



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

October 25, 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 Hospitality: As Catholics on Long Island, we have many opportunities to help those in need. We have parish social programs such as food pantries and we also have the Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal. Consider donating of your time, talent or treasure to these missions

General Intercession: For the success of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. 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 17/18

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$8,540.00.....	173
Mailed Contributions	\$2,809.00.....	35
Total Collection	\$11,349.00	

Readings for Next Sunday All Saints

First Reading.....Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Second Reading.....1 Jn 3:1-3
Gospel.....Mt 5:1-12a



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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 26

Dominick Percoco

Tuesday, October 27

Joseph Riccobono

Wednesday, October 28

JoAnn DiPoalo

Thursday, October 29

Lawrence Fascella

Friday, October 30

Vi Pongratz

Saturday, October 31

8:30AM

John O'Sullivan

5:00PM

Special Intention Anastasia Amoakoh

Sunday, November 1

8:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10:00AM

Dolores Marie Pataky

12:00PM

Peter Rice

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, 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.

On this last Sunday in October, we inch our way, slowly but surely, to the end of the year. No, not the calendar year but the liturgical year. The liturgical year ends always close to Thanksgiving Day. Indeed, it is always the last Sunday before Thanksgiving Day and this year it is the 22nd of November.

A few brief comments then on this period we are about to enter upon. The last couple of Sundays of Ordinary Time would be the 31st, 32nd, and 33rd. The purpose of this time within Ordinary Time is for us to consider eschatological realities, that is, how do we ready ourselves for the end. The end of course is of our lives.

A few days ago, I commented to those who are studying the *Catechism* with me that “last things” are not adverted to much anymore in our religious discourse. The Church has something to say of course on this topic, but there is a reluctance to make it known – even in the pulpit, unfortunately.

The last things are death, judgment, heaven, and hell. There was a time when these topics were standard fare in Catholic circles. But that is not the case any longer in most places. Why is that so? Well, in a few words, it would be proper to say that we have domesticated God and His Word. Why have we engaged in such domestication? Because we are embarrassed – plain and simple.

We are embarrassed that God and His Word do not say that everyone is going to heaven following death. You mean to say that we aren’t going to heaven after we die?

No, what I am saying is that Judgment belongs to God, and that God hasn’t whispered in my ear that we are all going to heaven.

What we would like to know – that we are all going to heaven – has never been revealed by the Lord. If it were revealed by the Lord, we would be right in holding what is known as the position called universalism. But it hasn’t been revealed. Check Scripture and Tradition and you won’t find a hint of approbation for universalism.

So, what do we do then?

We pray and what better way to pray than to pray the Mass.

We pray the Mass on **All Souls Day** (November 2nd) every year. I encourage all of our parishioners to remember family members and friends in our **All Souls Day Novena**. Kindly take an envelope for **All Souls Day** and write the names of family members and friends on it, and place your offering in that same envelope and put it in the collection basket at Mass or the box designated for this purpose in the church vestibule.

Over the next couple of weeks and more, you will see some priests at Saint Margaret who are not assigned here. They are helping us in the absence of Fr. Patrick who is going about securing his VISA to be in compliance with the US immigration law. We will see Fr. Patrick again in January, I am told. Let us be grateful that our priests can be available for us when we need them and that there is no interruption in that service when necessities arise. We will see Fr. Patrick again, and our priest-visitors will continue the long dedication of priestly service to which we have become accustomed.

Next Sunday is **All Saints Day**. When it is not a Sunday, it is a Holy Day (sometimes with the precept to attend Mass and sometimes without the precept to attend Mass). It is an opportunity for us to remember that our vocation is to live as holy men and women amidst the circumstances of our lives. Many of us have been baptized with names which canonized saints bore when they lived on earth.

There is a devotion to be taken up regarding the saint whose name we bear. It begins by finding out as much as we can about him or her. About many of the saints there are published biographies. Why not pick up a copy of the biography for your saint?

You might conclude your prayers by asking the intercession of your patron saint. Or, what about getting a medal with the image of your patron saint on it and then wearing it?

As I stated before in this column, there will be a meeting of the ushers on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM.

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.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

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



Daniela Rae Macias

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.



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.



Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry Needs



The parish food pantry assists the food insecure 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:

- ◇ Beef Stew
- ◇ Instant Oatmeal
- ◇ Gravy Packets
- ◇ Rice Meals
- ◇ Canned Tomatoes
- ◇ Shampoo

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 are also part of this position.

Discretion and organization as well as 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.

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. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you.

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 25 — Levels 5, 6, 7
- ◇ November 1 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- ◇ November 8 — Levels 5, 6, 7



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.

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



VETERANS DAY HOLY HOURS

"Lord, if your people still have need of my services, I will not avoid the toil. Your will be done." – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop and Confessor, Patron Saint of Soldiers

Join Catholics from across Long Island in praying for our Veterans (past and present).

Eucharistic Adoration, Worship Music, Powerful Witness

NASSAU LOCATION Wednesday, November 11, 2026 The Church of St. Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach Doors Open: 7:00pm Prayer Begins: 7:30pm	SUFFOLK LOCATION Wednesday, November 11, 2026 The Church of Good Shepherd, Holbrook Doors Open: 7:00pm Prayer Begins: 7:30pm
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OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

For more information visit drvc-faith.org

Bishop Barres' New Pastoral Letter

The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

*and the Mission of the Catholic Church
in the 21st Century*




To read, use the QR code or visit:

www.drvc.org/sheen



Open House

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 AT 1PM



**MOLLOY
UNIVERSITY**

Register Today!
www.molloy.edu/openhouse26



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.

ROCK OUT HUNGER 17

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 • 2PM

Clyde McPhatter's

DRIFTERS

Featuring Ronn David McPhatter




FEATURING

PATTI & TINA

THE ROCK OUT HUNGER BAND

KAREN KATERIDGE

ALSO APPEARING

Magdalena

**Veterans Day Weekend
Tribute to Veterans**

\$45
per ticket

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ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. MARY'S AND ST. PETER'S FOOD PANTRY



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.

Sing to the Lord!

If you are looking for faith-filled community and music to enrich your life, join us at the Parish Center on Tuesday night. Come and see what it's like to sing, pray, and share time together as Music Ministry practices for this next weekend. Ask us about it in the front of church or by contacting Dr. Daniel Crews at dcrews@saintmargaret.com.



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.



St. Margaret of Scotland
CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER
Prepaid Orders ONLY
Deadline for orders Thursday, November 12th
Pickup orders on Saturday, November 28th
PARISH CENTER ~ 9:00 to 10:30AM



Return form below with cash or check by November 12th to the Parish Center.
 Checks made payable to St. Margaret of Scotland ~ **Please print neatly.**

CUT HERE

Name: _____

Phone: _____



Wreaths	_____	X	\$35	=	\$ _____
Grave Blankets	_____	X	\$65	=	\$ _____
Holiday Centerpieces	_____	X	\$30	=	\$ _____
Total					\$ _____



All Items Will Come Decorated

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____