



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

December 14, 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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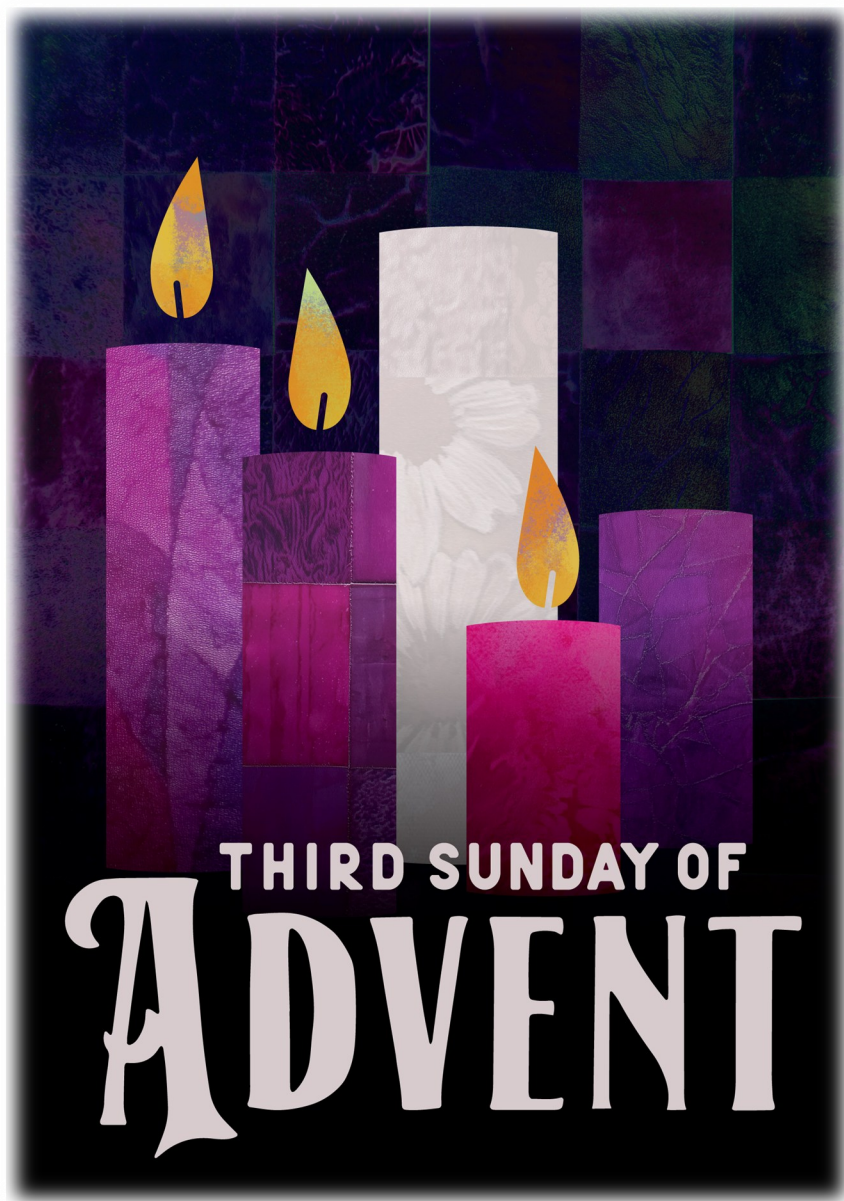
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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: We are called to think of and care for others. We only have a certain amount of time on this earth to do good and prepare ourselves for the next life. This week, do something kind for someone else.

General Intercession: For all those who are homeless and out in the street these cold days, that they may be comforted by God. 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.

December 6/7

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$9,351.00.....	205
Mailed Contributions	\$4,357.00.....	79
Total Collection	\$13,708.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading.....Is 7:10-14
Second Reading.....Rom 1:1-7
Gospel.....Mt 1:18-24

For the week of December 14, 2025



Altar
Bread & Wine
in Memory of

Michael Fusco

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 15th

Josephine Marie Sellmann

Tuesday, December 16th

Susan Curzio

Wednesday, December 17th

Donald Francis

Thursday, December 18th

Michael Fusco

Friday, December 19th

Reese Hurley

Saturday, December 20th

8:30AM

Jose Manuel Fernandes

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, December 21st

8:00AM

Frank Ippolito

10:00AM

Walter Hoehne

12:00PM

Robert Valletta

**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 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, 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.

We still have Saint John the Baptist to consider on the Third Sunday of Advent. Last week, Saint John the Baptist cited the prophet Isaiah concerning his own mission: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Regarding his work at the Jordan River, he said: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I."

John wanted the people who came to him at the Jordan to see in their lives the things which prevented them from "bearing good fruit." We call that sin. With our sins, we call upon the Lord to forgive us and be merciful to us. As Catholics, we receive the Lord's forgiveness and His mercy through the Sacrament of Penance. As I indicated last Sunday, **this** Sunday's bulletin has an insert which permits us to celebrate sacramental confession well. We know it as an Examination of Conscience. I invite you to use it before you go to be reconciled with God in the days before Christmas.

There is a slightly longer period of confessions on the Saturday (the 20th) before Christmas. See the bulletin and the schedule which you received in the mail. As you know, there is also a Reconciliation Monday on December 22nd. Again, please see the bulletin boards in the church for the expanded hours related to the Sacrament of Penance.

The schedule you received in the mail for Christmas indicates that there is an hour (from 4:00 to 5:00 PM) on Monday the 22nd. This time falls outside the prescribed hours for Reconciliation Monday. Be assured though that there will be at least one priest available for the additional hour. We will honor our own schedule. The news of a Reconciliation Monday came **after** our schedule was submitted to the envelope company.

I encourage all parishioners to set aside some time to go to Confession before Christmas. With a copy of an Examination of Conscience in your grasp now, you are already part of the way to the Confessional. Make all your preparations for Christmas, including seeking the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

I want to go back to the First Sunday of Advent and the column I wrote for the bulletin then. This concerns when Mass is being offered and when it is not. Let me repeat below what I wrote on November 30th.

There is a lot of noise in the church and we have to make more efforts and better efforts to be quiet and reverent in the Presence of Christ. Vocal prayer is important (at the right time 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 and place for socializing, and it is not in plain sight of the Eucharistic Lord.

And on another topic which deserves our attention, being on time for Mass.

Be on time for Mass – whether it is daily Mass or 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. Being on time is a way of respecting the Lord and our neighbors. It comes down to charity. Be attentive to God's Presence and the presence of your neighbors.

Our annual edition of *Lessons and Carols* is Sunday, December 21st. It begins at 2:30 PM in the church. It usually runs about one hour. Following the lessons and carols in the church, there is a reception in the church basement. At the reception, the Christmas Raffle prizes will be drawn.

In the event you have not yet purchased a ticket for the Raffle, you can still do so this weekend. There will be parishioners in the vestibule of the church before and after weekend Masses to accept your application for a ticket. This is the last opportunity to get a ticket. We are only selling **200** of them. Don't miss out!

Thinking a few weeks ahead now, during the Christmas Octave, we have the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. It is the first day of 2026. Please be aware that we have but one Mass on January 1st, a Holy Day of Obligation. Its time is 10:00 AM.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Christmas Schedule

Confessions

Saturday, December 20
3:45PM – 4:45PM

Monday, December 22
2:00PM – 5:00PM
6:00PM – 9:00PM

Masses

Wednesday, December 24
4:00PM – Vigil Mass
10:00PM – Mass at Night

Thursday, December 25
8:00AM
10:00AM
12:00NOON

New Year's Schedule

Masses

Thursday, January 1
10:00AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM
Thursday, January 8th 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.

Rosary for Life

Join the Office of Human Life, Family, & Bioethics in prayer Fridays at 3:00PM. Email lhonkanen@drvc.org if you would like the link sent to you each week.

Scan for Zoom link:



Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

"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

Baptisms 
Reese Elizabeth Skippon

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.



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 St. Margaret's parishioners. For more information contact Barbara Gottfried at 698-6053.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 21 — 2:30PM

We invite all parishioners to join us. The service consists of biblical readings and hymns as we await the birth of Our Savior. The Music Ministry will lead us in the singing portion of the prayer service.

Hospitality and the long-anticipated raffle drawing will be held immediately following in the auditorium.

All are welcome!



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**.*



Faith Formation

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

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



- ◇ January 11 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ January 18 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ January 25 — Levels 1 & 2

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.



Holy Angels Regional School

Holy Angels has ongoing enrollment for the 2025-26 school year.



Educating students from Pre-K through 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.

HolyAngelsRegional.org

Last chance to get your raffle ticket!



First Prize:
\$3,000
CASH

Second Prize:
Christmas
Crèche

\$50
a ticket

Only 200
tickets will
be sold!

Drawing will be
held December 21
following Lessons
and Carols

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



Tell Congress to Stand Up for Religious Workers

Catholic parishes, hospitals, schools and other ministries are facing a staffing crisis caused by federal policy, as foreign-born priests, religious sisters & brothers get caught up in the bureaucratic red tape of our broken immigration system. A bipartisan bill has been introduced in Congress to address the issue, making it easier for religious workers here legally on temporary visas to remain in the country until they can get a green card. Currently, because of a backlog in applications for the specific permanent visas these individuals need, many are forced to leave the country for a year, leaving our ministries understaffed and our Catholic people without access to sacraments and spiritual care. Please contact Senators Schumer & Gillibrand and your member of Congress to urge them to pass the Religious Workforce Protection Act this year!

Go to NYScatholic.org/action-center or drvc.org to sign the petition.

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.

ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Advent Scripture Reflections and Prayer

ENCOUNTERS with JESUS

ZOOM Webinars.



JOSEPH of Bethlehem

**Friday, December 19
10:00AM**

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.



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

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.*



HOLY ANGELS REGIONAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM


WHY HOLY ANGELS?

- For 100 years, Holy Angels has offered academic excellence, which fosters individual growth and development of the whole child—intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, physically, and socially—according to time-tested, Catholic faith-based models of teaching and learning.
- Holy Angels is committed to integrating the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of students, enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow, all while providing a safe and supportive community
- Holy Angels cultivates a robustly Catholic culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church and challenges its students to learn, lead, and serve as Jesus taught.





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FILIPINO MASS

"Be strong, Fear not! Here is your God".

May our families be empowered with HOPE this Christmas.

December 14, 2025

ROSARY AT 2:00 PM
MASS AT 2:30 PM

"The Filipino Catholic Community in our ministry to strengthen our Catholic Faith and keep our Culture and Tradition alive."