



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

September 27, 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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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.

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First Reading.....Is 5:1-7		Altar Bread & Wine In Memory of Veronica & William Scullion
Second Reading.....Phil 4:6-9		
Gospel.....Mt 21:3-43		

For the week of
September 27



Altar Bread & Wine In Memory of

Veronica & William Scullion

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

Monday, September 28

Margaret Butler

Tuesday, September 29

Phil & Paz Aquino

Wednesday, September 30

Norman Gottfried

Thursday, October 1

Robert Valletta

Friday, October 2

Joseph Prementine

Saturday, October 3

8:30AM

Elisa & Giovanni Assalone

5:00PM

Sean D. Worrell

Sunday, October 4

8:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10:00AM

Daniel Curzio

12:00PM

Bobby Kreitzman & Carol Niessing

**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, Eileen Metralaxis



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.

This coming Sunday, the first Sunday of October, is Respect Life Sunday. I ask that you consider attending **Stand Up for Life** which is being held in two locations: Huntington and Manorville. The event has been sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life years and years now. It begins at 2:00 PM and concludes at 3:30 PM.

Stand Up for Life is largely a silent and prayerful presence in the public square. I say public square because so many people who are non-participants are able to see pro-life people making the case for protecting pre-born life not in Letters to the Editor (newspapers) but holding signs in busy public places (e.g. Route 110).

Come and pray with us next Sunday as we **Stand Up for Life** across our nation. And bring a family member with you or a friend. Before you go, kindly see the flyers on the bulletin boards in church and take note of all the sponsors of the event, including Saint Margaret of Scotland.

We mark the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** on Wednesday, October 7th. In previous columns, I mentioned that we will pray the Rosary that day **after the 9:00 AM Mass at the grotto**. I call upon our daily mass-goers to lead us in honoring Our Blessed Mother.

I ask also that parishioners who don't go Mass on a daily basis join us at the grotto. In the Spring, on Mother's Day, we crown the statue of the Blessed Virgin after Mass. The recitation of the Rosary is yet another way to show our devotion to the Mother of Our Lord and Savior and our Mother, too.

I continue to call attention to our schedule for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on the weekends. We have the Blessed Sacrament exposed on Saturday afternoons starting at 4:00 PM. The period of Adoration is until 4:45 PM. Or, you may want to set aside some time for Eucharistic Adoration on Sundays after the 10:00 AM Mass and stating at 11:15 AM. This period of Adoration goes until 11:45 AM.

We had a Holy Hour on Wednesday the 16th for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and anyone else who wanted to pray before our Eucharistic Lord.

Following Adoration, we had a meeting of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. It was brought to my attention then that there should be more attention paid to the bowls and towels on the small table near the sanctuary. I have instructed the sacristan to follow up on this matter every weekend and after each weekend Mass. Extraordinary ministers should bring this matter to my attention again if the matter is not resolved satisfactorily the first time.

During the month of August, we lost air conditioning in the church and we have been without it since.

The whole operation – air conditioning and heating – is in need of replacement. We have settled on a company which will handle the replacement for us and I will keep you updated.

We are subject to diocesan regulation in the matter of major repairs, which means we must get three (3) bids before selecting one company to do the necessary work. At this moment, I cannot tell you when that work will commence. I did meet with the owner of the company this past week. I now have to write for permission from the Vicar General of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. When I get an affirmative reply, I will report it here in my column.

We are also going to have ground work done on the property, that would be areas where the cement has been cracked and chipped, including the area in front of the main doors of the church.

Once again, I remind all FAITH FORMATION families that parents/guardians and children enrolled in the program are to attend **Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director** according to the schedule devised at the start of the school year.

Parents/guardians and the children enrolled in Faith Formation are to **attend Mass** every Sunday. This is not optional.

All FAITH FORMATION families are to **support** Saint Margaret Parish **financially** every week too. They are to use the envelopes designated for this purpose too.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, October 1st 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.

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.



Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, October 4, is Respect Life Sunday, a day dedicated to reflecting on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. On this day, we are reminded that threats to life and human dignity take many forms in our world. The Diocese works tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to promoting a culture of life through advocacy, education, and parish outreach. Your generosity in the Respect Life envelope collection will support this essential mission. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

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.

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.



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.



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!



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

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

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



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

Kellenberg

Saturday, October 3

9:00AM-1:00PM

1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd.

Uniondale

(516) 292-0200

Kellenberg.org

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



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

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SCAN FOR MORE INFO




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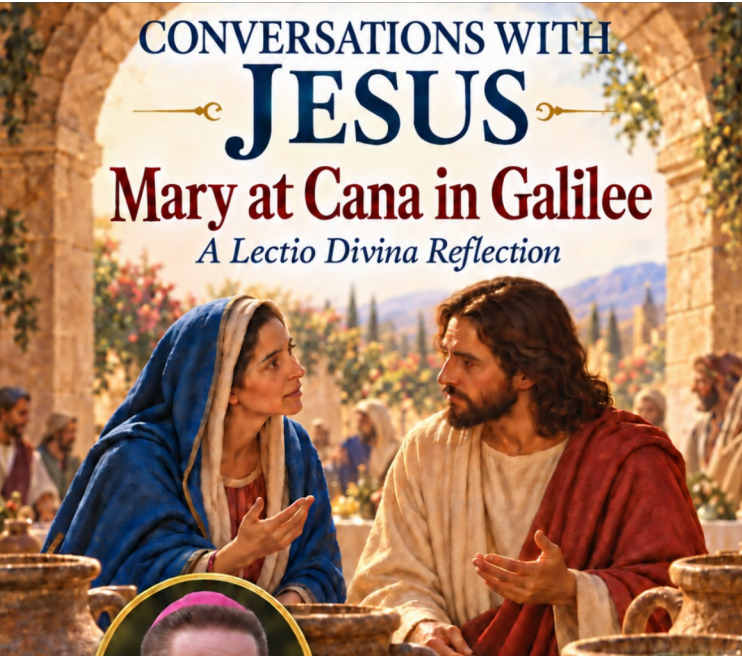
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Home Baked Cakes & Brownies

CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

Mary at Cana in Galilee

A Lectio Divina Reflection



Presented by
Bishop Andrzej

WEBINAR
September 29, 2026
7:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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at the Office of Worship
516.744.6850
worship@drvc.org

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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. 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
- ◇ Hearty Soups
- ◇ Saltines/Crackers
- ◇ Detergent

Thank you!

St. Margaret's Outreach thanks Stop & Shop in Farmingville for their donation to our food pantry through their annual "Bloomin' 4 Good" program. Flower bouquets sold at their store generated funds to assist us. Thank you to Stop & Shop for your commitment to fight hunger!



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. Call the Outreach office for more information or if you would like to volunteer.



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SATURDAY,
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★ 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM ★

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5-17

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St. Margaret of Scotland
**Parishioners
Welcome** ♥

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