



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

August 16, 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

*81 College Road
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x111*

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

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*Jeannine Stewart, Principal
Patchogue, NY (631) 475-0422*



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service: In the midst of summer fun and vacation, there are still people in need. This week, find ways to be at service to others. Perhaps you could donate some goods to your parish food pantry.

Sacrificial Giving

August 1/2

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$8,682.00.....	171
Mailed Contributions	\$3,202.00.....	61
Total Collection	\$11,884.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....	Is 22:19-23
Second Reading.....	Rom 11:33-36
Gospel.....	Mt 16:13-20



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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 17

Michael Colao

Tuesday, August 18

Jane Michelle Clavo

Wednesday, August 19

Sharon & Philip Kalinowski

Thursday, August 20

William Bugala

Friday, August 21

Margaret Donkor

Saturday, August 22

8:30AM

Eugene Zampieron

5:00PM

Tom O'Donnell

Sunday, August 23

8:00AM

Spec. Int. Henryk & Lukas Chelminski

10:00AM

Stephen Bugala

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 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.

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.



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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, September 3rd 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.

Is God Calling You to Be a Lay Dominican?

Formerly known as the Dominican Third Order, the Lay Fraternities of Saint Dominic, comprised of men and women seeking a deeper relationship with God, are dedicated to prayer, study, the Christian

apostolate and community, while maintaining and living their ordinary day-to-day lives. Should you feel a call to this type of vocation, and wish to learn more,

you are welcome to attend our **OPEN HOUSE** on

Sunday, September 13th, at 11:00AM

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Center (behind the church). Contact

OurLadyOfHopeDominican@gmail.com

for more information.

495 North Ocean Ave., Patchogue



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

Regular hours will resume Monday, August 31.

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.

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!



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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| ◇ Noodles | ◇ Kids Snacks |
| ◇ Beef Stew | ◇ Cookies |
| ◇ Chili | ◇ Toothpaste |
| ◇ Oatmeal | ◇ Shampoo |
| ◇ Hearty Soup | ◇ Unscented Bar Soap |

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 info or if you would like to volunteer.



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!





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

Embracing Tomorrow

St. John Nepomucene Bereavement Ministry is offering a monthly program for *anyone who has completed any bereavement group* and is interested in exploring topics that help people 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. The program will take place in the church basement. 1140 Locust Ave., Bohemia

Rosary for Life

Join the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics in prayer every Friday at 3:00PM. Email lhonkanen@drvc.org if you would like the link sent to you each week.

Scan for Zoom link:



"We pledge to preserve in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life." — Bishop Barrès' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme
Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923 *Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022*

Traveling This Summer?

Head to CatholicChurchTimes.com to find a parish near your destination. It will give you the church's address, phone number, and mass times.



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



EMAIL: EVENTS@STPAULCENTER.COM FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION

Fire Night

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
OF LONG ISLAND

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**

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

**Guest Speaker
Clare Hinshaw**
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Foundation (YAF)

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YOU'RE INVITED CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LONG ISLAND 24TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

**Honoring
Deacon Michael Monahan,
Tri-Parish Beach Catholic**

Monday, October 5th, 2026
The Muttontown Club, East Norwich, NY

CARE WITH DIGNITY... LIFE WITH HOPE

SCAN QR CODE, VISIT WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/GOLF OR CONTACT
HENDERSON.MAREN@CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC TO REGISTER

Golf Classic
9:00 am Registration & Breakfast
11:00 am Shotgun Start
4:30 pm Cocktail Hour
5:30 pm Reception

Pickleball Tournament
9:00 am Registration & Breakfast
10:30 am Instruction & Workshop
12:00 pm Lunch at Clubhouse
1:00 - 4:00 pm Tournament Play
4:30 pm Cocktail Hour
5:30 pm Reception

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
The Muttontown Club x 5933 Northern Blvd, East Norwich, NY 11732



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.