



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

October 4, 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: When you are upset or hurt, what is your first reaction? Anger? Sadness? Develop a habit of turning to prayer first as soon as you are upset. Make it become who you are and let your first reaction always be prayer!

General Intercession: For all those suffering with mental illness. 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.

September 26/27

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,291.00.....	118
Mailed Contributions	\$4,036.00.....	59
Total Collection	\$10,327.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading..... Is 25:6-10a
Second Reading..... Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel..... Mt 22:1-14



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday 9:00AM—1:00PM

(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, October 5

Cathleen Piazza

Tuesday, October 6

Special Intention Bozena & Marek Malinowski

Wednesday, October 7

All Deceased Dominicans

Thursday, October 8

Kevin McCormack

Friday, October 9

Ambros K. Amoakoh

Saturday, October 10

8:30AM

Special Intention Margaret Chelminska

5:00PM

Iris Carrasco

Sunday, October 11

8:00AM

Joan Horan-Builder

10:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12:00PM

Joann Peterson

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as:

Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Wendianne & 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 Discepola, 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, Henry Ceruti, Mike Odrechowski, Eileen Metralexis



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 I write this column, we are starting work on the parish grounds. In particular, we are attending to the concrete pavement in front of the church and in other areas of the property. The work is being done by the **Osurac Corporation** which is located in Setauket. It is scheduled to be completed in just a few days. In any event, I will advise when the work has been completed satisfactorily. We trust that there won't be any interruptions brought on by severe weather such as we had over last weekend (the nor-easter).

Speaking of the nor-easter, it did do some damage to the pastoral center building and we are trying to determine the extent right now. We have been in contact with the company which put a new roof on the pastoral center building about three years ago. One visit has not corrected the problem and we will have that company back again. The area in question concerns the front entrance to the building. Thus, we have closed this area off to foot traffic right now.

Another issue which has emerged is the need for an entirely new unit for heating and air conditioning in the church. You will recall that our air conditioning stopped functioning in August. With jobs of this sort, parishes on Long Island are required to follow diocesan regulations. And that involves getting bids (three of them) and choosing one company to start and bring to a close successfully the intended work.

I chose **Quality**, a company located in Farmingdale. I have met with the owner already and we are awaiting a start date.

I ask you to be patient as we go deeper into the autumn season and the temperatures get chillier. **Quality** has a very good track record and many parishes on Long Island have used it for the same purpose we are: to install a whole new heating and air conditioning system. The cost comes in at \$148,000.00.

On the matter of the burned-out residence for the priests just off our property, I will have more to say in a future bulletin column (soon, too). I have been in contact with the insurance company for our recovery effort. It is **Porter and Curtis**, an insurer which works with 20 dioceses across the country. Stay tuned.

As you already know, today is **Respect Life Sunday**, an annual observance. It also happens to be the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Animals will be blessed at the grotto immediately following the 12:00 PM Mass today. Following the Blessing of Animals, I mention for the last time that **Stand up for Life** is being held today at two locations on Long Island (Huntington and Manorville). It starts at 2:00 PM and finishes at 3:30 PM. Please see the bulletin boards in the church for more information.

On Wednesday, October 7th, the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated according to the liturgical calendar. All are invited to join with us as we pray the holy rosary at the grotto following the 9:00 AM Mass. I ask that those who attend Daily Mass to lead us in honoring Our Blessed Mother at the grotto, weather permitting of course.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is being celebrated at Saint Margaret on Thursday, October 15th. The Mass begins at 4:00 PM. The chief celebrant is Bishop Robert J. Coyle, one of the Auxiliary Bishops in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the Vicar for Suffolk County. Those being confirmed are in the 8th grade.

Those who did not receive a laminated card of Blessed Fulton Sheen last weekend can still pick one up from an usher in church or from our administrative assistant, Adriana Burtoff, in the pastoral center building during regular business hours.

On the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, I wish to underscore a few points of emphases, and how this has ripple effects in our lives.

Blessed Fulton Sheen was an American. While the Church in the United States is still young compared with the Churches in the Middle East and in Europe, it means that holiness of life is always possible no matter where you live. Our country has already produced canonized saints and Blessed Fulton Sheen is the only the latest who travelled the path of holiness, and is now counted among the *beati*, the blessed of God. We are proud, but even more so we should be inspired to set out on the path of holiness ourselves.

Archbishop Sheen was a priest for more than sixty years. He made a Holy Hour every day of his priestly ministry. It's a challenge to us to find the time for God and make union with the Lord through the Holy Eucharist a priority in our lives. Let us attempt to do that now and always.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM



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.

Bible Study

Bible Study with Deacon Ed Hayes takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend. Please bring your Bible.



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 at (631) 698-6053.



Catechism Classes

Catechism study class take place on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00PM 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 you with a copy if you do not own one.



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 will be Sunday, October 11th. The rosary is recited at 2:00PM, followed by Mass at 2:30PM. All are invited. Hospitality will follow in the auditorium.



2027 Mass Book

The 2027 mass book is now open. 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.



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.



Stand Up For Life: Respect Life Sunday October 4th

Do you know about the largest Long Island Pro-Life event that has been held for the past 28 years? **What are you doing for RESPECT LIFE Month?** Gather with others attending the vigil. Your presence can help save a Life!



Stand Up For Life will take place on Sunday, October 4th, from 2:00-3:30PM. Join other pro-lifers in Huntington at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Walt Whitman Mall) or in Manorville on County Road 111 south of LIE Exit 70S. Rain or shine. Come for all or part of the time. This vigil is part of a nationwide family-friendly event, held at hundreds of cities across the USA & Canada. Signs are distributed at the site, you do not have to bring anything, except a friend or the whole family. There is strength in unity. **All pro-life people are welcome.** Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life. For information: (631) 243-1435 or info@ProLifeLI.org.



LONG ISLAND COALITION for LIFE, Inc.

Faith Formation

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 — 1:15PM

- Meet by Mary Shrine
- Animals must be on leash or in carrier
- All animals (and their owners) are welcome!



Faith Formation Registration

Faith formation classes have started. We ask families who have not registered their child yet to do so **as soon as possible**. Thank you for your cooperation.



Any parishioner who would like more information on how to become a catechist may reach out to the Parish Center and ask for Jackie.

Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director Sundays at 9:30AM

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| ◇ October 4 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 | ◇ October 25 — Levels 5, 6, 7 |
| ◇ October 11 — Levels 5, 6, 7 | ◇ November 1 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| ◇ October 18 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 | ◇ November 8 — Levels 5, 6, 7 |



Catholic High School Open Houses

St. Anthony's

Saturday, October 17

9:00AM-12:00PM

275 Wolf Hill Rd., S. Huntington

(631) 271-2020 x226

StAnthonysHS.org

Walk-ins welcome

Holy Trinity

Saturday, October 17

10:00AM-1:00PM

98 Cherry Lane

Hicksville

(516) 433-2900 x151

HolyTrinityHS.org

St. John the Baptist

Saturday, October 24

10:00AM-1:00PM

1170 Montauk Highway

West Islip

SJBDHS.org

Pre-registration required

Sponsored by
**Heart of the Island
KofC Council 7262**



FAMILY DAY AT THE RACES

GREAT RACING ★ FAMILY FUN ★ LASTING MEMORIES

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH**
★ 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM ★

HIBERNIAN HALL
80 Magnolia Drive
Selden, NY 11784

**St. Margaret of Scotland
Parishioners
Welcome**

**\$20
PER PERSON**
> \$5 <
FOR CHILDREN
5-17

HOT FOOD **MUSIC** **RAFFLES**

Contact
Tom Piderit
(631) 682-8711
bytshore1@aol.com



Fire Night

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

OCTOBER 16TH

6:30-10:30 PM | AUDITORIUM
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
495 N OCEAN AVE, PATCHOGUE, NY 11772

10 MINUTES Come Anytime. | 30 MINUTES | 4 HOURS Leave Anytime.

PRAYER | WORSHIP | HOPE & HEALING | ALL ARE WELCOME

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

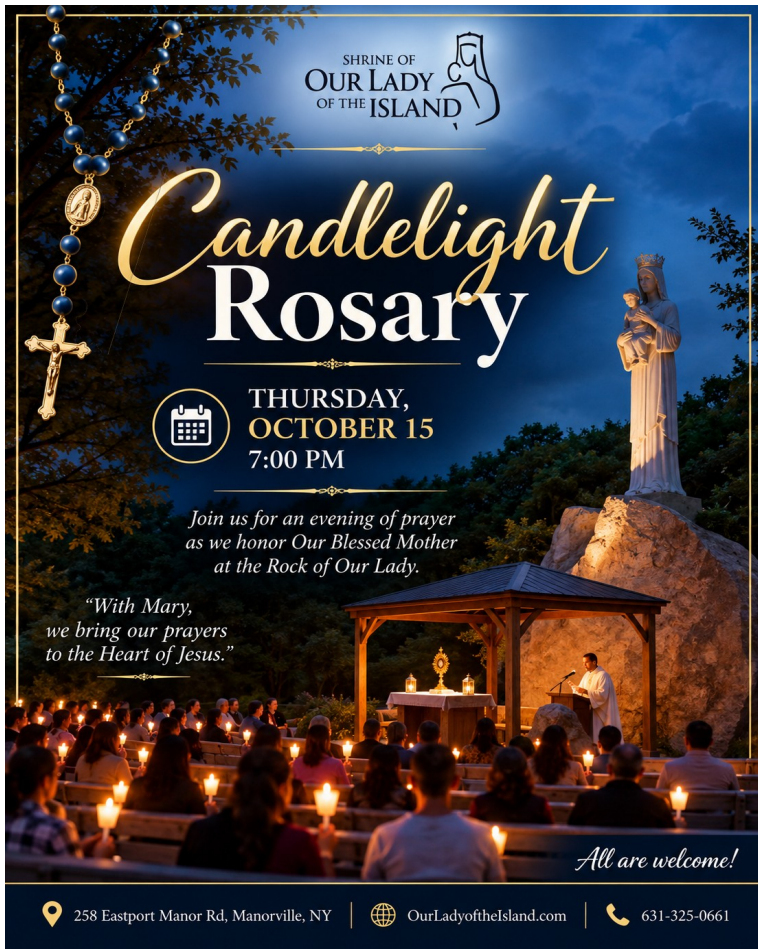



Open House

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 AT 1PM

MOLLOY UNIVERSITY

Register Today!
www.molloy.edu/openhouse26

SHRINE OF
**OUR LADY
OF THE ISLAND**

Candlelight Rosary

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 15**
7:00 PM

Join us for an evening of prayer
as we honor Our Blessed Mother
at the Rock of Our Lady.

"With Mary,
we bring our prayers
to the Heart of Jesus."

All are welcome!

258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY | OurLadyoftheIsland.com | 631-325-0661





**EVENING OF PRAYER
AND SUPPORT**
FOR COUPLES SUFFERING FROM
INFERTILITY AND MISCARRIAGE

ST. GIANNA MOLLA MASS
RECEPTION WITH LIGHT APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS TO FOLLOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
6:30PM

**ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
2320 Bedford Ave, Bellmore NY

TESTIMONY FROM A COUPLE WHO STRUGGLED WITH
INFERTILITY EARLY IN THEIR MARRIAGE

PRESENTATION AND Q&A BY DR. PAUL CARPENTIER
OF THE GIANNA CENTER FOR
WOMEN'S HEALTH AND FERTILITY

Parish Social Ministry

Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION



The *Knights of Columbus* are partnering with our Outreach Ministry to assist with replenishing our pantry. Bags will be distributed on **October 3/4 at all masses**; donations will be collected on **October 10/11 at all masses**. They will be in front of the church to receive your donations. Please assist them—and us—as you can. If anyone is able to help Outreach on **October 10/11**, please leave a message at (631) 732-3131 x119. *Thank you!*

Coping with Grief Through the Holidays

Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry at St. John Nepomucene Parish in Bohemia. This event is taking place Monday, November 9 from 7:00 – 8:30PM at the Connetquot Public Library Community Room, located at 760 Ocean Ave. In Bohemia. Please RSVP to (631) 589-0540 ext. 250 to reserve your seat. Refreshments will be served. A free will offering is appreciated.



As of October 1, 2026, the monthly bulletin requirement for volunteers has ended. Volunteers will no longer be receiving monthly bulletins in their emails.

Instead, all new and existing volunteers will be required to complete a thirty-minute self-guided course five years from now, in 2031.

Thank you to all our ministers who are in compliance with the Diocese of Rockville Centre. As a reminder, all volunteers who are involved in any ministry in the diocese need to have completed the following:

- Attend a “Protecting God’s Children” class
- Create a Virtus account on VirtusOnline.org
- Sign the Code of Conduct on website
- Complete a background check on website

If you have not completed these things, you are not cleared to volunteer in our parish.

To find out the status of your Virtus account, or if you need assistance in any way, contact Adriana at ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com.

Food Pantry Needs

The parish food pantry assists the needy in the community. 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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| ◇ Carrots | ◇ Bar Soap |
| ◇ Peas | ◇ Shampoo |
| ◇ Crackers | ◇ Laundry Detergent |

Catholic Healthcare Ethics Seminar

Join Catholic Health and the National Catholic Bioethics Center for an engaging two-day seminar on Catholic health care ethics October 23–24 at St. Agnes Cathedral’s Kelly Center in Rockville Centre. Earn up to 10 CMEs if you are a medical professional. Explore the moral principles that guide Catholic healthcare and examine today’s most challenging ethical questions, including contraception and sterilization, assisted reproductive technologies, pregnancy-related complications, end-of-life decision-making, euthanasia and assisted suicide, palliative care and hospice, organ donation, and more. Sessions will be led by experienced NCBC faculty and include opportunities for Q&A. Register: ncbcenterorg.regfox.com/rockville-centre-ny-2026