



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

January 11, 2026

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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Deacon William Kogler – Retired  
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired

**Parish Center Office**  
Receptionist x0

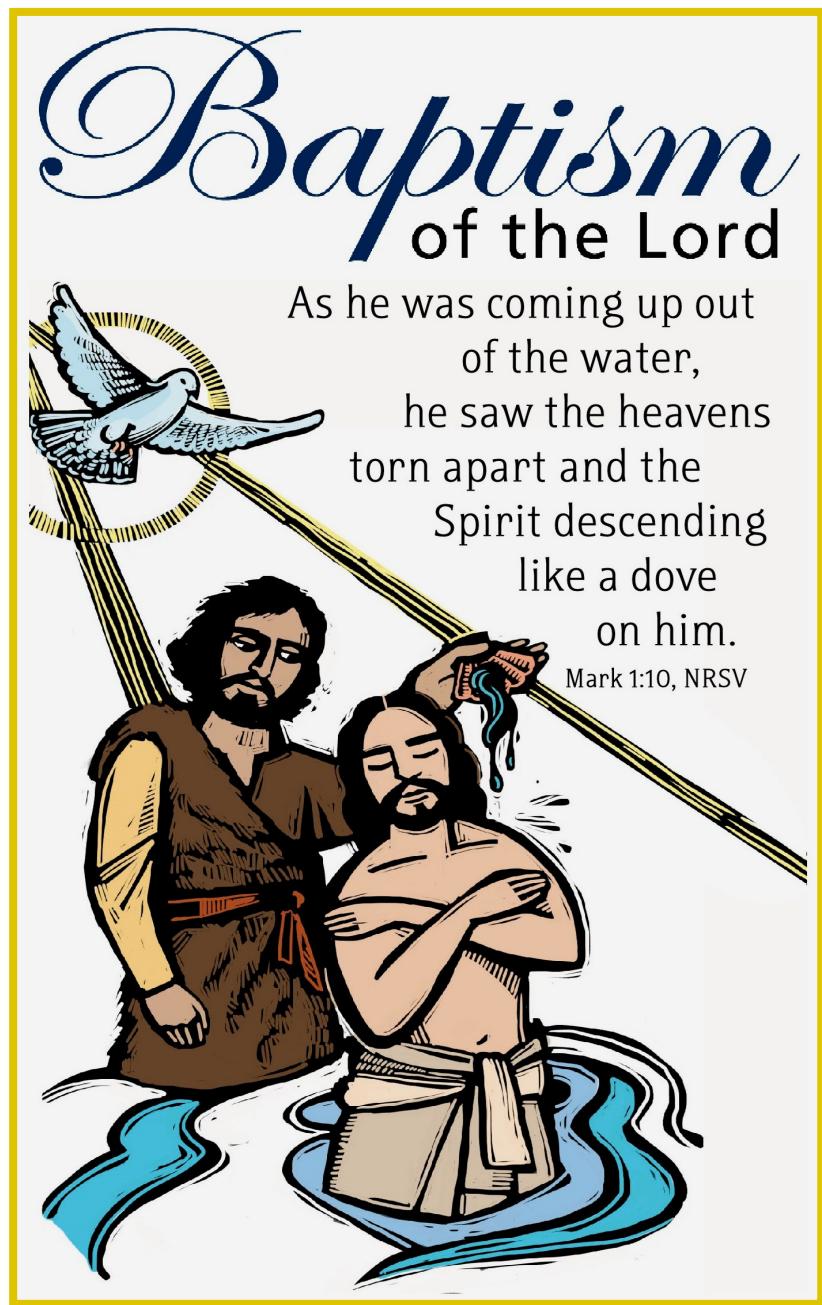
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## Time, Talent & Treasure



**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** When we were baptized, we were born again in Christ. Live your life as a baptized Christian should- spreading the Gospel and bringing others to Christ.

**General Intercession:** For all families in our parish, that the parents may be strengthened in their duty to raise their children up in the Church. 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.

### January 3/4

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$8,054.00.....	163
Mailed Contributions	\$4,026.00.....	64
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$12,080.00</b>	

### Readings for Next Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....	Is 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading.....	1 Cor 1:1-3
Gospel.....	Jn 1:29-34



### 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, January 12

Joan Miller & Sally Crimaudo

#### Tuesday, January 13

Patricia Goodman

#### Wednesday, January 14

Harry Aretakis

#### Thursday, January 15

Eugene Skutnik

#### Friday, January 16

Carol Flego

#### Saturday, January 17

8:30AM

Charles Lloyd

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

#### Sunday, January 18

8:00AM

Veronica Beatty

10:00AM

Jean Morena

12:00PM

Mary Fitzpatrick

**For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness**, as well as: Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Wendianne & 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 Kermain, John Sullivan, Melissa Rodgers, Richard Martin, Suriah Bridgall, Estelle Beauchamp, 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.*

Christmas is over. According to the liturgical calendar, that is. And we return, as it were, to the Season of Ordinary Time. Except that we don't pick up midstream with Ordinary Time. We start with the First Week of Ordinary Time today.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Lord's Baptism. This incident returns us to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Who is there with Him? None other than Saint John the Baptist. We heard his name throughout the Advent season, and he's back now.

True to his work as a baptizer, John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River. Recall that John's baptism was a baptism of repentance, yet Jesus Who is without sin submits to John. Why? Jesus identifies with sinners although He is without sin Himself. The identification with sinners brings us to the very purpose of the Lord coming to us in the first place.

Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea was for the purpose of saving us by dying for us. This season of Ordinary Time gives us opportunity to consider reflectively the meaning of a public ministry – a period of about three years according to the Synoptic Gospels. It's a period of time filled with the Lord's parables and miracles. Without thinking of the parables and miracles and thus not grappling with their significance, we risk missing the significance of the Lord's dying and rising.

So, stay focused and remain attentive as we take up a liturgical remembrance of Jesus' ministry before the Paschal Mystery over the next few weeks and more and we are brought to the precipice of Lent.

Before getting near Lent, I want to comment at some length on things having importance now in our midst.

A concern every year is what can we do for adults who never made their Confirmation. If you missed Confirmation earlier in your life, can you celebrate it now? The short answer is Yes. But with explanation.

For several years, we have had a period of catechesis for Catholics over the age of 18 who wish to be confirmed. It commences after Easter and the catechetical sessions are on Monday nights in the pastoral center building from 7:30 until 9:00 PM. There are **five (5) sessions** and attendance at all five is **obligatory**.

Every adult who wishes to be confirmed must get a copy of his/her baptismal certificate. And I would recommend that you request your baptismal certificate (a new one) before the sessions even start which is on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Candidates for Confirmation should begin thinking about a Sponsor. Every Sponsor must meet all the requirements for a Sponsor. No one will be admitted as a Sponsor without meeting **each** requirement.

Continue to follow this bulletin column for more news on adults celebrating Confirmation over the next few months. You can also find that information on the church bulletin boards.

Since we had a Holy Day of Obligation on the first day of the calendar year (January 1, 2026), I want to observe that we had a single Mass on that Thursday morning at 10:00 AM. It has been clear for a long time that Mass attendance has been in free-fall for decades. Never is this clearer than on Holy Days, especially a Holy Day like the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. I ask all parishioners to spend some time in an examination of conscience regarding the Third Commandment: Thou should honor the Lord's Day.

The way to honor the Lord's Day is to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And should I miss a Holy Day, I should have recourse to the Sacrament of Penance. If I don't, it's entirely possible that I wind up taking the Holy Eucharist for granted.

I take this opportunity in my column now to remind all FAITH FORMATION families that when I have TWENTY MINUTES on Sunday morning, families are to bring with them a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (the copy that was given to you at registration). I use the volume at virtually every session of TWENTY MINUTES at which I present.

We are reviewing attendance at TWENTY MINUTES since we started in September of 2025. Those who have accumulated excessive absences will be contacted and will be reminded that there are make-up sessions when we finish up the catechetical year in May. If families don't want to be sitting in the church basement on a Saturday, say, the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, they should be present on the designated Sunday morning according to each Level. Attendance counts.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



Vienna Biggio  
Luciano Guagliano  
Liam St. Juste  
Zahir Victor

**Save the Date**  
Winter Blood Drive  
Tuesday, February 17  
1:00-7:00PM



*St. Margaret of Scotland Church*  
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## FILIPINO MASS

*Through our Baptism, we become God's beloved children.*

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Mt. 3:17)*

January 11, 2026  
2:00pm Rosary  
2:30pm Mass

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

## 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

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM  
Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM  
Thursday, February 5<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.*

## 2025 Tax Statements

Please call the Parish Center if you would like a copy of your 2025 tax statement. Dial 732-3131 x133. Leave a message with your name, address, phone number, and envelope number (if available). The statement will be mailed to you. Email [aburtoff@saintmargaret.com](mailto:aburtoff@saintmargaret.com) if you would prefer to have the statement emailed to you as a PDF attachment.



## Faith Formation

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

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



- ◊ February 1 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◊ February 8 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◊ February 15 — Levels 1 & 2

## Parish Social Ministry

### Food Pantry Needs

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

◊ Small Bags Rice	◊ Shampoo
◊ (White) Tuna	◊ Laundry Detergent
◊ Jelly	◊ Toothpaste
◊ Spaghetti	◊ Paper Towels

### 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.



### PBJ 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 (631) 732-3131 x119 if you would like to assist or volunteer in some capacity.

### Hospitality Sunday

Our next Hospitality Sunday will take place **January 25<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:00AM, in the church auditorium. Sponsored by *The Heart of the Island Knights of Columbus*. All are invited!

Stop by for fellowship and a bagel.



### Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine offering funds 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.



### Mass Book

The 2026 Mass Book is 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.

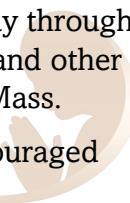
We hope for a reunion with them in God's providence, and praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.



### 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.

# Christmas Flowers

## Special Intentions & Memorials Offered By

Rev. Patrick Abu-Bonsra	Mr. & Mrs. Romeo DeGuzman	Mrs. Susan Massett
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Accardi	Mr. & Mrs. Peter DeMartini	Mr. & Mrs. David McCosker
Mr. & Mrs. David Adams	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DeNunzio	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McGovern
Mr. & Mrs. Leonardo Antonacci	Mrs. Ann DePeter	Mrs. Nora McMahon
Mrs. Mary Aretakis	Mrs. Frank DeSimone	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Victorino Aurigue	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Dickinson	Ms. AnnMarie Negron
Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Baratta	Mrs. Anella Droscocki	Mrs. Margaret Nocita
Mr. & Mrs. Santo Barravecchio	Mr. & Mrs. John Duffy	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Normile
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Beard	Ms. Laura Durant	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy O'Callaghan
Mrs. Estelle Beauchamp	Mrs. Carol Etro	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ott
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Berberich	Mr. & Mrs. John Evans	Mrs. Cynthia Pillittier
Ms. Catherine Beyer	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Fatscher	Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Puerta-Salazar
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Biasotti	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fehmel	Mr. Charles Quinn
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Boot	Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Felizardo	Mrs. Anna Rice
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bruni	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Finger	Ms. Hilda Ritchie
Ms. Mary Ann Bruno	Mrs. Veronica Fortin	Mr. & Mrs. John Rizzolo
Mrs. Juliana Burtoff	Ms. Margaret Fuhrmann	Mr. & Mrs. William Roehrig
Mrs. Annette Burton	Mr. & Mrs. Neil Gangitano	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Roucoulet
Mrs. Colleen Candurra	Mrs. Mary Gassick	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Schubeck
Mr. Nicholas Caracappa	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Giambalvo	Ms. Sandra Silvano
Ms. Lisa Catapano	Mrs. Barbara Gottfried	Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Siopa
Mrs. Anita Cavallero	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Guzman	Ms. Frances Spinelli
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ceraulo	Mrs. Anita Hoehne	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Steinbart
Mr. James Champion	Ms. Carol Holz	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tranfaglia
Mr. & Mrs. Henryk Chelminski	Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Huttie	Mr. & Mrs. James Tullo
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Clark	Ms. Francine Iannotta	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ugwu
Ms. Gena Collins	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Kreuzer	Mrs. Lorraine Vogel
Mrs. Lorraine Colombo-Booras	Mr. & Mrs. John Lane	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wagon
Mrs. Kathleen Cotnoir	Ms. Maria Leigh	Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Warnock
Mrs. Pat Cunningham	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Markham	Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Wilson
Mr. Frank Dalba	Mrs. Noreen Marrocco	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Wuestman
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Damiani		Ms. Barbara Zarcone
Ms. Francine Davino		Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Zeis

# Opłatek 2025

## Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>



**24 HOURS WITH Christ**  
*a spiritual men's retreat*  
**STARTING AT 5:30PM FRIDAY JANUARY 16**  
**THROUGH 7:30PM SATURDAY JANUARY 17**

at the Tabor House, St. Anthony's, Oceanside

**4 MEALS INCLUDED | \$125 PER PERSON**

Join us for shared meals, silence, fellowship, communal prayer, Ignation Prayer, and conversations with a spiritual director

To reserve your space please contact:  
 Father Bret Stockdale, SJ bstockdalesj@sacli.org  
 Danny Ramos, PGK dramos1961@gmail.com

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