



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

July 19, 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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Deacon William Kogler – Retired
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired*

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Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: As you enjoy the summer days, be sure to still remember those in need. Find time to make a trip to your parish food pantry to see if they need any items or volunteers.

General Intercession: For all those in need in our community. We pray to the Lord...

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.

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$7,399.00.....	155
Mailed Contributions	\$5,423.00.....	76
Total Collection	\$12,822.00	

First Reading.....	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Second Reading.....	Rom 8:28-30
Gospel.....	Mt 13:44-52



Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM

Friday Closed

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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

Monday, July 20

Susan Quinn

Tuesday, July 21

Special Int. Jerry & Terry Roucoulet

Wednesday, July 22

Spec. Int. Bozena & Marek Malinowski

Thursday, July 23

Harry Aretakis

Friday, July 24

John K. Brantuo

Saturday, July 25

8:30AM

Ellen T. Reilly

5:00PM

Ottavio Quartucci

Sunday, July 26

8:00AM

Irene Malinowska

10:00_{AM}

Lou Burtoff

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,
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,
Estelle Beauchamp, Christopher
D'Costa, Crotieau Family, Jaime
Ottenwalder [U.S. Navy], Carol Etro,
John Roucoulet, Raymond Grunthaler,
John Positano, Thomas McInnes, Fred
Detweiler, Jerry Roucoulet



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.

Last week, you may remember, I wrote about aspects of our Catholic Faith which deserve our attention because these aspects are integral to what we believe and practice. I mentioned the Mass, the Sacrament of Penance, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In this column, I would like to identify other such aspects of our Faith which orient us along the path we take as Catholics to be in communion with Christ and the Church.

I start with what we call the Works of Mercy. There are two groups of these Works of Mercy. There are the Spiritual and the Corporal Works of Mercy. As background, let me recall two parts of the New Testament, that being the Letters of Saint John and the Letter of Saint James. I start here because the Letters underscore a key point in our Faith, namely, that we cannot say I love God and, at the same time, refuse to love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Letters of Saint John and the Letter of Saint James are numbered among the Catholic Letters. And, by that we mean, there is an awareness that God's love is catholic or universal. It extends to all because God has made us all and we called to belong to the one Body of Christ. Though there are many parts to this Body, there is but a single Body.

God's love is incarnate first in the Son of God Who is like us in all things but sin. Jesus is human. Although we are not divine like He is, we are alike in that we share the human condition together. The works of mercy are important because Jesus' mission was and is about mercy. As He healed the sick and tended to the broken-hearted, we are called to do the very same.

As indicated above, we classify the Works of Mercy according to the spiritual and corporal. Regarding the Spiritual Works of Mercy, there are these: counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, praying for the living and the dead, and forgiving injuries.

Just a few points about all seven of the spiritual works of mercy. First, there is an absence, that is, something which should be present but is not there. Take the first one – counseling the doubtful. What is missing is confidence and we seek to bring that missing element to those who have lost confidence somehow. Simple human presence can help us do that. So, too, can conversation and being part of a community. Second, the Spiritual Works of Mercy can be practiced by yourself or as part of a group. Whatever form it takes, we are imitating what Jesus Himself did in His earthly ministry. Forgiving injuries, Jesus did this a lot in His ministry. There are always opportunities in the circumstances of our lives for us to forgive and be forgiven.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are seven in number too. They are: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, giving shelter to the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting prisoners, giving alms to the poor, and burying the dead. Here I emphasize the responsibility we have to come to the aid of those who are missing essential goods from the merely physical vantage point. What we would do for family members who lose jobs or suddenly find themselves without a roof over their heads, we must widen the circle of compassion beyond just those to whom we are blood related. We must be Christ-like whether we know the person(s) or not.

The third aspect of our Catholic Faith which I highlight in this column is what we might term Devotion to the Blessed Mother. Jesus' mother is important not just to the Lord Himself, but to all of us. Our Faith is Christocentric obviously, but we cannot forget that Jesus' coming to us was made possible through a Fiat. "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word." In the ineffable plan of God, He chose a young Jewish woman to be the Mother of Our Savior, and to be our mother too.

Mary is our Mother according to the divine will. When Jesus was dying on Calvary, from the Cross, He gave us His Mother, and the Apostle John took her into his own home at that point. We pray to Our Lady for guidance, strength and solace. We attend May Crownings because maternity is not just biological. It is also spiritual.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Mass Intentions



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. Praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect. The requested offering for announced and unannounced mass intentions is \$20.

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.



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.

Traveling This Summer?

If you are traveling this summer, be sure to check CatholicChurchTimes.com to find a parish near your destination. It will provide you with the church's address, phone number, and mass times.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, August 6th 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.

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 noon daily.

Heart of the Island 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 church ministries. They assist with parish events throughout the year. Prospective members should call Tom Piderit at (631) 682-8711.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration

Registration info has been sent home to Faith Formation families! The letters contain all you need to know about registering or re-registering your child for Faith Formation, and what the upcoming school year is going to look like. Classes will begin in September.



- ◇ First-time registrants will need a copy of each child's baptismal certificate submitted with their registration form.
- ◇ All children need to be enrolled for Faith Formation each year.
- ◇ Please do your best to adhere to the deadlines so that materials can be ordered.

Contact Jackie Mirenda at JMirenda@saintmargaret.com or x131 with any questions.

Parish Social Ministry

Back to School

Our Outreach Ministry will begin collecting the following items for Back to School:

Backpacks, Binders, Folders, Marble Notebooks,
Looseleaf Paper, Crayons (24 ct), Washable Colored Markers,
Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks, Highlighters, Pens/Pencils

Our Biggest Request this year is TEEN BACK PACKS.

Please drop items off at Parish Center.

Note our summer office hours.

Thank you for all you do!



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:

- ◇ Beef Stew/Chili
- ◇ Small Cans Chicken
- ◇ Canned Peaches
- ◇ Saltines
- ◇ Apple Sauce
- ◇ Bathroom Tissue

We have enough bags!
Thank you!



Saint Margaret's Blood Drive

**Sponsored by
Legislator Nick Caracappa**



Thank you to all who donated the gift of life at last week's blood drive! Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus and all who volunteered to make this blood drive a success!



We were able to collect 44 pints of blood for those who need it!

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OF LONG ISLAND

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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 in any way, contact Adriana at ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com or x118.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Catholic Charities of Long Island Employment Opportunities

We are always looking for individuals to join the mission of Catholic Charities and offer "Care with Dignity...Life with Hope"

Catholic Charities of Long Island has two open part-time positions in Coram.

Part-Time Kitchen Supervisor—9 hours/week

Part-Time Kitchen Aide—7 hours/week

At the Coram Nutrition Center

SALARY: \$19.50 per hr. – Kitchen Supervisor;
\$18.50 per hr. Kitchen Aide

To view a detailed job description and job requirements, or to apply, go to www.catholiccharities.cc/careers and click on the "jobs" tab, review the job flyer and apply or call (516) 733-7000.

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) 732-3131 x117.

Parish Center Summer Hours

Monday	9:00AM-1:00PM
Tuesday	9:00AM-1:00PM
Wednesday	9:00AM-1:00PM
Thursday	9:00AM-1:00PM
Friday	Closed

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New Parishioner? Moving? Need to update information?

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.

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Town _____

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