

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

November 16, 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

## Feast of Saint Margaret of Scotland



**St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Center**  
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## Time, Talent & Treasure



**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** Our Faith is beautiful and filled with wisdom. Take time this week to study the Bible, read Catholic apologetics and the Catechism. Grow in knowledge of your Faith.

**General Intercession:** For all our priests that they may guide us to the Lord. 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.

### November 8/9

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,674.00.....	145
Mailed Contributions	\$3,867.00.....	59
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,541.00</b>	

Readings for Next Sunday  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

First Reading.....2 Sm 5:1-3  
Second Reading.....Col 1:12-20  
Gospel.....Lk 23:35-43



### 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 17<sup>th</sup>**

Anthony Spina

**Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Tony Spina

**Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mildred Balles

**Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Dennis Foy

**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Charles Kick

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30AM

Pat DiMotta

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00AM

Tom O'Donnell

10:00AM

Miguel Angel Collado

12:00PM

Fred Peabody

**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 Kernain, 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, Jean Williams, John Roucoulet, Raymond Grunthaner



*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.*

Were it not a Sunday today, the priest would have the option, liturgically speaking, of honoring Saint Margaret of Scotland, after whom our parish is named. I encourage you to read up on our patron saint. A good place to start would be the journal we published in 2023 when we marked our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a parish. Saint Margaret, pray for us.

A week from today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King (the last Sunday of the season called Ordinary Time). Jesus is the culmination of all things, the things we can see with our own eyes and the things which remain hidden (what we may call the “deeper truths”). As servants of Christ the King, we serve best when we subordinate all things at our disposal to the Lordship of Jesus. Building the Kingdom in the circumstances which are our own is how we serve our King. Let us commit ourselves, in a spirit of renewal, to serving the truth because the kingship of Christ is founded on the Truth.

On Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, our country marks Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday. I urge all parishioners to join us at Mass that day which starts at 9:00 AM. It is not a work day for the vast majority of working people. So, before heading off to a relative’s house for turkey or cooking one yourself at home, come to our parish church for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

At the end of this month (the 30<sup>th</sup>), we start the Season of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year. Let me mention several matters which deserve our attention in preparation for Advent.

Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, the conclusion to the Prayer of the Faithful at weekend Masses will be a recitation of the *Hail Mary* in common. It will follow the proclamation of the intentions and the priest-celebrant will lead it. I ask all of the congregants to join in praying the *Hail Mary*. Thank you for your cooperation.

On the first weekday of Advent, in the evening, there will be a Holy Hour in the church. It starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Following the pattern we have used for a long time now, there will be time for silent prayer, vocal prayer, listening to the Word of God and preaching on that Word, and even a little bit of singing. The Holy Hour is open to all parishioners. I ask especially that those who have a role in the Liturgy (lectors and extraordinary ministers) and those who are catechists (the apostolate of religious education) to attend this beautiful way of praying by acknowledging the Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Praying before Christ with us (He is Emmanuel) is an excellent antidote for contending with this harried time of the calendar year. It’s just the middle of November, but the commercials have been running for weeks now, telling us to get ourselves to shopping malls or telling us to sit down at the computer and order online. Advent is waiting for the Lord’s coming. His arrival comes first – even when other things, good things, vie for our attention.

The ushers are reminded that there is a meeting on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the pastoral center building. It will not go longer than forty-five minutes. Please make time in your schedules to attend.

Looking ahead, I ask you to put Lessons and Carols on your personal calendar. It is being held on the Fourth Sunday of Advent which is December 21<sup>st</sup>. It begins at 2:30 PM and goes for approximately one hour. After the Lessons and Carols, there is a collation in the church basement. At the reception there, the Christmas Raffle prizes will be drawn.

Already, we have 80 tickets sold in our Christmas Raffle. I ask all those who received the application through the regular mail to return the application quickly so you can get your ticket before the tickets run out. We have but 200 of them.

As indicated before, there is a Reconciliation Monday on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a priest available for part of the afternoon and part of the evening for those parishioners who would like to confess their sins sacramentally. The hours are from 2:00 until 4:00 PM and from 6:00 until 9:00 PM.

Churches in the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York have had a Reconciliation Monday before Christmas for a few years now. The Diocese of Rockville Centre is new to a Reconciliation Monday before Christmas.

During Advent, there will be opportunity in homilies at daily Mass and Sunday Mass to begin your preparation for sacramental confession according to our regular schedule (Saturdays at 4:00 until 4:45 PM) and for the expanded times on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

### Children's Christmas Choir

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



### 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.

### 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.



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM  
First Thursday, December 4<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.



Saint Margaret's is having a  
**Christmas Raffle**

First Prize:  
 \$3,000  
 CASH

Only 200  
 tickets will  
 be sold!

Second Prize:  
 Christmas  
 Crèche

Cost is  
 \$50 a ticket



Stop by the Parish Center  
 if you did not receive a  
 ticket application

Drawing will be held  
 December 21 following  
 Lessons and Carols

**Faith Formation**

**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 will be provided.***

***Remaining Rehearsals: Wednesdays Nov. 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.***



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

◇ November 16 — Levels 1 & 2

◇ November 23 — Levels 6 & 7

◇ November 30 — Levels 3, 4, & 5



◇ December 7 — Levels 1 & 2

◇ December 14 — Levels 6 & 7

◇ December 21 — Levels 3, 4, & 5



# 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>.

- ◆ 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.



### 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.



### Hospitality Sunday



Our next Hospitality Sunday is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

### New Parishioner? Moving? Need to update information?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 New \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_ Updating \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish Food Pantry Needs

The parish food pantry assists the needy in the community. We ask that parishioners who would like to make 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:

- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Spaghetti
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Hearty Stews
- ◆ Shelf Stable Milk
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Bathroom Tissue
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Laundry Detergent



# Saint Margaret of Scotland

*Information taken from Catholic.org*



St. Margaret of Scotland, or Margaret of Wessex, was an English princess born in Hungary to Princess Agatha of Hungary and English Prince Edward the Exile around 1045. Her siblings, Cristina and Edgar the Atheling were also born in Hungary around this time.

Margaret and her family returned to England when she was 10-years-old and her father was called back as a potential successor to the throne. However, Edward died immediately after the family arrived, but Margaret and Edgar continued to reside at the English court.

Margaret's family fled from William the Conqueror after his victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Her widowed mother set out to take her children north to Northumbria.

Tradition says, Agatha decided to leave Northumbria and return to the continent, but her family's ship got caught in a storm. The storm drove their ship even more north to Scotland, where they were shipwrecked in 1068. The spot they landed on is now known as "St. Margaret's Hope."

Malcolm Canmore III, the king of Scotland, welcomed Margaret and her family and put them under his protection. He soon fell deeply in love with the beautiful and kind princess. Margaret and Malcolm became married in 1070 at the castle of Dunfermline.

Together, they had eight children, six sons and two daughters. All of whom were raised with deep Catholic Christian faith. They lived as a holy family, a domestic church.

Margaret's kind-nature and good heart was a strong influence on Malcolm's reign. She softened his temper and helped him become a virtuous King of Scotland. Together they prayed, fed the hungry, and offered a powerful example of living faith in action. Margaret was placed in charge of all domestic affairs and was often consulted with state matters, as well.

She promoted the arts and education in Scotland. She encouraged Church synods and was involved in efforts to correct the religious abuses involving Bishops, priests and laypeople.

Her impact in Scotland led her to being referred to as, "The Pearl of Scotland."

She constantly worked to aid the poor Scotland. She encouraged people to live a devout life, grow in prayer, and grow in holiness. She helped to build churches, including the Abbey of Dunfermline, where a relic of the true Cross is kept. She was well-known for her deep life of prayer and piety. She set aside specific times for prayer and to read Scripture. She didn't eat often and slept very little so she would have more time for her devotions. She lived holiness of life as a wife, mother and lay woman; truly in love with Jesus Christ.

Malcolm supported Margaret in all her endeavors and admired her religious devotion so much he had her books decorated in jewels, gold and silver. One of these decorated books, a gospel book with portraits of the four evangelists, is kept in Oxford at the Bodleian Library after it was miraculously recovered from a river.

In 1093, Malcolm and their oldest son were killed during the Battle of Alnwick. Already ill and worn from a life full of austerity and fasting, Margaret passed away four days after her husband, on November 16, 1093.

Her body was buried before the high altar at Dunfermline.

In 1250, Pope Innocent IV canonized Margaret as a Saint, acknowledging her life of holiness and extraordinary virtue. She was honored for her work for reform of the Church and her personal holiness.

In 1259, Margaret's and Malcolm's bodies were transferred to a chapel in the eastern apse of Dunfermline Abbey. In 1560, Mary Queen of Scots came into possession of Margaret's head. It was kept as a relic. She insisted that it, and Margaret's prayers from heaven, helped assist her in childbirth. Her head later ended up with the Jesuits at the Scots' College, Douai, France, but was lost during the French Revolution.

St. Margaret is the patron saint of Scotland and her feast day is celebrated on November 16.