



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

August 30, 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 Hospitality:

This week, think how you could help someone to carry their cross.

General Intercession: For all the students in our parish as they prepare for a new school year ahead. 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.

August 22/23

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,989.00.....	150
Mailed Contributions	\$3,456.00.....	61
Total Collection	\$10,445.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Ez 33:7-9
Second Reading.....Rom 13:8-10
Gospel.....Mt 18:15-20

For the week of
August 30



Altar Bread & Wine
For Special Intention
of

Lukas & Henryk Chelminski

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00PM—5:00PM

Friday 9:00AM—1:00PM

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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 31

Norman Gottfried

Tuesday, September 1

Carmine & Fannie Abbruzzese

Wednesday, September 2

Michael Lettieri

Thursday, September 3

Spec. Int. Lukas & Henryk Chelminski

Friday, September 4

William Bugala

Saturday, September 5

8:30AM

Helen Galvez

5:00PM

Robert Stingo

Sunday, September 6

8:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10:00AM

Erin Considine

12:00PM

John Strange

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as: Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Laura



Durant, Laura Positano, 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.

At the very end of August, you might be looking to squeeze out the last bit of summer. It could be a quick trip in the car to a favorite spot of relaxation or a visit with some family members whom you didn't see earlier in the summer. We all know that we have to think and act quickly or the opportunity will vanish more quickly than you can say: "I would like to but . . ."

"But" is a contrast word. We use it sometimes to indicate desire or preference "but" other things have gotten in the way, unfortunately. It's not "but" for what happens at Saint Margaret but "and." Let me highlight a few of the "ands" which will be taking place at Saint Margaret as August gives way to September and October.

This is the last reminder for the catechists concerning the evenings of formation which are planned for September 8th and 9th (Tuesday and Wednesday nights). The evenings start at 7:00 PM and finish at 9:00 PM (with a generous break in the middle).

If a catechist cannot be present for one or both of the evenings, she is to call me at the pastoral center building. Otherwise, we expect all of our catechists to be in attendance.

There is something I have alluded to before on our schedule in October and that is what is known as Stand Up for Life (also known as the Life Chain). It is held the first Sunday of October (the 4th) at two locations on Long Island (Melville and Wading River). The first Sunday of October every year is Respect Life Sunday.

Stand Up for Life (or the Life Chain) is a largely silent and prayerful witness to the sanctity of pre-born life. It commences at 2:00 PM and goes until 3:30 PM.

For a long, long time I have attended the event in Melville and I invite you to join me on the east side of Route 110 and south of Jericho Turnpike. Saint Margaret has been a sponsor (along with a lot of other organizations) before and is again this year. Soon, we will have flyers up on the bulletin boards in church about this event.

Come and join with a contingent of pro-life people from across Long Island who want to help in changing minds and attitudes related to defending life in the womb.

Before going off to Stand Up for Life, you might want to make time for the Blessing of the Animals immediately after the 12 noon Mass on October 4th. This date is the Feast of Saint Francis. The Blessing will take place at the Grotto on our property. The expected start time is 1:15 PM. It will not go for very long because Fr. Patrick and myself attend the Stand Up for Life event every year.

I call your attention to the 25th Anniversary of 9-11 on Friday, September 11th. In recent years, fewer and fewer Americans have participated in 9-11 events. However, since this is the 25th commemoration of the attacks in which nearly 3,000 lost their lives at the Twin Towers in New York City, I want you to know that attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that day (here at 9:00 AM at Saint Margaret) is a good way of remembering relatives, friends and neighbors who perished on that grievous day.

On a subject related to going to Mass, let me comment briefly here on having Mass offered. I am referring to Mass Intentions, that is, the practice of remembering family members and others at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

We have just about run out of announced Mass Intentions for 2026 (in fact, by the time you read this column, we could have already have run out of Mass Intentions for the current year). Therefore, we will soon open the 2027 Book that you may remember relatives and friends (on dates of death, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.). As always, you may arrange for these announced Mass Intentions at the pastoral center during regular business hours.

On the matter of having Mass offered, I ask that you keep in mind that it is one intention (one person) per Mass. We do not have Collective Mass Intentions, that is, groups remembered instead of individuals.

Having Mass offered for those who are deceased is a way for us to help those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Our communion with them is never out of reach because of our belief that death is not the end for us. Life is eternal because of the victory of Christ. Let us help our loved ones to share in the fruits of that victory.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

The Catholic University of America Collection

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously.

Support the collection at: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org.

Catechism Classes

Catechism study classes with Msgr. Batule will be resuming next Tuesday, September 8th at 2:00PM, in the Parish Center. It is an hour-long session of immersion in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). All are invited. Please bring your Catechism. The parish will provide a copy of the catechism if you do not own one.



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

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.

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 next 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.
- ◇ The deadline has passed—please register your child as soon as possible!

Orientation Days

Please Note: All orientation gatherings are for parent/child.

Materials and workbooks will be distributed.

- ◇ Level 1: Monday, September 21st, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 2: Monday, September 14th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 3: Tuesday, September 15th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 4: Tuesday, September 15th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 5: Tuesday, September 15th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 6: Wednesday, September 16th, 5:00PM
- ◇ Level 7: Thursday, September 17th, 6:00PM
- ◇ Level 8: Thursday, September 3rd, 6:00PM

Contact Jackie Mirenda at JMirenda@saintmargaret.com or x131 with any questions.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS ON LONG ISLAND

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Every Catholic young adult group
on Long Island — one map.



SCAN TO EXPLORE THE MAP

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Ages 18+ · free · every group welcomes newcomers

FindMyLIC is an independent directory. Events are organized and hosted by their respective groups.

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 their **OPEN HOUSE** on **Sunday, September 13th, at 11:00AM** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center (behind the church). For more information, contact OurLadyOfHopeDominican@gmail.com.



Saint Margaret's Spousal Bereavement

Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their husband or wife. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis and participants need not be Saint Margaret's parishioners.

For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053.





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 4-8PM	 LOCATION 80 Magnolia Dr. Selden NY	 TICKETS \$20 /\$25 AT THE DOOR
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 FOOD CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE	 LIVE MUSIC BY <i>Susan & Gerard</i>	 RAFFLES
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OR EMAIL: sscpres1@gmail.com

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



Blood Drive

In giving, we remember.

2001-2026
25 years

Callari Memorial Blood Drive

Selden Fire Department
Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa

Tuesday, September 15
1:45PM-7:45PM

44 Woodmere Place, Selden

 **Sign up** at nybc.org/sponsor and use code #06470

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Prepare to donate

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
-  Meet minimum weight requirements
-  **17+** Must be 17-75
- 16 with parental permission form
- 76+ with written physician consent

Visit nybc.org/eligibility for complete donation guidelines.





KELLENBERG MEMORIAL

OPEN HOUSE

OCT. 3
9AM-1PM
GRADES 6-12

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40 years
1987-2027

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL



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:

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| ◇ Hearty Soup | ◇ Stew/Chili |
| ◇ Crackers | ◇ Cookies |
| ◇ Small Snacks | ◇ Toothpaste |
| ◇ Oatmeal | ◇ Shampoo |

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.

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.





United for Life

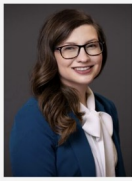
PRESENTS

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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