



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

October 11, 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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Deacon William Kogler – Retired
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired

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Time, Talent, & Treasure

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: God wants us to call upon Him. Whenever you find yourself in distress, call upon our God.

General Intercession: For all those who are alone, that they may find comfort in 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.

October 3/4

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$9,781.00.....	180
Mailed Contributions	\$3,032.00.....	61
Total Collection	\$12,813.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Is 45:1, 4-6
Second Reading..... 1 Thes 1:1-5b
Gospel.....Mt 22:15-21



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 12

Robert G. Aretakis

Tuesday, October 13

Delia Mastrianni

Wednesday, October 14

Irene Malinowski

Thursday, October 15

Jada Sanitt

Friday, October 16

John Balles

Saturday, October 17

8:30AM

Pasquale & Antonia Palumbo

5:00PM

Jack Mulé

Sunday, October 18

8:00AM

Genevieve Heckman

10:00AM

Donna Kalistinsky

12:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

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

Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Wendian & 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, Joan Alfieri



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.

I begin my column this week with a brief summary of the status of a few projects that are underway at Saint Margaret.

Earlier this month, some masonry work was started near the church. This was necessary because the concrete had buckled in spots and it created a potential hazard with the chance of injuries coming from trips and falls. That work was completed in two days. We are waiting now for the area in front of the church doors to be completed. As long as the weather cooperates, that last part of the project is slated for Wednesday the 7th of October.

The work on the heating and air conditioning has not begun yet. This unit for the church requires a whole new unit to be built by Carrier. I presume that this is being done right now. In the meantime, there will be heat in the church (as we recently have had some cold mornings with temperatures at 40 degrees or so).

When I have more to say regarding these matters, I will report on them in this column.

We had **Stand Up for Life** a week ago. The weather was rainy you will recall, and I am sure that factor was responsible for the smaller crowd size where I was (Huntington). I presume the same was true in Manorville.

I ask that you consider getting involved in the pro-life movement in whatever capacity you think you can help. When human life is not safeguarded in the womb, it calls into question the value of human life at other stages. The **Long Island Coalition for Life** is always looking for assistance from men and women in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Also, please consider the **Life Center of Long Island** as another place to volunteer your time.

We honored Our Blessed Mother on the 7th of October (**Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**). After the 9:00 AM Mass, we prayed the rosary at the grotto on our property. Thank you to all who participated. This was the 2nd time we had this. We will do the same again on the 7th of October next year.

On the 18th of this month, a week from today, the Church observes **Mission Sunday**. This is a regular yearly occurrence. It gives church-goers an opportunity to be reminded that by virtue of Baptism we all share in the Church's mission. The mission of the Church is best summarized at the end of Saint Matthew's Gospel where the evangelist recounts how the Risen Lord, right before ascending to heaven, says: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations," He says, too, "baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt 28:19)

We are to be evangelizers in all the seasons of our lives. There isn't an exception to what the Lord implored the Eleven apostles on the mountain to do, either. "[T]each them [the disciples] to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matt 28:20)

On Monday, November 2nd, the Church marks **All Souls Day**. Parishioners who receive church envelopes in the mail have already received the envelope for All Souls Day. You may return the envelope on Sunday, November 1st or before. There will be a box designated for this purpose in the vestibule of the church beginning on Sunday, October 25th. Additional All Souls envelopes are available in the church and in the pastoral center building.

Soon, you will see a sign in the vestibule of the church concerning the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**. It was once known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is for men and women who wish to become Catholic. I have asked Kevin Wilson to be the point of contact for this work of the Church. I will write more about this matter in future columns. Suffice it to say now that we are getting ready to receive adults for the catechumenate or continuing Christian conversion.

In a short while, I will be reporting on the financial condition of the parish as I have done in previous years. It will be an insert in the weekly bulletin and the remarks I will make in the pulpit. I will do my best to make sure that it comes before the middle of November.

Lastly, I will meet with the ushers on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30 PM in the pastoral center building.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

World Mission Sunday



Next Sunday, we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Leo invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



Sophia Genevieve Azevedo

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, October 12th, in observance of Columbus Day. It will reopen Tuesday, October 13th, at 9:00AM.



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.



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 at (631) 698-6053.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4th



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. 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. *Thank you to all!*

Outreach Coordinator Needed

Our parish is looking to fill a part-time volunteer position in our Outreach Ministry. This would require maintaining records, submitting reports, and completing grant applications. New client intakes and overseeing weekly client appointments is also part of this position.

Discretion and organization as well as computer skills is required. If interested in finding out more information, please call the Outreach office at 732-3131 x119 and leave a message. Thank you.

Faith Formation

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

- ◇ October 11 — Levels 5, 6, 7
- ◇ October 18 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- ◇ October 25 — 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 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

St. Anthony's

Saturday, October 17

9:00AM-12:00PM

275 Wolf Hill Rd., 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

St. John the Baptist

Saturday, October 24

10:00AM-1:00PM

1170 Montauk Highway

West Islip

SJBDHS.org

Pre-registration required

Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Thursday, October 15th.

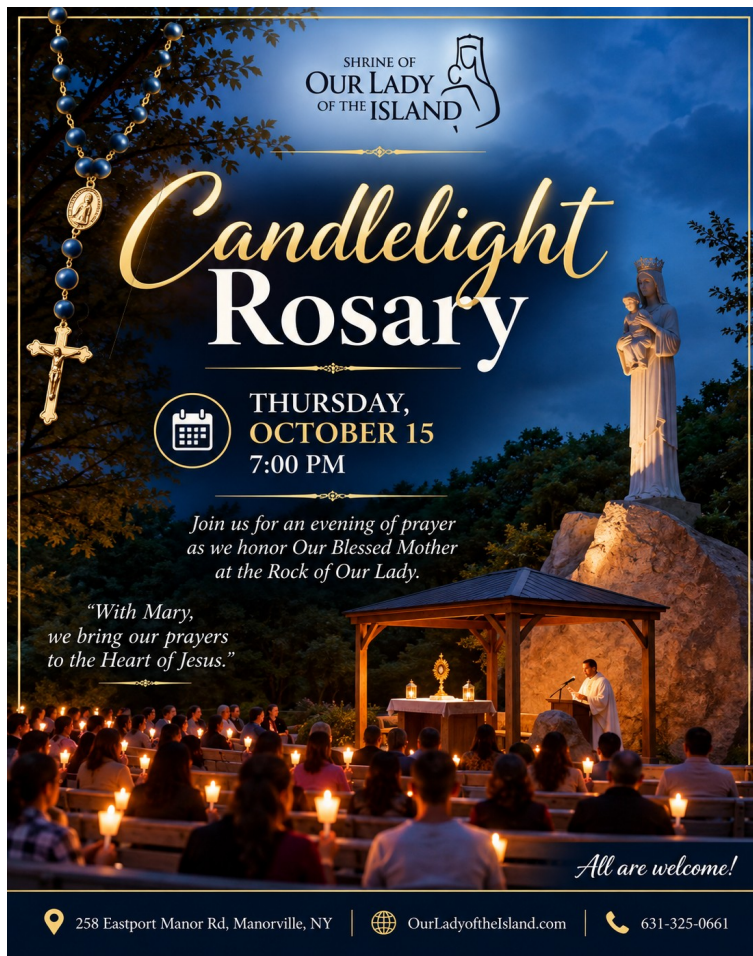


Holy Angels Regional School



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 information or to schedule a tour.

(631) 475-0422 | HolyAngelsRegional.org



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



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

PRAYER | WORSHIP | HOPE & HEALING | ALL ARE WELCOME

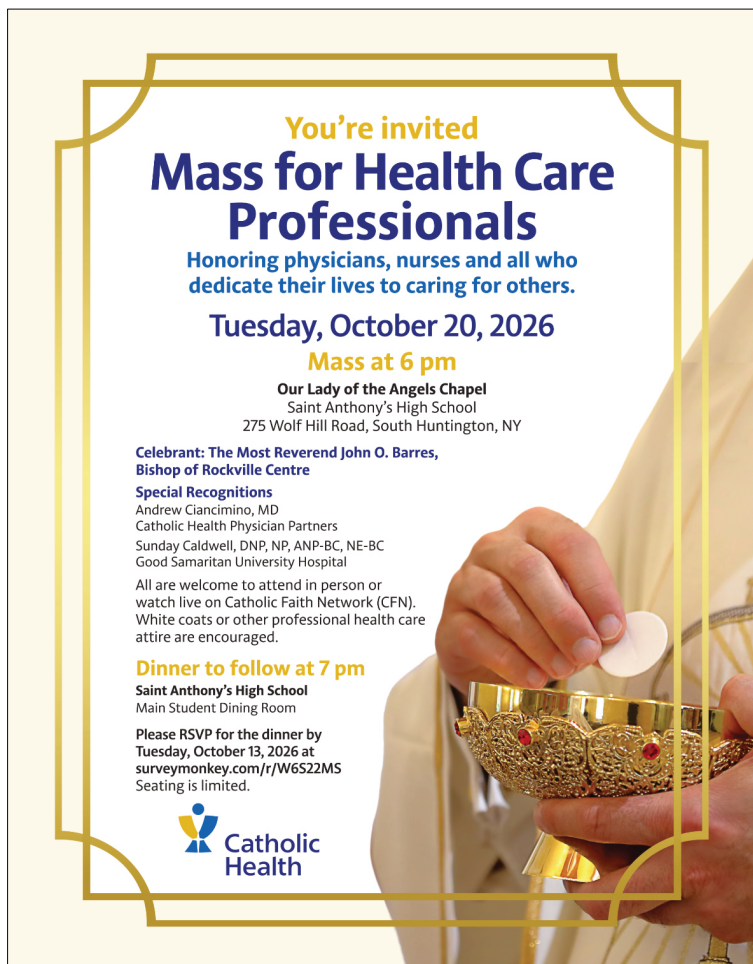
SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Coping with Grief Through the Holidays

Monday, November 9 | 7:00 – 8:30PM

Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry at St. John Nepomucene Parish in Bohemia. This event is taking place at the Connetquot Public Library Community Room, located at 760 Ocean Ave., Bohemia.

Please RSVP to (631) 589-0540 ext. 250 to reserve your seat. Refreshments will be served. A free will offering is appreciated.



You're invited

Mass for Health Care Professionals

Honoring physicians, nurses and all who
dedicate their lives to caring for others.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Mass at 6 pm

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
Saint Anthony's High School
275 Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington, NY

Celebrant: The Most Reverend John O. Barres,
Bishop of Rockville Centre

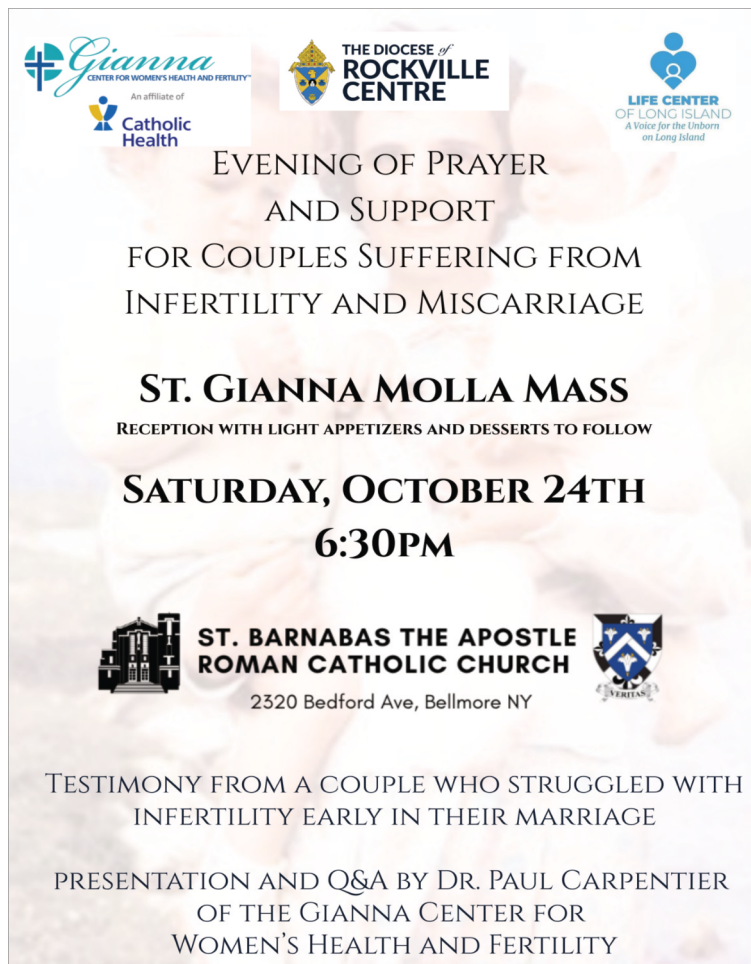
Special Recognitions
Andrew Giancimino, MD
Catholic Health Physician Partners
Sunday Caldwell, DNP, NP, ANP-BC, NE-BC
Good Samaritan University Hospital

All are welcome to attend in person or
watch live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN).
White coats or other professional health care
attire are encouraged.

Dinner to follow at 7 pm
Saint Anthony's High School
Main Student Dining Room

Please RSVP for the dinner by
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at
surveymonkey.com/r/W6522MS
Seating is limited.

Catholic Health



Gianna
CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND FERTILITY
An affiliate of
Catholic Health

THE DIOCESE OF
ROCKVILLE
CENTRE

LIFE CENTER
OF LONG ISLAND
A Voice for the Unborn
on Long Island

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

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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| ◇ Crackers | ◇ Shampoo |
| ◇ Kids Snacks | ◇ Toothpaste |
| ◇ Cookies | ◇ Bar Soap |

Christmas Wreath Sale

St. Margaret's will be hosting a Christmas wreath and grave blanket fundraiser once again. The parish will be selling wreaths, grave blankets, and holiday centerpieces.



Those wishing to purchase must prepay their order. The deadline to order will be Thursday, November 12th.

Pickup will be Saturday, November 28th.
Check future bulletins for the order form.

VIRTUS®

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.

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

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

St. Margaret of Scotland Parishioners Welcome

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

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

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.

