



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

July 26, 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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Yesterday, the 25th of July, was the 58th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*. Catholics of a certain age may recall that *Humanae Vitae* is the name of an encyclical written by Pope Paul VI (later canonized a saint) in 1968. The purpose of the encyclical was to make clear the historic and constant teaching of the Catholic Church that conjugal love is an expression of the unity of the two principles of life and love.

Why was it necessary for the Pope to write an encyclical on this subject?

Due to the sexual revolution which came with the mass marketing of the Pill, a lot of confusion had been created in consciences which led to dissent on the matter of contraception among Catholics. When the encyclical was released, the media pilloried it and lots of Catholics turned from being supporters of the historic and constant teaching of the Church to being detractors of the teaching.

Early last week, I was speaking with two friends (a married couple whom I have known for thirty years) and we were talking about some of the severe social problems which beset our culture. Over and over in our conversation, the expression “the low birth rate” was mentioned as an impediment to reversing course so that there could be an amelioration of the severity of some of our social problems.

I invite you to re-read or perhaps even read for the first time the encyclical of Pope Saint Paul VI named above. It is not a long text and it has a way of making us aware all over again of the disruptions brought about in the marital bond itself and in the culture at large when there is use of contraception. Let me refer here just to one sentence used by the Pope in support of his position: “[T]o experience the gift of married love while respecting the laws of conception is to acknowledge that one is not the master of the sources of life but rather the minister of the design established by the Creator.” (13)

It’s still too early to start mentioning the events on the parish calendar for September and October, so I am not going to do that in the remainder of this column. What I will do however is advert to something in our schedule all the time on the weekends – that being Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the vestibule of our church, there are two signs which call attention to Adoration and both signs quote Saint Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists. Saint Alphonsus was known to have said that adoration is the most important thing, spiritually, at our disposal after the celebration of the sacraments.

We might think of adoration as prelude or postlude. It helps us to prepare for the sacraments and it brings us to thanksgiving following the sacraments. Adoration is available before the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday and it is available after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday.

We are familiar with how difficult it is to be properly disposed to the riches of the Divine Liturgy under ordinary circumstances, e.g. arriving late to my pew, contending with the noise all about myself, and of course other disturbances. Adoration permits me to enter peacefully and with self-possession into the Church’s greatest prayer – the Holy Eucharist. At the same time, at end of the Sacrifice of the Mass, I am allowed in Adoration the opportunity to express my gratitude for the Gift of the Lord Himself (Word and Sacrament).

I encourage you to avail yourself of some period of time to adore the Lord – either before or after our Divine Worship of Him in the Eucharist.

It might be helpful if you brought with you to Adoration a Missal or Prayer Book. Adoration is a good time for spiritual reading. It doesn’t have to be long but spiritual reading proves its salutary value by allowing us to enter more easily into Communion with the Lord having fixed my eyes on His Presence.

The disciples asked Jesus, “Master, teach us how to pray.” And He did. He gave them the words of the Our Father. Before we use words, we enter upon the holiness of God by just looking at Him.

Resolve to begin or end your attendance at Mass by sitting and or kneeling in the company of the Lord. Being in the company of the Lord brings us delight. Seek that delight as often as you can.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Claire Anne Percoco
Lorena Susan Percoco



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.

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.



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.

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 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 is 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!



Facing a difficult pregnancy?

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Pregnancy Support

from
Catholic Health

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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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. Call the Outreach office at x119 for more information or if you would like to volunteer in some capacity.

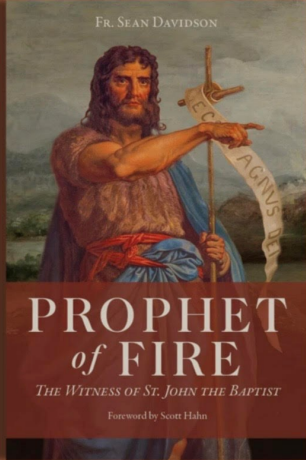
Wash Up Kits

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. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you.



A Morning with St. John the Baptist

LED BY FR. SEAN DAVIDSON



DATE
Saturday, August 8th, 2026

LOCATION
Seminary of the
Immaculate Conception

440 West
Neck Rd.
Huntington,
NY 11743



ORDER OF EVENTS

- 8:30 AM** Arrival/Rosary in the Main Chapel
- 9:00 AM** Holy Mass
- 10:00 AM** Light refreshments in the Auditorium
- 10:30 AM** Talk on St. John the Baptist / Q & A
- 11:30 AM** Book Sale and Signing

THE CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK PRESENTS AN INSPIRING EVENING WITH FATHER DAN REEHIL

FROM WALL STREET BANKER TO CATHOLIC PRIEST

Hear Father's powerful personal testimony of faith, conversion, and God's transforming grace!



Pastor - Exorcist - Speaker

Father Daniel Reehil was born in Mineola, NY. After graduating from the University of Dayton, he worked in Global Trade and Finance in Manhattan for American Express and Citicorp for ten years.

In 1998, he experienced a miraculous conversion after being away from the Church for twenty years. This planted the seeds of his vocation to the priesthood.

He was ordained on July 26, 2014, and now serves as pastor of St. Catherine of Siena in Columbia, Tennessee, and has been appointed as an exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville. He is also Director of Radio Maria USA and hosts a program called "Battle Ready with Fr. Dan Reehil".

Monday, August 10, 2026 | 7:00 PM
Church of St. Patrick | 400 W. Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743
All are welcome!

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United for Life PRESENTS Life Rosary Retreat

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
9AM - 5PM**
Breakfast & Lunch
included



**At the
Shrine of Our Lady
of the Island
258 Eastport Manor Rd.
Manorville, NY**



**Guest Speaker
Clare Hinshaw**
Young America's
Foundation (YAF)



RETREAT SCHEDULE

- 9:00-11:00 Coffee/Bagels-Intro w interactive faith filled activities
- 11:30-12:30 Mass
- 1-1:45 Lunch
- 1:45-3 Life Rosary
- 3-3:30 Divine Mercy Chap.
- 3:30-4:30 Guest Speaker
- 4:30-5 Conclusion

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Embracing Tomorrow

*"Every journey through grief is unique,
yet hope is the common seed within us all."*

St. John Nepomucene Bereavement Ministry will offer a monthly program for *anyone who has completed any bereavement group* and is interested in exploring topics that help us embrace tomorrow while finding support among new friends. The group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from **September through June**. Each gathering will feature a guest speaker on a different topic, followed by refreshments and conversation.

Start Date: Wednesday, September 9

Time: 7:00–8:30PM

Location: St. John Nepomucene Church
1140 Locust Ave. Bohemia
Church Basement

Pre-registration is required.

Call (631) 589-0540 x250 for more information.

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.

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.



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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

St James RC Church Parish Event

Scott Hahn & John Bergsma

"Renewed and Transformed" - Romans 12:2

Saturday, September 12, 2026 7:30 AM - 3:30PM

St. James Parish Center
429 NY-25A Setauket NY 11733

Price: \$35 per person

Scan the QR code to register online or call the
St. Paul Center Customer Service line at (740) 264-9535
<https://stpaulcenter.com/events/hbsetauket2026>

Contact Tara - 631-877-7322 or Barbara - 516-313-4029 for more information



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