



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

July 5, 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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WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness...

Time, Talent, & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: Jesus calls us to Himself to give us true peace, love and salvation. Take time every day this week to just sit in silence and contemplate God's love for you.

General Intercession: For our country on the weekend of her 250th anniversary. 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.

June 27/28

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$9,952.00.....	168
Mailed Contributions	\$1,844.00.....	36
Total Collection	\$11,796.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Is 55:10-11
Second Reading.....Rom 8:18-23
Gospel.....Mt 13:1-23



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 6

Luigi & Natalie Assalone

Tuesday, July 7

Michael Sclafani

Wednesday, July 8

Ralph Ciociano

Thursday, July 9

Virgilio Domingues Ferreira

Friday, July 10

Ramiro Antequera

Saturday, July 11

8:30AM

Elisabeth Jurkowitsch

5:00PM

Carmela Gallegro

Sunday, July 12

8:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10:00AM

Cathy & Dan Story

12:00PM

John Strange Sr.

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 Grunthaner, 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.

In the days leading up to our nation's 250th birthday, you probably have heard Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A.," at least a few times. The song dates back to 1984 – so it is more than 40 years old now. The signature words are: "I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free."

I mention the song and the words I cited above because it is patriotic, and it has been invoked many times in our nation's recent history when we have had occasion to mark defining events like 9-11 or September 11th. The second reason is the use of the word "free." More than any other word, America (our country) is associated with freedom.

And that of course is a good thing. We want to live in a free country, we want to herald the cause of freedom, and we are the envy of the world with so many freedoms, e.g. the right to free speech, the right to a free press, and the right to free association, etc.

Freedom is our most cherished right as citizens of the United States of America. What, though, do we mean when we say "freedom?" Is it just another word for "nothing else to do" as one ballad described it decades ago? No, that's not it. And neither does it mean getting something for "free."

Freedom in common parlance now is a reference to nothing stands in my way. Nothing? Well, yes, just about nothing stands in my way. Therefore, I can do as I please, right?

Yes, according to some people, you can do almost anything because you are free. But wait a second, if I do indeed take that position, doesn't that make me an anti-nomian then?

Yes, it surely does. By the way, what is an anti-nomian? An anti-nomian is someone who refuses to accept norms of behavior. Where, though, do the norms of behavior come from?

From God, of course. And what should make us trust Him? Doesn't it suffice that our currency says IN GOD WE TRUST?

It's good that our currency says that. But that's not the basis for God being the source of our freedom.

Our freedom comes from the Son of God Who is the most perfectly free Person to have ever walked the earth. That He walked the earth and made the claim that He is the truth (Jn 14:6), and that the truth will make us free (Jn 8:32) are much more to the point, I dare say.

Freedom can never be separated from the truth. It is always joined to the truth; otherwise, it's not freedom we have but disorder and what we call license. The latter is not what we need to drive a car but what happens when we decide falsely, against the good.

Freedom, then, is in the state of our souls. It comes from loving the truth and choosing to abide in it always lest we sin.

Sin is the greatest slavery we can ever know, which by the way has nothing whatsoever to do with a master who owns me. My freedom is attained in self-mastery. To be free, then, is to live above all else for God and not to follow the path of self-aggrandizement.

Let us pray for our nation on its 250th birthday that we may cherish God's blessings from on high, that we may wisely discern how to use these blessings for the common good, and seek always to foster what is noble in the American culture.

Let this moment in history not pass without a desire on our part for a renewal in our commitment to the highest ideals of our nation – life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our re-commitment to these ideals will only be as good as our understanding of what life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness really mean.

Happy Birthday, America!

Msgr. Batule

Unalienable Right to Life Face the Truth Pro-Life Event

THIS Sunday, July 5 — 2:00-3:30PM

While we celebrate 250 years of America's Independence, the Unalienable Right to LIFE for each preborn human is not protected in NYS or the USA. Let's recognize America's 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with **250 pro-lifers** lining Route 347, Lake Grove, for the Long Island Coalition for Life's Face the Truth event **Sunday, July 5**, from 2:00PM to 3:30PM. We will stand with pro-life signs on the public sidewalk near Smith Haven Mall (by Staples/Michaels). **Please step up and proclaim the RIGHT TO LIFE for all humans in the womb!** Come for all or part of the time. Signs provided or bring your own (pro-life, no political). Rain or shine. The public needs to see that pro-lifers haven't abandoned their mission to protect life from conception.

Info: (631) 243-1435 or info@prolifeLI.org



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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.



Wedding Banns

Banns III

Leonardo Rafael Espinal Valdez
and Laura Badagliacca,
both St. Margaret of Scotland

Banns III

James Sicuranza and Gina Napolitano,
both St. Margaret of Scotland



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.

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.



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.



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.



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:

- ◇ Oatmeal
- ◇ Syrup
- ◇ Gravy
- ◇ Plain Cereal
- ◇ Small Bags Rice

Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry



The Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry will **not** meet this Tuesday, July 7th. We will resume the following Tuesday, July 14th, at 10:00AM in the Parish Center.

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.



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.

Filipino Mass

The Filipino community of St. Margaret of Scotland Church welcomes all to attend their monthly mass. It takes place the second Sunday of each month. Their next mass is July 12th.



Rosary 2:00PM | Mass 2:30PM

Hospitality to follow in auditorium.



Blood Drive

Be the reason
summer sparkles.



St. Margaret of Scotland

Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa

Tuesday, July 14
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
- Meet minimum weight requirements
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- 76+ with written physician consent

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Any further questions contact Jennifer at 516.310.2382

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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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If regret over a past abortion is part of your life, **you are not alone.**

July 10-12 • Huntington, NY

We care. We can help.

Your story is confidential.

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional and/or spiritual pain of an abortion. God's mercy awaits you. Come receive His healing.

Retreat Fee: \$300

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Contact:

Donna Crean 631-258-5062
donna@livingwaterstherapy.org
www.rachelsvineyard.org



Authentic Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, July 18

10:30am to 4:30pm

Young Adults Retreat

(age 20s & 30s)

- Spiritual Formation
- Rosary Walk
- Adoration & Confession
- Fellowship & Music
- Mass



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What to do During Adoration: A Simple Guide for Beginners

Have you ever walked into a church during Eucharistic Adoration and wondered, “What exactly am I supposed to do here?” Many people feel unsure at first. But the truth is simple: during Adoration, you are spending time with Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You do not need special words, you just need an open heart.

1. BEGIN BY ENTERING QUIETLY AND MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

When you enter the church or chapel, walk in quietly and respectfully. Catholics usually genuflect (kneel briefly on one knee) toward the Blessed Sacrament to show reverence. This simple action reminds us that we are in the presence of the Lord. The Bible says: “Come, let us bow down and worship him; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.” - Psalm 95:6 (GNB) Reverence prepares your heart to meet God.

2. SPEND A FEW MOMENTS IN SILENCE.

Before saying any prayers, just sit or kneel quietly. Let your mind slow down. Take a deep breath. Become aware that Jesus is truly present. Silence is not empty, it is where God speaks to the heart. Silence helps you listen to God.

3. SPEAK TO JESUS FROM YOUR HEART.

You can talk to Jesus the same way you talk to a close friend. Tell Him about: Your worries. Your family. Your plans. Your struggles. Your gratitude. You do not need formal language. Just be honest. The Bible reminds us: “Cast all your worries on him, because he cares for you.” - 1 Peter 5:7 (GNB) Prayer is a conversation, not a performance.

4. READ THE BIBLE OR A SPIRITUAL BOOK.

Many people bring a Bible, prayer book, or devotional to help them focus. Reading Scripture allows God’s Word to guide your prayer. You might read a Psalm. The daily Gospel. A short spiritual reflection. God often speaks through His Word.

5. PRAY TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC PRAYERS.

If you are not sure what to say, you can use familiar prayers such as: The Our Father. The Hail Mary. The Glory Be. The Rosary. Psalm 51 or Psalm 23 These prayers help keep your mind centered on God. Simple prayers keep the heart focused.

6. OFFER YOUR INTENTIONS TO GOD.

Adoration is a powerful time to pray for others. You can bring the needs of your family, community, and the world before Jesus. You may pray for: Healing. Protection. Guidance. Forgiveness. Peace. The Bible says: “Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.” - James 5:16 (GNB) Intercession is an act of love.

7. END WITH THANKSGIVING.

Before leaving, take a moment to thank Jesus for the time you spent with Him, even if you felt distracted or unsure. Gratitude strengthens faith. The Bible reminds us: “Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good.” - Psalm 107:1 (GNB) Thanksgiving completes prayer.

A SIMPLE 30-MINUTE ADORATION PLAN (Beginner-Friendly)

First 5 minutes: Be quiet and settle your mind. Next 10 minutes: Talk to Jesus about your life. Next 10 minutes: Read a short passage from the Bible. Last 5 minutes: Pray for others and give thanks. Overall, you do not need to be perfect, eloquent, or experienced to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. Just come as you are and sit with Jesus Christ. Even a short visit can bring peace, strength, and clarity to your heart. Adoration is not about doing many things, it is about being with Someone who loves you. Now you know.