ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

October 18, 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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Time, Talent, & Treasure

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service: This week, do something special for someone you love. Offer up that moment of service and love to God.

General Intercession: For all caregivers in our community, that they may be strengthened by God's love. 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 10/11

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	$7,560.00	156
Mailed Contributions	$4,016.00	48
Total Collection	**$11,576.00**	

Readings for Next Sunday
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading……Ex 22:20-26
Second Reading……,,,1 Thes 1:5c-10
Gospel……Mt 22:34-40

Parish Office Hours

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

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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 19
Artie Massett

Tuesday, October 20
John Rory Convery

Wednesday, October 21
Lou Burtoff

Thursday, October 22
Briana Britt

Friday, October 23
Joe Zabbara

Saturday, October 24
8:30AM
Spec. Int. Most Reverend Anthony Ewherido
5:00PM
All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, October 25
8:00AM
Marguerite Barone
10:00AM
William H. Goodman
12:00PM
Bogusława Kania

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 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, Diane Piraneo

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.

Today the Church marks Mission Sunday. It is an annual liturgical observance in the month of October. It reminds us of the obligation we all have to proclaim the Gospel by the way we live our lives. And it all begins with parents and children.

Parents bring their children to church to have them baptized. As I indicated in my column last week, the Church baptizes in "the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This moment of grace for infants is, like other things involving infants, heavily dependent on what mothers and fathers do for their children.

When it comes to handing on the Faith to their children, parents should be taking their children to the Catholic Mass every week. It is one of the reasons why we have **Twenty Minutes** at Saint Margaret. Thus, I take this opportunity to exhort and encourage the parents of children enrolled in Faith Formation here to bring their children to church on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

A few days ago, some in Faith Formation celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your time to attend Religious Education classes is now over, but your relationship to the Faith continues the rest of your lives. My message for you then is the following: Go to Mass! Go to Mass! Go to Mass . . . the rest of your earthly lives.

On the first Wednesday of this month, we prayed the Mass together on the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.** Following the 9:00 AM Mass, we gathered at the grotto on parish property and prayed the Holy Rosary together. I want to thank those who joined us. You can view the photographs which were taken on this occasion in the vestibule of the church.

More than half the month is already over, and in a few weeks, we are to begin the month of November. In the Catholic mindset, the first two days of November direct our attention to the purpose of living our Catholic Faith and the purpose of our lives on earth.

As for the purpose of living our Catholic Faith, in a word, it is holiness. In whatever is the length of years we have on planet earth, we should be trying to live the Beatitudes proclaimed in the Gospel for November 1st. It must be intentional; it's not something which just happens fortuitously.

As for the purpose of our lives on earth, the fact that we die presents us with the mystery of death. To die is to enter upon the mystery of the Lord's Resurrection. But Jesus is the Son of God and He is not subject to Judgment. We are however.

Those of us who continue to live on earth can indeed help those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The best way to help is with our prayers, and what better prayer is there but the Mass? I urge you to remember family members and friends who have died by having them remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

You can do that by using the envelope marked **All Souls Day.** Your envelope can be returned before November 2nd or on that first Monday in November. There will be a box designated for this purpose in the vestibule of the church next weekend. You can place the envelope in that box through the 2nd of November.

I direct your attention to the sign on the tripod in the vestibule of the church inquiring about becoming Catholic. This refers to the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**. If you know of someone who wishes to become Catholic, tell him or her to contact us. If we get a response, we will put the OCIA into practice at St. Margaret.

The group of persons wishing to become Catholic would begin meeting in the weeks leading up to Advent. In Advent, there would be an admission to the catechumenate, followed by weekly meetings up to and including Lent.

I call your attention to the times we have for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on the weekends. They would be Saturday afternoon (4:00 – 4:45 PM) and on Sunday mornings (11:15 – 11:45 AM). I urge you to set time aside for the Presence of the Lord apart from attending Mass every weekend.

Once again, we will have *Lessons and Carols* late in the Season of Advent (Sunday, December 20th). Please follow the bulletin for more details.

The masonry work on the property has been completed. I will write more on the HVAC work in the church (heating and air conditioning) in my next column.

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.

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

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine offering funds the cost of the Blessed Sacrament for the week. It may be as a remembrance for one who has passed, or a special intention of someone who is still with us. The requested offering is $25.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, or OCIA, is for those interested in becoming a Catholic. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact the Parish Center for more information at (631) 732-3131 x0.

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.

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.

Parish Social Ministry

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:

- ◊ Canned Chili Entrée
- ◊ Crackers
- ◊ Kids Snacks
- ◊ Condiments
- ◊ Shampoo
- ◊ Bathroom Tissue

Outreach Coordinator Needed

Out 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 are also part of this position.

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

Thank You!

A special thank you to all parishioners who participated in our fall food drive! We were able to replenish our shelves for the fall season. Thank you also to our Outreach volunteers and the Knights of Columbus for all their efforts and assistance. We are very grateful.

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.

Faith Formation

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

- ◊ October 18 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- ◊ October 25 — Levels 5, 6, 7
- ◊ November 1 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4

Catholic High School Open House

St. John the Baptist

Saturday, October 24
10:00AM-1:00PM
1170 Montauk Highway
West Islip
SJBDHS.org
Pre-registration required

Calling all Children! Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 12 ~ 1:00PM

We are already beginning to prepare for our annual Christmas pageant! There will be a casting call **Thursday October 29 at 5:00PM.** All are welcome to participate! Speaking and non-speaking parts will be available.

Call or email Jackie at x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com if your child is interested in a non-speaking part. Rehearsals will take place 5:00-6:00PM in the Church. Costumes will be provided.

Rehearsals: Thursdays Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10
Dress Rehearsal: Friday December 11 at 5:00PM
Saturday Dec. 12—Day of Show—arrive at 12:30PM
Cast Party to follow immediately after pageant
Call the Parish Center with any questions.

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

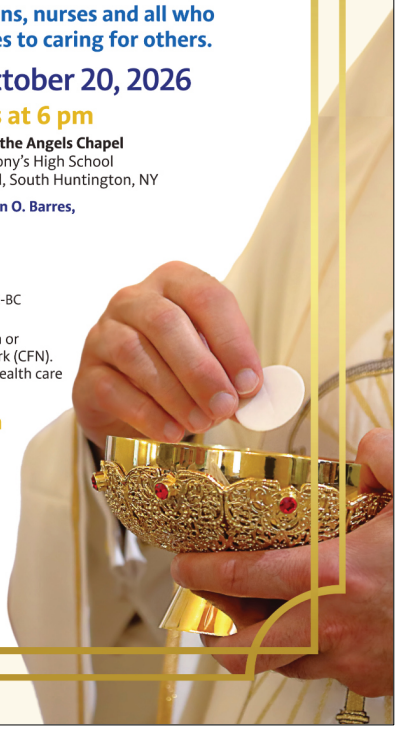
Special Recognitions
Andrew Ciancimino, MD
Catholic Health Physician Partners
Sunday Caldwell, DNP, NP, ANP-BC, NE-BC
Good Samaritan University Hospital

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/W6S22MS
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

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.

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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.

Christmas Wreath Sale

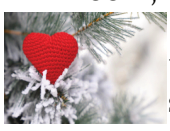
St. Margaret's will be hosting a Christmas wreath and grave blanket fundraiser once again. The parish will be selling wreaths, grave blankets, and holiday centerpieces, grown with love by Borella Nursery. Those wishing to purchase must prepay their order. The deadline to order will be Thursday, November 12th. Pickup will be Saturday, November 28th.

Please check future bulletins for the order form.

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.

Congratulations to all of Saint Margaret's Confirmation Candidates ~ October 15, 2026

Bishop Robert Coyle

Joseph	*Brayson*	*Mary*	*Victor*
Scarlet	*Nathaly F.*	*Matthew*	*Ava*
Valarie	*Anthony F.*	*Sophia*	*Sophia*
Brandon	*Evelyn*	*Samantha*	*Micaela*
Ayden	*Elise*	*Gino*	*Andrew*
Kyle	*Chloe*	*Nathaly P.*	*Alexander*
Nicholas	*Pierina*	*Anthony P.*	*Jefriel*
Jasmine	*Jason*	*Isabella*	*Lucianna*
Aiden	*Cristiano*	*Mya*	*Caterina*
	Kacper	*Sean*	

Hospitality Sunday

Our next hospitality Sunday will take place next Sunday, October 25th, following the 10:00 mass. Sponsored by the *Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus. Stop by for fellowship and a bagel.

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.

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 _____

Looking for Catholic Gifts & Items?

Our Lady of the Island Shrine carries a wide variety of religious articles.
258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville
OurLadyOfTheIsland.org