and emotions, before Holy Mass begins so that you can ask the Lord to heal specific areas of your life and relationships. If there are strongholds that are preventing healing from taking place, it is important to identify them.

***"Every Wall must fall", so that you can experience the healing power of Holy Mass like never before...***

***Come Expectant - The Lord desires to make all things new!***

### OUR CELEBRANTS FOR THE EVENING

FATHER LIAM MCDONALD

FATHER ROY TVRDIK



Father Liam is the pastor at St. Therese of Lisieux in Montauk and travels in his mission to bring Jesus' healing and love to all.



Father Roy is a Montfort Missionary and travels in his mission to bring theological teaching and healing through celebration of Holy Mass, Parish missions, classes and retreats.

***All are welcome - RSVP is appreciated but not necessary  
Family Tree and preparatory booklet can be emailed upon request***

### This special evening includes:

- Preparation of the Family Tree (can be emailed prior to arrival)
- Eucharistic Adoration & Procession
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6pm
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Prayers, Activations prior to Mass
- Live Charismatic Praise & Worship Music throughout the evening
- **Celebration of Holy Mass for Healing**
- **Anointing of the Sick & personal Intercessory Prayer**

**WHERE:** Our Lady of Mt Carmel RC Church  
495 N Ocean Ave, Patchogue NY

**DATE** Friday, Nov 21, 2025

**TIME:** Doors open at 5pm  
Mass at 7pm

**RSVP & Info:** [stjoepc7@gmail.com](mailto:stjoepc7@gmail.com) (preferred)  
Phone: 631-730-6210  
Text: 631-804-6556

*A Free-will offering will be gratefully accepted during the offertory at Mass.*

## 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



## You Belong Here!



**SUNY Suffolk Open House** Sunday, Nov. 9 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.



- Meet Faculty
- Explore Scholarship Opportunities
- Tour the Campuses
- Speak With Admissions and Financial Aid Counselors
- Learn About Student Organizations and Clubs
- Ammerman Campus/Selden Brookhaven Gymnasium/(631) 451-4576
- Michael J. Grant Campus/Brentwood Suffolk Credit Union Arena/(631) 851-6719
- Eastern Campus/Riverhead Health and Wellness Center/(631) 548-2512
- Culinary Arts Center/Riverhead Lobby/(631) 548-2500

**RSVP** [sunysuffolk.edu/OpenHouse](http://sunysuffolk.edu/OpenHouse)

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**MOLLOY UNIVERSITY**

## Open House

Sunday, November 16 — 1:00PM

Campus Tours Begin at 12:00PM

Register at [Molloy.edu/OpenHouse25](http://Molloy.edu/OpenHouse25)

1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11570



*St. Margaret of Scotland*

## CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

**Prepaid Orders ONLY**

**Deadline for orders Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Pickup orders on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**PARISH CENTER ~ 9:00 to 10:30AM**



Return form below with cash or check by November 12<sup>th</sup> to the Parish Center. Checks made payable to St. Margaret of Scotland ~ **Please print neatly.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**All Items Will Come Decorated**      **Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

