



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

**February 1, 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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Selden, NY 11784  
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x111

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*Deacon William Kogler – Retired*  
*Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired*

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## Time, Talent & Treasure



**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** When you hear the Beatitudes, think of ways you can change the way you live to be more in line with Jesus' teachings.

**General Intercession:** For those who are struggling this winter season, especially those in need of a warm house, meal or clothing. 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 24/25**

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$4,063.00.....	83
Mailed Contributions	\$1,859.00.....	34
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$5,922.00</b>	

Readings for Next Sunday  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Is 58:7-10  
Second Reading.....1 Cor 2:1-5  
Gospel.....Mt 5:13-16



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00—5:00PM**

**Friday 9:00AM—1:00PM**

(631) 732-3131

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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, February 2**

Matilde Clavo

**Tuesday, February 3**

**Wednesday, February 4**

William H. Goodman

**Thursday, February 5**

Carl & Antoinette Fritz

**Friday, February 6**

Janice Kaufmann

**Saturday, February 7**

8:30AM

Joseph Dulovic

5:00PM

Keith Hill

**Sunday, February 8**

8:00AM

Joseph Dulovic

10:00AM

Joseph Prementine Sr.

12:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

**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 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.*

The cold of the winter season makes us yearn for the warmth of places like Florida. You're lucky if you can get to a warmer climate if just for a few days. As I write this column, the weather forecast is showing a major snowstorm for Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. What will happen? I don't know at this early juncture. It's always best, though, to prepare intelligently for the worst-case scenario. We'll see soon enough.

With the likelihood of more bad weather on the horizon then, I want to treat an issue with very real consequences for parish life, and that would be the financial support that comes from parishioners. You will recall that I like to use two words in reference to the giving habits of Catholics to their parishes. The two words are: **generous** and **sacrificial**. Your giving must have these two attributes in order to be good stewards. Yes, that's what we should all strive after: being good stewards not just of my time and talent but of my **treasure**. Being generous and sacrificial though are conceptual in nature.

What we need to do is make our generosity and sacrifice operational. And that would involve mathematics and numbers. What do I write on my envelope alongside \$? And what do I write in my checkbook alongside Saint Margaret RC Church?

Thus far, we have had snowfalls three times before this weekend. There were two in December and one earlier in this month. Every time it snows, we have to spend money to remove the white stuff on the ground and make sure the pathways are salted and sanded. And then there are the parking spaces that have to be cleared. All of these acts cost hundreds and even thousands of \$\$\$ (labor, equipment, and products) per snowfall.

I ask all parishioners to consider thoughtfully and carefully what you are contributing to Saint Margaret Parish currently. Is that contribution really **generous** and **sacrificial**? Have I increased my offering to my parish to take into account the rise in the cost of living in the last few years?

We have some parishioners who are exceptionally generous and sacrificial in their giving. But not enough of them, unfortunately. I call upon those who have not yet shown generosity and sacrifice in their giving to step up and help your parish. Without your generosity and sacrifice, we fail as a whole to practice a satisfactory stewardship.

As for my next subject in this column, I want to address another sensitive topic for church-goers and that would be the eclipse of reverence inside the church. By now, you have heard me comment from time to time on how we should conduct ourselves in the Presence of our God. And that's why, for example, we ought to use genuflections because they reflect the truth that Christ is really with us under the appearance of bread and wine. We can't see that truth with our own eyes. But we profess it, or we ought to profess it, in our conduct.

A part of the reverence which should prevail in Catholic churches is the elimination of unnecessary noise. Pardon me for saying so, but there is far too much noise in our church.

Reverence has a lot to do with place. And, by that, I mean that our conduct is right and appropriate for what takes place there. It is undeniable that worship takes place in church. Our worship is directed to God Who dwells there. Without silence, we are less inclined to be mindful of the very purpose of being in church. It's what Moses forgot and had to be reminded of when he was at Horeb, the mountain of God. (Ex 3:!) Although the burning bush, the sign of God's Presence, was not consumed (Ex 3:2), Moses still had to be reminded: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." (Ex 3:5)

We do not make the church holy, God does. Let us therefore make better efforts to reduce the noise level in our church. There is plenty of time for socializing *elsewhere*. But when it comes to where God dwells, let us endeavor to be quiet there. Quiet are our hearts that we may hear the softest whispers of God there.

In a future column, I want to address some other aspects about our worship.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor





# Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, February 18

*“Repent, and believe  
in the gospel.”*

9:00AM Mass | 12:00PM Service  
4:00PM Service | 7:30PM Service

*Mark 1:15*

## Wedding Banns



### Banns II

Youssef Akl and  
Mariet Yamile Dagda Garcia,  
both St. Margaret of Scotland

## Blessing of the Throats

The feast of Saint Blaise is Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Following Mass, a special blessing of the throats will take place. All are invited to attend Mass at 9:00AM and stay for a blessing following the Mass.

*“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”*

## 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 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

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.*

## 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.



## 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.

## 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 inclined.

# Family Winter Wingo

Friday Night ~ February 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm

Doors Open at 6:30

**In the Auditorium! Bring the Family!**

**Refreshments! Sign up in the Parish Center.**

**Proceeds will benefit parish activities.**

**Please bring a non-perishable food item  
to help restock our food pantry.**

***See you there!***



**Raffle Baskets!**  
\$1 a ticket or  
20 for \$20

**Door Prizes!**

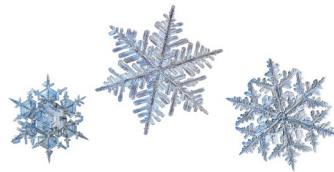
**Prepaid:**  
\$10 Per Family  
or \$5 Single

**At the Door:**  
\$20 Per Family  
\$10 Single

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of People \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## Looking for Catholic Gifts and Items?

Our Lady of the Island Shrine at 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville, carries a wide variety of religious articles. [OurLadyOfTheIsland.org](http://OurLadyOfTheIsland.org).



## Faith Formation

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



- ◇ February 1 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ February 8 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ February 15 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ February 22 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ March 1 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ March 8 — Levels 1 & 2

### Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars!  
July 6-10, 2026





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## HOLY ANGELS REGIONAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
12:00 PM – 2:00 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.





 631-475-0422   
  [holyangelsregional.org](http://holyangelsregional.org)   
  [jstewart5573@holyangelsregional.org](mailto:jstewart5573@holyangelsregional.org)



# Blood Drive

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## St. Margaret of Scotland

Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa

### Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00-7:00


81 College Rd, Selden  
Auditorium

**Prepare to donate**

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
-  Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
-  Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [nybc.org/eligibility](http://nybc.org/eligibility).





**Appointments strongly preferred: Scan the QR code above or call 1-800-933-2566, or visit [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)**



**Medical questions please call 1-800-688-0900**

**Any further questions contact Jennifer at 516.310.2382**

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## Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group will be offered at St. Mary's Parish in East Islip.

### Eight Week Group Beginning Tuesday, March 10 — 7:00PM

Support groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least 3 months prior to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to December 16, 2025.

There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed, confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and are limited to 12 people.

**Registration is required. Call 581-4266 x125 for more information or to reserve your seat.**



## Bereavement Support Groups

Bereavement support groups will be offered at St. John Nepomucene in Bohemia and are open to people of any faith.

### Loss of Spouse General Loss Loss of an Adult Child

**Thursdays, March 5 through April 30 — 7:00PM**

The General Support Group & Loss of Spouse Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least 3 months prior, which would be December 5, 2025.

Loss of Adult Child Group has no wait requirement.

Each group meets weekly for 90 minutes followed by refreshments and hospitality. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. All groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and are limited to 12 people.

**Pre-registration is required. Call 589-0540 x250 for more information or to reserve your seat for the group you would like to attend.**

## Parish Social Ministry

### Bloomin' For Good

Stop & Shop has selected Saint Margaret's Food Pantry as a nonprofit partner in the Stop & Shop *Bloomin' 4 Good* Program!

What does this mean? Our food pantry receives \$1 for each specially marked \$11.99 "Bloomin' 4 Good" bouquet sold during the month of February at the Farmingville Stop & Shop. Their address is 350 North Ocean Avenue, Farmingville.

It's a win-win! Supporting Stop & Shop means supporting our food pantry!

*Thank you for your consideration.*



### 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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|----------------|---------------------|
| ◇ Jelly        | ◇ Beef Stew         |
| ◇ Canned Fruit | ◇ Instant Oatmeal   |
| ◇ Cookies      | ◇ Shampoo           |
| ◇ Pasta Sauce  | ◇ Dish Soap         |
| ◇ Boxed Milk   | ◇ 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.



### 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.

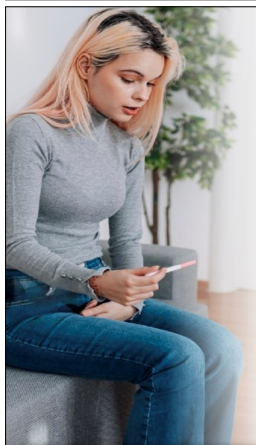
Parishioners are invited to attend as their schedule allows. Volunteers must be Virtus compliant. Call the Outreach office at (631) 732-3131 x119 if you would like to assist or volunteer in some capacity.

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 732-3131 x117.



Facing a difficult pregnancy?

Say "Yes" with

# FIAT

*Let it be done*

## Pregnancy Support



### Hope is here.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, help is available:

Call 631-476-LOVE (5683) any day, any time (24/7).

*All conversations are safe and confidential.*



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### Rosary for Life

Join the Office of Human Life, Family, & Bioethics in prayer every Friday at 3:00PM.

Email [lhonkanen@drvc.org](mailto: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*