



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

September 13, 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

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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 5/6

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$9,026.00.....	109
Mailed Contributions	\$3,151.00.....	57
Total Collection	\$12,177.00	

Readings for Next Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Caitlin Carfagno

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

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.

In the course of our lives, there are some events which have been seared into our memories. We say of these incidents: I remember where I was and what I was doing when Those of a certain age will say they remember where they were and what they were doing when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The same holds for the shorthand known as 9-11.

Again, those of a certain age will recall where they were and what they were doing on September 11th of 2001 when terrorists struck the World Trade Center buildings in New York City using airplanes. Other sites were struck too. But since New York City is relatively close geographically, you could have known personally one or more persons who perished on that day. Not only could have, but did in fact know someone who never lived another day on this earth because of the evil wrought on that day.

For myself, I had offered the 8:00 AM Mass at the parish where I was assigned at the time. I then recall going to make a bank deposit about 9:00 AM. When I parked my car in the bank parking lot and got out of the car, I remember walking to the back door of the bank and finding a bank employee waving her hands frantically and attempting to lock the back door of the bank.

I returned to my car of course, and I wondered what that was all about. And then I drove back to the rectory. In my room for only a few seconds, I turned on the television set and began viewing the coverage of the burning World Trade Center buildings that would both collapse in less than two hours from the time of planned collision.

So much death, so much destruction and so much consternation which hasn't yet ceased although its intensity is less evident.

It turned out I would know about a dozen or so of the dead. But I hadn't had contact with them in a long time. In my own parish, I offered a funeral mass for one of the victims – a newly married husband whom I hadn't known at all.

A few days later, on the 14th, at 6:00 PM, I offered a Mass for those who were killed on 9-11. The church was full and worshippers sang hymns like they had never done before.

The 14th of September in the Church's liturgical calendar is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This Feast reminds us of the victory won by Christ over death.

The victory won by Christ over death is what we commemorate in every celebration of the Mass. And, thus, do I urge all to seek their consolation for all of life's heartaches – the biggest being a death caused out of hatred and loathing – but certainly not the only thing which can leave us disconsolate.

We are also aggrieved by so many other things in life – little things we might say in comparison These little wounds Christ heals too.

As you know from previous issues of the parish bulletin, the Mass Book for 2027 is open for those who want to schedule announced Mass Intentions for relatives on their anniversaries of death, their birthdays, etc.

The pastoral center building is open during the week (Monday through Friday) when you can arrange for these announced Mass Intentions.

Please bear in mind that we ask that you present a single name per Mass. We do not accept what are known as Collective Mass Intentions (that is, multiple names per Mass).

Consult the bulletin boards in church for various items of interest, including the poster on Stand Up for Life which is being held on Sunday, October 4th.

As you are aware, the air conditioning in the church stopped working. Fortunately, it is a little cooler than the "dog days" of July and August. We are getting a new air conditioning unit and heating unit too. We can't say when it will be installed. It is necessary to pass through the bidding process. According to diocesan regulations, we must get three (3) bids before entering into a contract for installation.

As these things go, the installation of an air conditioning and heating unit will be expensive. I will be sure to keep you posted.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

St. Pius X Retired Priest Residence

There will be a second collection next weekend to support the retired priests of Rockville Centre. The residence provides these priests with medical resources, staff, and services to assist them at this stage of their life. There is also a beautiful chapel centered in the building for them to celebrate and assist at Mass. It is at this daily Mass that they pray for the people of our parishes, communities, and Diocese. Thank you for your support.

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, September 13th. The rosary is recited at 2:00PM, followed by Mass at 2:30PM. All are invited. Hospitality will follow in the auditorium.



Adeline Grace Pfundstein

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.



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.



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.



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.



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 soon.

- ◇ 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

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

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

- ◇ September 13 — Level 8
- ◇ September 20 — Levels 5, 6, 7
- ◇ September 27 — Level 8
- ◇ October 4 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- ◇ October 11 — Levels 5, 6, 7
- ◇ October 18 — Levels 5, 6, 7



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Sundays 11:15-11:45AM
Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM
Thursday, October 1st 3:00-6:00PM

Bible Study



Bible Study with Deacon Ed Hayes will resume on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 10:00AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend. Please bring your Bible.

Hospitality Sunday

Hospitality Sundays are back! They take place once a month in the auditorium, typically on the last Sunday of the month. Our next hospitality Sunday will take place on September 27th, following the 10:00 mass. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Stop by for fellowship and a bagel.



Holy Angels Regional School

Holy Angels is still enrolling for the 2026-27 school year. Educating students from Pre-K through 8th grade, Holy Angels Regional School in Patchogue is marking 100 years of Catholic education. Give them a call for more info or to schedule a tour.



(631) 475-0422 | HolyAngelsRegional.org



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



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Prepare to donate

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

Visit nybc.org/eligibility for complete donation guidelines.





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

Register today!



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

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

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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

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

St. Margaret of Scotland Parishioners Welcome

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Contact **Tom Piderit**
(631) 682-8711
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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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| ◇ Jelly | ◇ Stew |
| ◇ Shelf Stable Milk | ◇ Toothpaste |
| ◇ Instant Potatoes | ◇ Detergent |

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.



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.



Hands Needed

Our Music Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in placing the words on our screen during Mass. All that is required is clicking the next screen with one button. Please see Dr. Daniel Crews, our Music Minister, after Mass, or call the Parish Center at (631) 732-3131 x117.



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.



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
- Complete the monthly bulletins (sent to your email) if you work directly with children

If you have not done 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.

New Parishioner? Moving? Need to update information?

Fill out the form below. Drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

New _____ Moving _____ Updating _____