



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

August 23, 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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General Intercession: For Pope Leo XIV, that he may be filled with wisdom and strength. We pray to the Lord...

Total Collection \$10,030.00

Tuesday—Thursday: 10:00AM – 1:00PM. Call for an appointment - x119

Christopher Brady

HE HEALED
THEM
ALL

An illustration featuring two hands, one dark and one light, reaching upwards. Above the hands is a dove in flight, set against a light green background. The text 'HE HEALED THEM ALL' is written in a stylized, blocky font in the upper left corner.

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.

As we enter into the second half of the month of August, we might think of it as “the last round-up.” We know that pretty soon our schedules, for most of us anyway, will change due to the new school year or a return to work or some other departure from the routine into which we settled for the summer.

It’s back to the books, back to work and back to pursuits which are more keenly managed by the clock, the calendar and the shortening of daylight hours. It’s also a time to establish a new set of resolutions, that is, another new year’s set of promises to myself. Let me mention then how we might find what we need to “switch gears” at Saint Margaret Parish.

Twenty Minutes returns next month on Sunday mornings before the 10:00 AM Mass. Parents who have children enrolled in Faith Formation for the 2026 – 2027 school year should be attentive to the schedule based on the Level (Grade) of your child(ren). This is an important requirement of our program in religious instruction here at Saint Margaret.

Parents and their children attend Twenty Minutes in the church basement or auditorium starting at 9:30 AM. When Twenty Minutes is over, the same parents and their children ascend the staircase and go into church. Let me repeat what I just said: Parents and their children go into church. We get ourselves ready to pray the Mass in union with Catholics all over the world. Every Mass we attend is a re-presentation of the Lord’s sacrifice on the Cross on Good Friday, along with Jesus’ victory over death on Easter Sunday.

We ask all families participating in Twenty Minutes to bring along with them a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. I will make references at all of our catechetical sessions together to this sure norm of faith.

In conjunction with Twenty Minutes, we want to offer something to our catechists as we start the school year, and that would be two evenings of formation on back-to-back nights. These evenings are Tuesday and Wednesday the 8th and 9th of September starting at 7:00 PM and going until 9:00 PM. All catechists are expected to attend (both nights, too).

If a catechist is unable to attend for a good reason, she should contact me in advance to indicate that she is not going to be present.

Don’t forget also that Catechetical Sunday is observed in September. Please remember your parish catechists who give of their time and talent to teach our children the meaning of Catholicism. There is no more generous act then to catechize youngsters, helping to set them on a course of sanctity which can change us personally by professing a faith founded on Christ and the Church.

In the next week, the Week of September 13th, we have a Holy Hour on the 16th in the church. As I stated the last time that I took up this topic, all parishioners are invited to join us to pray before the Eucharistic Lord beginning at 7:00 PM and concluding at 8:00 PM.

Following the Holy Hour, there is a meeting of the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in the basement of the Pastoral Center Building. Right as we open the meeting, we will have a pledge of re-commitment for those who did not attend the Mass of Corpus Christi (10:00 AM) on June 7th this year in which extraordinary ministers, lectors, and catechists promised to be faithful to the apostolate or ministry undertaken in service to the Lord.

Once again, I remind parishioners that there are periods of Eucharistic Adoration in our weekend schedule, namely, on Saturday afternoons (4:00 – 4:45 PM) and on Sunday mornings (11:15 – 11:45 AM). I invite all to join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the aforementioned days and times.

You probably saw in the bulletin a few times already a page devoted to “How to Use the Time of Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament.” There were some very good suggestions made for using that quiet time for mental prayer and spiritual reading.

Mental prayer is fundamental to a flourishing relationship with God. Indeed, it is impossible to say we relate to God unless we give over time to mental prayer (unspoken and unrehearsed). We derive the content of our mental prayer from what happens in the realm of our interiority (our inner life of the intellect, the heart, and the soul).

Concerning spiritual reading, as its name suggests, we make use of texts written by those who are making the same journey we are in the spiritual life. These authors write for an audience which yearns for guidance on what to say to God by way of the interior life. It is good to know what is recommended by those who are usually more advanced in the spiritual life than ourselves.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

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.



Soleil Joy Deane
Giavanna Marie Dellamorte
Joseph Patrick Malone
Charlotte Alessia Payea
Aleina Lerin Vietheer

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.



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



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.

Faith Formation



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.

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:

- ◇ Hearty Soup
- ◇ Crackers
- ◇ Kids Snacks
- ◇ Cookies
- ◇ Toothpaste



MIDDLE COUNTRY HIBERNIANS
CELEBRATES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF

MIKE McCORMACK

JOIN US AS WE RECOGNIZE HIM AT OUR
HALF WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY


DATE
 SEPTEMBER
19TH


TIME
4-8 PM


LOCATION
 80 Magnolia Dr.
 Selden NY


TICKETS
\$20
 /\$25 AT THE DOOR



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 OR EMAIL: sscpres1@gmail.com

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- Kindergarten Program
- Elementary School
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)



Tuition assistance is available through Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.

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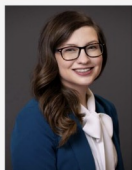
United for Life PRESENTS

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

Calling for all young people to join us celebrate LIFE!
 use code:
Religious ED 2026

Register today!



Inviting all pro-lifers to join us!
\$10 Donation

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CARE WITH DIGNITY... LIFE WITH HOPE

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

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  5933 Northern Blvd, East Norwich, NY 11732

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

Looking for Catholic Gifts & Items?



Our Lady of the Island Shrine carries a wide variety of religious articles. 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville. OurLadyOfTheIsland.org

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.

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:



Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

"We pledge to preserve in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life." — Bishop Barris' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022

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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