



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

September 20, 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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Deacons

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

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Time, Talent, & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: Take time this week to pray for the conversion of a friend or family member who may be away from the Church.

General Intercession: For all those considering joining the Church, that they may be guided by God. 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 12/13

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,700.00.....	93
Mailed Contributions	\$3,659.00.....	42
Total Collection	\$10,359.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Ez 18:25-28
Second Reading.....Phil 2:1-11
Gospel.....Mt 21:28-32

For the week of
September 20



Altar Bread & Wine
Special Intention for

Oscar Emilio Landivar

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, September 21

Margaret McSweeney

Tuesday, September 22

John Reilly

Wednesday, September 23

Herminia Tingcay

Thursday, September 24

Danny Stingo, Sr.

Friday, September 25

Robert Dola

Saturday, September 26

8:30AM

Joseph Pirreca

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, September 27

8:00AM

Theresa Riecker

10:00AM

Jeanine & John Stewart

12:00PM

Anthony Marrocco

**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, Henry Ceruti, Mike Odrechowski



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.

The following is a prayer (invocation) used by Msgr. Batule at the Observance of the 25th Anniversary of September 11th. The event was sponsored by the Selden Fire Department and held at its Headquarters.

LORD GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST AND NOW:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, ON THE 11TH OF SEPTEMBER, WE WERE SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT TERRORISTS ATTACKED OUR COUNTRY.

WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS, WE HAD SOME IDEA OF HOW MANY HAD BEEN KILLED – NEARLY 3000 IN NEW YORK CITY, AT THE PENTAGON, AND IN SHANKSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

MANY OF US HERE ON LONG ISLAND KNEW PERSONALLY ONE OR MORE PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN KILLED.

ABOUT ANOTHER NATIONAL TRAGEDY, A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SAID IT WAS A DAY WHICH WOULD LONG LIVE IN INFAMY.

THIS IS A FIT DESCRIPTION FOR 9-11 OF 2001 ALSO.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO ON THIS DAY, THE NOXIOUSNESS OF HELL HAD BEEN VISITED UPON US.

WE BEG YOU, OUR GOD IN HEAVEN, NEVER LET US FORGET YOUR MERCY.

HAVE MERCY ON THOSE WHO HAD PERISHED AND WOULD NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN ON THIS EARTH. BE MERCIFUL TO THOSE FATHERS AND MOTHERS, THOSE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THOSE SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO WERE LEFT ONLY TO MOURN THEIR LOVED ONES. AS SAINT MATTHEW RECORDS IN HIS GOSPEL, BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

COMFORTED INDEED THEY ARE, LIKE A SPRING WHICH CONTINUES TO RISE UP IN OUR MIDST AND REFRESHES US IN ACTS OF CHARITY, TOO NUMEROUS TO RECOUNT IN A SINGLE INVOCATION.

THOSE WHO DIED ON SEPTEMBER 11TH NEVER MADE IT HOME THAT NIGHT. MAY HEAVEN BE THEIR HOME FOR ALL ETERNITY.

WE OURSELVES LONG FOR HEAVEN TOO. AS YOUR SERVANT, SAINT AUGUSTINE, ONCE WROTE: OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN THEE.

WITH YOUR GRACE, FASHION OUR HEARTS THAT WE MAY BE INTENT ON LIVING IN ACCORD WITH YOUR WILL UNTIL WE REACH THE END OF OUR MORTAL LIVES.

GRANT TO US TOO, LORD, A FIRM RESOLVE TO RESIST EVIL COURAGEOUSLY BEFITTING, OF COURSE, ANY JUST CAUSE.

OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH TELLS US: BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

LET US STRIVE TO BE SOWERS OF THE SEEDS OF PEACE. FOR US, THAT MEANS MAKING PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, IN OUR FAMILIES, AND EVEN IN OUR OWN HOMES. AND MAY WE ALWAYS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT SAINT PAUL CALLS THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY: THE WAY OF LOVE.

EXTEND YOUR FAVOR, LORD, TO THOSE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RAN INTO THE BURNING BUILDINGS AND SAVED SO MANY BECAUSE OF LOVE, THAT IS, A WILLINGNESS TO LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES. AS JESUS SAYS IN HIS FAREWELL DISCOURSE, NO ONE HAS GREATER LOVE THAN THIS, TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS.

HEAR THESE INTENTIONS AND IN YOUR CLEMENCY ANSWER THEM, O LORD.

AMEN.

As we start another school year, I wish to make clear (pellucidly clear, too) the following for all the children enrolled in FAITH FORMATION and their parents and or guardians:

- All students and their parents and or guardians are to attend the session we call **Twenty Minutes** on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 AM.
- Attendance is **required**. It is not optional.
- Students and their parents/guardians are not to attend Twenty Minutes and then go home. They are to attend **Mass** at 10:00 AM in the church. That too is part of the agreement.
- Attendance is according to the schedule devised in advance by Mrs. Jackie Mirenda.
- Parents are to sign the parental agreement for participating in FAITH FORMATION which our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs. Jackie, has.
- All parents are expected to support Saint Margaret Parish financially. Please see the one-page agreement for more details on this matter.

I ask cooperation with these points.

I thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, October 1st 3:00-6:00PM



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.



Bible Study

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

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.



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.



Blessed Fulton J. Sheen

This Thursday, September 24, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will become beatified, which is one step closer to sainthood. Born in Illinois in 1895 and ordained in 1919, he pursued higher studies in America and Europe before teaching at the Catholic University of America. Sheen served as the Bishop of Rochester from 1966 to 1969, and Pope Paul VI later appointed him as the Titular Archbishop of Newport, Wales, in 1969.

A gifted teacher and speaker, Sheen's homilies were much appreciated. In 1930, he began participating in the Sunday radio program entitled "The Catholic Hour," which reached an estimated four million listeners at the height of its popularity. In 1951, he began hosting a weekly television series, "Life is Worth Living," on matters of faith that attracted some 30 million viewers. He died in New York at the age of 84, on December 9, 1979.

How to Watch his Beatification

EWTN and Catholic Faith Network will be covering programming of his beatification. Coverage begins at 10:00AM EST on EWTN, with mass of the beatification beginning at 2:30PM, and an encore presentation at 10:00PM. Catholic Faith Network will have coverage at 3:00pm. The mass will be taking place in The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle will be the celebrant.

Information taken from catholiccourier.com, ewtn.com, catholicfaithnetwork.org, vaticannews.va.

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.

Faith Formation

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

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| ◇ September 20 — Levels 5, 6, 7 | ◇ October 11 — Levels 5, 6, 7 |
| ◇ September 27 — Level 8 | ◇ October 18 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| ◇ October 4 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 | ◇ October 25 — Levels 5, 6, 7 |



Catholic High School Open Houses

Chaminade

Saturday, October 3

10:30AM-2:30PM

340 Jackson Avenue, Mineola

(516) 742-5555

Chaminade-HS.org

Pre-registration required

St. Anthony's

Saturday, October 17

9:00AM-12:00PM

275 Wolf Hill Road, South 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



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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\$10 Donation

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FAMILY DAY AT THE RACES

GREAT RACING ★ FAMILY FUN ★ LASTING MEMORIES



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH
★ 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM ★



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PER PERSON

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FOR CHILDREN
5-17



HOT FOOD



MUSIC



RAFFLES

St. Margaret of Scotland
Parishioners
Welcome

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

OUTDOOR

Basket Raffle

& Craft Fair

OVER 200 Baskets
\$500 & \$100 Lottery Tkts & Gift Certificates
WINNERS CALLED AT 6:30 PM SUNDAY Decor & Holiday Crafts
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR TO ENJOY THE CALLING

Sept. 26 & 27

Sat. 12pm - 6pm Sun. 8:30am - 6pm

Church of the Good Shepherd

1370 Grundy Ave. Holbrook

Take a Look at All the Prizes at:
www.facebook.com/GSRaffleFair

Food & Refreshments for Sale
Home Baked Cakes & Brownies

5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



- 1 Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions
- 2 Monitor technology use (trust but verify)
- 3 Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech
- 4 Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks
- 5 Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online



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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!*

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:



- ◇ Jelly
- ◇ Shelf Stable Milk
- ◇ Instant Potatoes
- ◇ Canned Carrots
- ◇ Hearty Soups
- ◇ Toothpaste

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 next September 27th, following the 10:00 mass. Hosted by the *Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus. Stop by for fellowship and a bagel.



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.



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.

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.



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, including food drives, blood drives, and Hospitality Sundays. Prospective members should call Tom Piderit at (631) 682-8711. All Catholic men are invited to join.

