



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

November 23, 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The end is about to give way to the beginning. The end of Ordinary Time is about to give way to the beginning of Advent. But before we get to Advent, we finish Ordinary Time with the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Today is the last Sunday for Cycle C readings for a few years, and our gospel comes from the next to last chapter in Saint Luke's Gospel. It includes a description of the Good Friday crucifixion of Jesus on Calvary. In this account, there is the evangelist's presentation of the two criminals taking diametrically opposed positions on Jesus. The first criminal, whose name is not mentioned in the text, taunts the Lord. He dares Jesus, "Save yourself and us." (Lk 23:39) The other criminal, Dismas, humbly asks Jesus for a remembrance when He comes into His Kingdom. (cf. Lk 23:42)

The Kingship of Jesus reaches the apex of its power on the hill outside of Jerusalem. Like His birth in Bethlehem, Jesus' death was anything but regal. In the Cross it is revealed that power has no trappings, that it glitters not. It does have power though to turn us into converted prodigals at the mere sight of Our Father welcoming us to the home of heaven.

This is a reminder that beginning next weekend (November 29th/30th), we start to use the *Hail Mary* at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful. The priest-celebrant will lead and the congregation comes in on *full of grace*. We will use this ending to the general intercessions from now on. 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 1st. 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 lectors, extraordinary ministers and catechists attend this beautiful way of praying wherein we acknowledge the Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The ushers are reminded that there is a meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd 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.

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 21st. It begins at 2:30 PM and goes about one hour in length. After the *Lessons and Carols*, there is a collation in the church basement. At the reception there, the Christmas Raffle prizes will be drawn.

A Reconciliation Monday is being held on December 22nd. There is a priest available for part of the afternoon and part of the evening for those parishioners who want to use the Sacrament of Penance. The hours are from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

In just a few days, our nation marks Thanksgiving Day. In my last few columns, I have mentioned that it is a national holiday, and since the majority of working people don't work on Thanksgiving Day, I encourage all parishioners to join us for Mass at 9:00 AM. The appropriateness of going to Mass on Thanksgiving Day is found in the Greek word for the Eucharist which is *eucharistein*. The Greek word means "to give thanks." We give thanks for the redemptive love of Jesus who laid down His life for us. That love which is shown by Jesus in His death on the Cross is memorialized for us in the Last Supper.

On Monday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which is a Holy Day of Obligation. How fitting it is to honor Our Lady, and especially her sinless character, during Advent. Along with the prophet Isaiah and Saint John the Baptist, special attention is given to the Mother of God in Advent. Her *fiat* in the Annunciation made it possible for the human race to receive its Savior.

We are devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary for many different reasons – not least being her willingness to surrender to the Lord’s will no matter the cost. It is a good lesson for all of us to bear in mind and heart as we do our best to keep a true Advent spirit. There are many distractions at this time of year. Let us not succumb to these. May our focus be on the Lord, His word, the sacraments and the practice of the virtues.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

The Parish Center will be closed Thursday, November 27th, and Friday, November 28th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen Monday, December 1st, at 9:00AM.



Children’s Christmas Choir

Noel Come, join with others who love to sing in our Children’s Christmas Chorus. Rehearsals are taking place after the 10:00 mass. See Dr. Daniel Crews after mass or email him at DCrews@saintmargaret.com if interested.

Upcoming Events

- ◇ Thursday, November 27th, 9:00AM— Thanksgiving Day Mass
- ◇ Monday, December 1st, 7:00PM—Advent Holy Hour
- ◇ Monday, December 8th, 9:00AM & 7:30PM— Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- ◇ Saturday, December 13th, 1:00PM—Christmas Pageant
- ◇ Saturday, December 20th, 6:00PM—Opłatek
- ◇ Sunday, December 21st, 2:30PM—Lessons and Carols (raffle drawing & reception to follow)

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 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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

First Thursday, December 4th 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.



Advent Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction



Monday, December 1st
7:00PM – 8:00PM

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



Monday, December 8th
Mass at 9:00AM and 7:30PM

Faith Formation

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.

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: Tue. 11/25; Wed. 12/3, Wed. 12/10

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 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



Rosary for Life

Join the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics in prayer Every Friday at 3:00PM.

Scan for Zoom link:



Email Ihonkanen@drvc.org
if you would like the link sent
to you each week.

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

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.



*"We pledge to preserve in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."
— Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022*

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

Annual Christmas Craft Fair & Basket Raffle Fundraiser St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

800 Portion Road, Lake Ronkonkoma
Sunday, December 7, 2025
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
In the Parish Hall

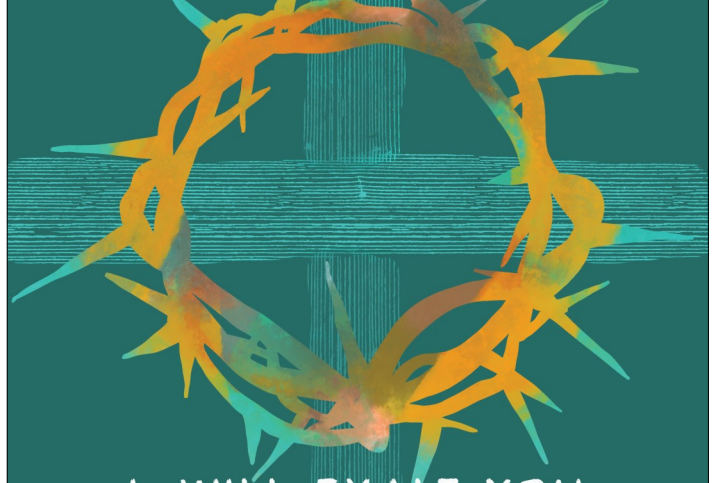
Gift Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle,
Bake Sale, Food & Refreshments

Over 50 Vendors including 14k Jewelry, Mary Kay,
Tupperware, Honey, Jams, Greeting Cards,
Handmade Crafts, Gifts, Christmas Items
and much, much more!!!

Bring friends, enjoy refreshments & win prizes!
FREE ADMISSION



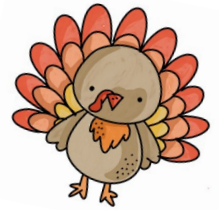
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



I WILL EXALT YOU,
MY GOD THE KING;
I WILL PRAISE YOUR
NAME FOR EVER
AND EVER.

PSALM 145:1, NIV

Parish Social Ministry



A special thank you to our parishioners who contributed to our Thanksgiving food drive.

We were able to assist over sixty families! . Thank you to the students and staff of Newfield High School and to Legislator Nicholas Caracappa and Middle Country Automotive for their generous donation, too!. We received many turkeys, fixings, and pantry items to assist with our Thanksgiving drive and to the replenishment of our food pantry.

Our Selden community organizations also helped out with gift cards and necessary items to complete the meals.

Thank you also to our outreach volunteers who assisted in sorting through donations and preparing for distribution of the meals. What a team!



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:



- ◇ Peanut Butter
- ◇ Shelf Stable Milk
- ◇ Hearty Stews
- ◇ Jelly
- ◇ Crackers
- ◇ Bar Soap
- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Bathroom Tissue
- ◇ Laundry Detergent

Hospitality Sunday

Our next Hospitality Sunday is **November 30th**, 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.

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.



Do You Sew?

The Stony Brook Children's Hospital needs help making pediatric patient surgical caps, memory pouches, or demise wraps. Patterns and materials are available to be picked up in the parish center.

You sew — we deliver!
Call Jackie at x131 if you can assist.



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.

