



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

January 18, 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

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Center

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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: Each of us has a mission and calling in this life. Do you know what yours is? Pray to the Lord this week and ask Him where He wants you.

General Intercession: For all missionaries, especially on college campuses, that they may have the strength, wisdom and courage to point Jesus out to others. 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 10/11

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$7,921.00.....	177
Mailed Contributions	\$3,007.00.....	41
Total Collection	\$10,928.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Is 8:23-9:3
Second Reading.....1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Gospel.....Mt 4:12-23



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, January 19

Terese Keoghan

Tuesday, January 20

Frank Rosato

Wednesday, January 21

Lou Burtoff

Thursday, January 22

Robert Kreitzman

Friday, January 23

John Schlageter

Saturday, January 24

8:30AM

Gloria Madamba

5:00PM

Yvette Reilly

Sunday, January 25

8:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10:00AM

Richard Savona

12:00PM

Anthony Guida

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as: Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Wendian & 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, Nicholas DiMonda, Christopher D'Costa, Crotieau Family, Brahaspatti Lewing, Jaime Ottenwalder [U.S. Navy], Carol Etro, Malachai Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, Raymond Grunthner

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.

It seems like we just can't get away from Saint John the Baptist. We heard from him in Advent; the same with Christmas, and now again in Ordinary Time. In three consecutive seasons of the Church's liturgical Year then, his name comes up in the Gospel. It makes sense. John and Jesus are contemporaries – only six months separated one from the other. John, of course, is the Lord's precursor. His witness has to be taken into account then. But even during the Christmas season which ended last Sunday (Feast of the Lord's Baptism), John is found at the Jordan River baptizing the Messiah. And, finally, John in today's Gospel (Second Sunday of Ordinary Time) identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God.

In the Gospels, there is a lot of consistency; it is after all a linear exposition the evangelists provide for us. One episode follows another. One event comes after another. John though is not heard from once he is sent to prison by Herod. He is killed there (beheaded), and thus does he merit distinction as a martyr.

For all of his perspicacity, John still had to ask: Are you he who is to come or should we look for another? Jesus responded to this question by pointing to his own ministry: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. The Kingdom is veritably present in Jesus; John's witness is therefore vindicated.

Witness like John's is never out of season. It's what we should be seeking ourselves as we live out the call to holiness which is found in our Baptism. Let us re-commit ourselves to this high and noble calling by praying the Eucharistic Mystery today.

And now some commentary on things going on around Saint Margaret Parish.

On January 22nd, we mark the US Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade. It was decided decades ago (1973) and made possible virtually unfettered abortion in our nation. But a few years ago, in the Dobbs case, Roe was declared unconstitutional and in certain parts of our country, restrictions on abortion were enacted by the various states. However, the effort to make our land abortion-free continues.

The March for Life is being held this year on Friday, January 23rd in Washington, D.C. It's probably too late to find a place on a bus going to our nation's capital for the March. While you may not be able to attend the March for Life, I ask that you remember the sanctity of unborn life in the womb in your prayers. If you are able, please try to attend Mass as a way of making reparation for the evil of abortion.

I am looking to schedule a member of the Long Island Coalition for Life to come to Saint Margaret in the Spring of 2026, certainly when the weather is not as "iffy" as it is in January and February. I will keep you posted.

The last Sunday of the month (next Sunday the 25th) is another Hospitality Sunday hosted by the Knights of Columbus. It follows the 10:00 AM Mass and it is held in the church basement. All are invited to attend.

I call attention to the collage of photographs on one of the tripods in the vestibule of the church. It has pictures from the Sunday before Christmas (December 21st). The photos were taken in the church during *Lessons and Carols*. Some photographs were also taken in the church basement at the reception held there.

While it is top of my mind now, I want to mention that we will have another Raffle at Easter. Please follow the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks on our next Raffle.

I scheduled another Parish Mission for April. The dates are April 18-19. It will follow the pattern we used the last time (2024) and be restricted to weekend Masses (Saturday and Sunday). Again, please follow the bulletin for more details.

The bulletin boards in church have flyers announcing the catechesis and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults. My column last week had remarks about this topic. Continue to read this column for updates.

In a late Christmas note, I want to mention that we received \$2,567.00 in what is called Christmas Flowers envelopes. That enabled us to have a very impressive array of flowers in the sanctuary to usher in our celebration of the Birth of Our Savior. Thank you to all who contributed!

Next weekend, the bulletin will have the Christmas Collection total for 2025.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

The Church in Need

Next weekend's second collection will be taken for "The Church in Need". The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - this collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

The Church in Latin America For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

The Church in Africa – The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care.

Thank you for your generosity.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, February 5th 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.



The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 20th.

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.



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.

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.

Hospitality Sunday

Our next Hospitality Sunday will take place **January 25th**, 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.



Winter Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 17
1:00-7:00PM
Church Auditorium



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 please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053.

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.



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.

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 if you would prefer to have the statement emailed to you as a PDF attachment.

Heart of the Island Council Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. They assist with parish events such as the parish food drive, hospitality Sundays, and blood drive. Prospective members may call Tom Piderit at (631) 682-8711.



Faith Formation

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

- ◇ 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
- ◇ February 22 — Levels 6 & 7

Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry Needs



**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:

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| ◇ Small Bags Rice | ◇ Shampoo |
| ◇ Tuna | ◇ Laundry Detergent |
| ◇ Jelly | ◇ Dish Soap |
| ◇ 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.



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. Thank you!



Hands Needed

Our Music Ministry is 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 Dr. Daniel Crews, our Music Minister, after Mass, or call the Parish Center at (631) 732-3131x117.



HOLY ANGELS REGIONAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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

WHY HOLY ANGELS?

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January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."



*Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium vitae*

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical

celebrations for this day may be the "Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

How to Participate

Not sure how to observe this day of prayer and penance? Pick from the ideas below or offer some other prayer or sacrifice that you feel called to do.

- Go to Mass
- Abstain from meat
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Fast
- Pray a decade of the Rosary
- Give up TV and movies for the day
- Offer A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament