



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

August 2, 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 Formation: Let today's Gospel remind you that God can do anything. Have complete trust in Him and you will never be disappointed.

General Intercession: For those in need, that we may answer the call to serve them. 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.

July 25/26

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$7,527.00.....	171
Mailed Contributions	\$2,558.00.....	37
Total Collection	\$10,085.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

First Reading.....1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Second Reading.....Rom 9:1-5
Gospel.....Mt 14:22-33



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM

Friday Closed

(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 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, August 3

Dennis Foy

Tuesday, August 4

Special Intention Nicole Sikorski

Wednesday, August 5

Special Intention Jennifer Carrano

Thursday, August 6

Jack Hughes

Friday, August 7

Walter & Millie Oyola

Saturday, August 8

8:30AM

All Deceased Dominicans

5:00PM

Nancy Zorn

Sunday, August 9

8:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10:00AM

Louise Nehl

12:00PM

Michael Colao

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, Crotteau 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.

Vacations are still being had. But you can also see that the stores where we shop are starting to bring out the Back-to-School materials and make them prominent for sales to the public. I don't want to rush the return to school but it is on the horizon – whether we like it or not. With that in mind, I call attention to something we began a few years ago and we repeat again this year. I am referring to the Formation Evenings for Catechists.

They are held back-to-back on two nights as the school year is starting. This year, the dates are September 8th and 9th. We start each night at 7:00 PM and we finish at 9:00 PM. We meet in the pastoral center building.

I ask all parish catechists to attend these Evenings of Formation. If you are unable to attend for a good reason, I request that you contact me in advance and let me know.

Twenty Minutes starts its 5th year in September. All children enrolled in Faith Formation are required to attend on Sunday mornings before the 10:00 AM Mass. Parents are to bring their children along with them according to the schedule which has been devised in advance. Families are to bring a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* with them to every session.

In September too, we have one of our evening holy hours. And that is Wednesday the 16th. It starts at 7:00 PM. Following the conclusion of the hour at 8:00 PM, there is a meeting for all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in the pastoral center building. I ask that any extraordinary minister who did not attend the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 7th (the Solemnity of Corpus Christi) and did not renew his or her commitment at that time to do so at the meeting which begins at 8:00 PM.

As always with our Holy Hours, all parishioners are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour therefore is not restricted to extraordinary ministers. It is open to lectors, catechists and anyone who belongs to Saint Margaret Parish (whether you serve in an apostolate or ministry or not).

Next month, there is the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. It will take place in the United States. It will be held in Illinois (Diocese of Peoria). I urge you to follow the event when it occurs (September 24th). Archbishop Sheen lived in the last century (d. 1979). He was an evangelist who had his own television program on Sunday nights. His program, by the way, was the number one rated program in its time slot.

I am sure the Beatification will be carried live by EWTN. Check the listings for the time.

We resume the *Catechism* Study on Tuesday afternoons in September. We meet at 2:00 PM for one hour. All are welcome to join us. The first meeting is on the 8th of the month. We will meet a total of 10 times in the autumn, finishing up in November (the 10th) and resuming again in 2027.

And spilling over into October, we have the following events on the calendar.

Respect Life Sunday is on the 4th. There is something that day called *Stand Up for Life*. It is a largely silent but prayerful witness on Route 110 in Melville. I attend every year and I encourage you to consider going. It begins at 2:00 PM and concludes at 3:30 PM.

Before heading off to *Stand Up for Life*, we have a Blessing of the Animals immediately following the 12 noon Mass. The Blessing of the Animals takes place at the grotto. We bless animals as a way of calling attention to Saint Francis of Assisi.

For October, I call your attention to a Recitation of the Rosary at the grotto on our property following Mass at 9:00 AM. That day is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7th). All are invited to join us.

What we have above is a little tease. It's intended to indicate how we mark our Catholic faith. Come and join us.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, August 6th 3:00-6:00PM

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Saturday, August 15th | Mass offered at 8:30AM

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.

2027 Mass Book



The 2027 mass book will be opening on Tuesday, September 1st. 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.

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.



Filipino Mass



The Filipino community of St. Margaret of Scotland Church welcomes all to attend their monthly liturgy. It takes place the second Sunday of each month. Their next mass is August 9th. The rosary is said at 2:00PM, followed by Mass at 2:30PM. All are invited. Hospitality follows in auditorium.

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 by **Monday, August 24th**.

Note our summer office hours.

Thank you for all you do!



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 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. **We are most in need of washcloths at this time.** Items may be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you!



Baby Diapers

Has your child changed diaper size? We will gladly accept **all children's sizes**. Please package them tightly in a strong bag and drop them off at the Parish Center. Any diaper and baby wipe donations would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



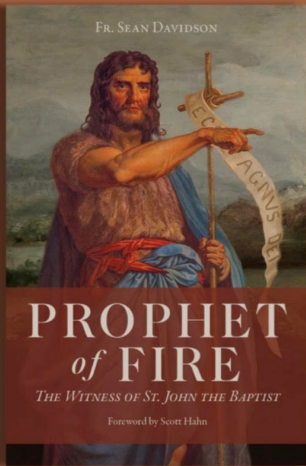
Traveling This Summer?

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.



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



**PROPHET
of FIRE**
THE WITNESS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Foreword by Scott Hahn

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

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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!

Fire Night

A NIGHT OF HEALING AND HOPE
+
FEATURING
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



If you are tired, overwhelmed,
anxious, or simply need a
moment to breathe...
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AUGUST 21ST

🕒 **6:30-10:30 PM**

📍 **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**
452 N OCEAN AVE, PATCHOGUE, NY 11772

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MORE INFO



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Adoration of the Eucharist & Blessing of the Backpacks



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on
Thursday, August 27th, at 3:00PM in the Church.

Following Adoration, all students will have their backpacks blessed for the new school year. All children are invited to attend.



St. John Nepomucene Bereavement Ministry Fall Bereavement Groups

Bereavement groups will be offered at St. John Nepomucene for those who have recently experienced the **Loss of Adult Child**. The group will be 8 weeks in duration from Thursday, September 10th – November 5th from 7:00-9:00PM. (No meeting 10/22). The 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. The groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and are limited to 12 people. Pre-registration required. Call (631) 589-0540 x250 for more information or to reserve your seat for the group you would like to attend.

1140 Locust Ave., Bohemia
(631) 589-0540 x250

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/wk

Part-Time Kitchen Aide—7 hours/wk

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.

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. Pre-registration is required. Call (631) 589-0540 x250 for more information.

Start Date: Wednesday, September 9

Time: 7:00–8:30PM

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

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