



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

December 7, 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: This week, find time to go to confession. Make this Advent season holy and prepare yourself for the coming of our God.

General Intercession: For our Nation, our elected officials and all our fellow citizens. 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 29/30

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$8,302.00.....	167
Mailed Contributions	\$2,170.00.....	32
Total Collection	\$10,472.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading.....Is 35:1-6a, 10
Second Reading.....Jas 5:7-10
Gospel.....Mt 11:2-11

For the week of December 7th, 2025



Altar
Bread & Wine
in Memory of

Rosemarie Leto

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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 8th

9:00AM

Guerin Family

7:30PM

Helen Hureau

Tuesday, December 9th

Scott Waldvogel

Wednesday, December 10th

Special Intention Michael Colao

Thursday, December 11th

Charles Glasgow

Friday, December 12th

Gloria & Nicholas Ferraro

Saturday, December 13th

8:30AM

Larry Fascella & Sal Capizzi

5:00PM

Manuel Araujo

Sunday, December 14th

8:00AM

Michael Campanelli

10:00AM

Spec. Int. Mara Jean & Kevin Wilson

12:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

**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, Caroline Petrone & Family



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.

Today we mark the Second Sunday of Advent. The Church's liturgy invites us to consider Saint John the Baptist, the Lord's herald. As Saint Matthew's Gospel tells us today, he is the "voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." The evangelist is citing Isaiah, the prophet.

The Chosen People had been looking for a messiah, someone who would deliver them from their subjugation to sin. And when he came, John would be the one to identify him. "Behold, there is the Lamb of God, [the one] who takes away the sin of the world." He is with us now. In proclaiming a baptism of repentance, John sets about preparing a people wholly to be God's own.

To be wholly God's own is to become holy. And that can only be attained when we examine our consciences and admit to our sins. Let that be our aim this Advent season.

There will be an insert in next weekend's bulletin with an examination of conscience. Parishioners are urged to consider this examination of conscience in advance of making a sacramental confession before Christmas.

Please follow this column in advance of Reconciliation Monday which is December 22nd. A confessor is available in the afternoon (2:00 – 4:00 PM) and the evening (6:00 – 9:00 PM).

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

Later this month, we have *Lessons and Carols*. It is held on Sunday, December 21st at 2:30 PM. It usually goes about one hour in length. All parishioners are invited to attend. Our adult choir and a children's choir will sing.

This weekend and next weekend, there will be parishioners in the vestibule of the church before and after all Masses for the purpose of offering applications for our Christmas Raffle. There are only **200 tickets available**. A ticket costs but \$50.00. We still have a way to go before we reach the 200-ticket threshold.

The drawing of the two prizes in the Christmas Raffle takes place at the reception following *Lessons and Carols* in the church basement. The first prize is \$3,000.00 and the second prize is a Nativity set from the Holy Land.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday resumes at the end of this month (the 28th). Please stay after the 10:00 AM Mass or come early before the 12 noon Mass to pray in the Presence of the Eucharistic Lord.

We continue to hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday afternoons at 4:00 PM until 4:45 PM. I urge parishioners who attend the 5:00 PM Mass to come early so that you might keep company with Bread of Life before receiving the Bread of Life in Holy Communion.

We are coming to the end of this Holy Year. You will recall that on January 1st of this year, we were encouraged to become **Pilgrims of Hope**. It might be good at the end of this year to take stock of what it means to be pilgrims of hope. It means, I think, a reliance on the Lord for direction and counsel as we follow Him from Bethlehem to Golgotha and to the upper room. This is the basic arc of our pilgrimage on earth. We place ourselves in the company of the Holy Family first as the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph gaze upon the Christ Child with wonder and awe. Our pilgrimage continues as we follow the Son of God as He begins His public ministry, inaugurating the Kingdom in word and deed. After sacrificing Himself for our salvation on Calvary and then being raised up on Easter Sunday, Jesus sends the Spirit to the Church that she might be His Body in the world.

We are on mission from the day of our Baptism. We live to bring Christ to others, unto the ends of the earth. Even if we never personally go to the ends of the earth, the Church does. She is the great evangelizer and wherever there are souls, she is there.

Let us not forget that our pilgrimage transcends this world; we are made for heaven. And that is the victory that knows no equal. To be with the Lord, His Blessed Mother, and all the saints – that is our hope, our greatest hope, when our pilgrimage is over.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



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

Upcoming Events

- ◇ 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)



Retirement Fund for Religious

“Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord’s unmerited call.”

There will be a second collection taken up next weekend to support our dedicated and faithful Religious Sisters and Brothers. Please consider giving to those who have given a lifetime.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 Saint Margaret’s parishioners. For more information contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053.



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. *All are welcome!*

A cast party will follow in the auditorium.



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**.*



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

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



ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Advent Scripture Reflections and Prayer

ENCOUNTERS with JESUS

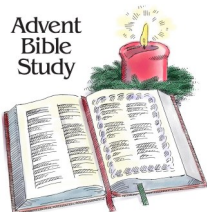
ZOOM Webinars.



MARY of Nazareth
Wednesday, December 10
7:30PM

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.



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



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



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!

*Oh Mary, Mother of Jesus
and Mother of Life,
We honor you as
Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Thank you for pointing us
to Jesus your Son,
The only Savior and
hope of the world.
Renew our hope in him,
That we all may have the courage
to say Yes to life!*

- from the Novena Prayer for Life
to Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe**
December 12th



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**Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics**



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 ◇ Bar Soap
- ◇ Crackers ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Hearty Stews ◇ Toothpaste
- ◇ Cookies ◇ 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.



2026 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2026 is now open. We encourage you to remember deceased relatives and friends at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the Communion of Saints, we are never removed from those whom we love. We hope for a reunion with them in God's providence, and praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.



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.

New Parishioner? Moving? Need to update information?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center.

It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

New _____ Moving _____ Updating _____