



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

November 30, 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 Formation:

Do some reading about Advent traditions and pick some traditions up for this year (especially if you are a family with small children).

General Intercession: For a holy Advent season. 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 22/23

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$7,864.00.....	177
Mailed Contributions	\$3,375.00.....	44
Total Collection	\$11,239.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading.....	Is 11:1-10
Second Reading.....	Rom 15:4-9
Gospel.....	Mt 3:1-12



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 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, December 1st

Kenny Duggan

Tuesday, December 2nd

Special Intention Francis Aboagye

Wednesday, December 3rd

Harold Bowman

Thursday, December 4th

Tony Spina

Friday, December 5th

Reese Hurley

Saturday, December 6th

8:30AM

Delores Ann Hughes

5:00PM

Patricia Wolke

Sunday, December 7th

8:00AM

Karl Theobald

10:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12:00PM

Andrew Carlowicz

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 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, 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.

There is a custom that as we begin a new liturgical year, we review some points of church etiquette. And that is what I am going to do with the greater part of this column. The form I am taking with this column is exhortation.

Be on time. It sometimes happens that last minute interruptions get us off schedule right before we walk out the door to go to Mass. In the main, though, that is not the case. As we start this Advent season, please resolve to get to church *before* Mass starts. And this exhortation pertains to daily Mass as well as it does to Sunday Mass. We want to concentrate on the whole of Mass – from the opening hymn to the closing hymn and all the parts of the Mass in between. It's a matter of respect for the Lord and for our neighbors. Charity comes in all forms, including how we respect the Lord and the time of others when they are at prayer.

Be of one heart and one mind. The celebration of Holy Mass is an act of communal worship. And that means we pray personally within the one Body of Christ. As we belong to the one Body and we are one with the Lord, we also have to make efforts to be of one voice too. When we pray the responses to the prayers of the Mass, we should be praying the same words and *at the same pace* all the time. Please make that effort so that what we are doctrinally is borne out in how we pray. We pray together, at the same pace.

Eliminate noise. There is a lot of noise in church, and we have to make more efforts and better efforts to be quiet in the Presence of Christ. Vocal prayer is important (at the right times and in the right way) but so is contemplation of the Mystery of God. He dwells with us always in every Catholic church (in the tabernacle). We take that Presence of Christ too much for granted when we talk at liberty right in front of the Blessed Sacrament. There is a time for socializing and it is not in plain sight of the Eucharistic Lord.

The importance of gestures. The Catholic faith makes wide use of signs, and some of these signs we make with our bodies. I am thinking of the genuflection. As I stress often with the children enrolled in Faith Formation, we address the Lord with a genuflection. When age or health issues preclude genuflections, we still can do something to acknowledge the Lord's Presence. A bow of the head intentionally would be most appropriate when you are prevented from making a genuflection.

Honor the integrity of the Mass. In addition to coming on time, being of one heart and mind, eliminating noise and using bodily gestures, we should stay through the entirety of the Mass. We ought not to depart early, "ducking out" before the final hymn is sung.

The Amen at the reception of Holy Communion. More and more communicants are not saying *Amen* when they receive Holy Communion. I don't know if it's half of the communicants who do not say anything, but it's not an insignificant number who are silent at the point of receiving the Holy Eucharist. Kindly use the word *Amen* which means *Yes, I believe*.

On the first weekday of Advent, on Monday, December 1st at 7:00 PM in the church, we are having a Holy Hour. I encourage all parishioners to come and pray with us in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This invitation is also intended for lectors, catechists, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. The Advent season is a time of waiting for the Lord to come. Although the culture at large has gone full bore with Christmas already, we must be different.

We should be seeking holy days in anticipation of the Nativity of the Lord. A great way to do this is to have a contemplative posture, being with the Lord in the proclamation of His Word and in being present to His Presence.

The ushers meet on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM in the pastoral center building. The meeting should last about forty-five minutes or so.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Monday, December 8th. There are Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

Our annual edition of Lessons and Carols is Sunday, December 21st at 2:30 PM. All are invited to join in praise of God Who gives us His Son in the Incarnation.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Hospitality Sunday

Our next Hospitality Sunday is this weekend, **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.



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

- ◇ 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, 6:30PM—Oplatek
- ◇ 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

Saint Margaret's Annual Christmas Pageant Saturday, December 13 — 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.



Remaining Rehearsals: Wednesday December 3rd & 10th

Dress Rehearsal: Friday December 12th

Saturday, December 13—Day of Show

Please arrive at 12:30PM

Cast Party to follow immediately after pageant

All are welcome to attend the pageant!



Faith Formation

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

- ◇ November 30 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ December 7 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ December 14 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ December 21 — Levels 3, 4, & 5



Holy Angels Regional School



Holy Angels has ongoing enrollment for the 2025-26 school year. Educating students age Pre-K to 8th grade, Holy Angels Regional School in Patchogue is marking 100 years of Catholic education. Give them a call at (631) 475-0422 for more info or to schedule a tour. Check out their website: HolyAngelsRegional.org

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 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



VIRTUS®

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
- 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 or at x118.

Looking for Catholic Gifts and Items?



Visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine at 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville. They carry a wide variety of religious articles. OurLadyOfTheIsland.org.



9th Annual Christmas "OPLATEK"

Saturday, December 20 — 6:30PM

On Saturday, December 20th, our Polish community will meet to share the *Oplatek* (Christmas Waffle), good food, sing carols, and wish each other health, love and prosperity.

Like always, we meet in St. Margaret's Auditorium. Sharing "Oplatek" symbolizes sharing love with one another, so we invite all who wants to share with us this beautiful Christmas tradition.

All you have to do is call Henryk Chelminski at (631) 693-9310 or the Parish Center at (631) 732-3131. Let us know the number of people coming and, **please** bring **YOUR traditional Christmas dish** to share.

Also, please consider some monetary donation to help us offset the necessary expenses.

*Please call before **Monday, December 15th**.*



Parish Social Ministry

Christmas Wish List

St. Margaret's Outreach will be accepting donations of **new** items for children and teenagers in need this Christmas season.

Socks, hats, gloves, coats, pajamas, sweatsuits, crafts, & fast food gift cards would be greatly appreciated. Please bring unwrapped donations to the Parish Center during business hours by **Monday, December 15th**.

Thank you!



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 ◇ Canned Chicken
- ◇ Jelly ◇ Shelf Stable Milk
- ◇ Crackers ◇ Bar Soap
- ◇ Hearty Stews ◇ Toothpaste
- ◇ Shampoo ◇ Laundry Detergent



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. Thank you for your continued support.

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.