



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

November 1, 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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All Saints' Day

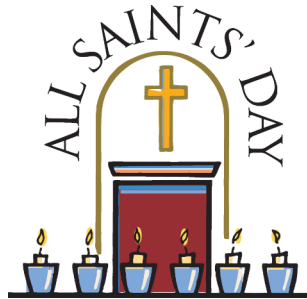
Sacrificial Giving

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 24/25

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$7,013.00.....	139
Mailed Contributions	\$3,274.00.....	53
Total Collection	\$10,287.00	

First Reading.....	Wis 6:12-16
Second Reading.....	1 Thes 4:13-18
Gospel.....	Mt 25:1-13



Tuesday—Thursday: 10:00AM – 1:00PM. Call for an appointment - x119

Albert & Marion A. Pietrozziello

HE HEALED THEM ALL

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.

Let me begin my remarks in this edition of my column with an acknowledgement that the first two days of November stand out liturgically. The first day of this month is what we call All Saints Day. As I mentioned the last time, sometimes (depending on the day of the week) there is the precept to attend Mass; other times it does not apply. It applies this year because it is a Sunday.

The significance of the Solemnity of All Saints is that we honor all the saints together at the same time. It's significant because on many of the days on the calendar, we honor saints individually. Or perhaps a few saints on a particular day. The significance of All Saints is that none are left out and that none are preferred over the others.

The significance is in the vocation to holiness that we all have. No one is exempt. And what better way to alert us to the universality of the call to holiness than to hear the Beatitudes from Saint Matthew as the Gospel for the Day. Blessed are we. Blessed are we to hear the Word of God and to live it out in the Kingdom established by Jesus.

On Monday this year (the 2nd), we mark All Souls Day. It is not a Holy Day but it calls to mind several truths that we ought to bear in mind. The first acknowledgement is that we are all subject to death. No one is exempt. But just as we rejoice over births, we are sorry over deaths. We hold as Catholic Christians that death brings us into the presence of God, and the possibility that we may live in that presence forever or . . . not.

It's also an acknowledgement that personhood is not just bodiliness. It is ensouled bodiliness that characterizes who we are. We have been created this way by God and it is this truth which separates us from the rest of God's creation. Only human beings have souls. Within our souls, the Lord of history speaks to me personally and I speak to Him personally.

We help our deceased relatives and friends by having them remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Do just this before you leave church today if you haven't already done so.

Now to another matter, one that I can speak about after five months, and give you some idea of what will happen with our burned-out residence for the priests assigned to Saint Margaret.

I was informed in late July during a telephone conference call with diocesan officials that the building which went up in flames on May 28th is not owned by the parish. It is owned by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

It is not going to be re-built. According to the General Counsel, the property will be sold in "as is" condition for \$150,000.00. It will be the responsibility of the buyer to demolish the dwelling.

In a second email, the General Counsel wrote that the proceeds from the sale and the insurance will go to the Diocese. When I inquired about whether the parish would receive any compensation for paying the expenses for the building over the decades, and whether the parish would receive compensation for paying insurance on the building, I was informed in an email that the Vicar General would be in touch with me to remit money back to the parish. If I don't hear from Fr. Fasano, I will initiate a call to him.

The question then remains: Where will the priests live?

Back in early July, I proposed that the priests return to where they once lived (four of them, I am told) – in the pastoral center building. The proposal (intended to cut down on costs) was received favorably. So, that is where we will wind up, I suspect.

As you know, we are currently living at Saint Frances Cabrini in Coram. We will stay there until modifications in the pastoral center building can be completed and would make moving back there feasible.

Two weeks from now, I will have data in the bulletin (an insert) regarding the financial condition of the parish as I have done in previous years. On that same weekend, I will offer comments in the pulpit to accompany the statistical data.

In the meantime, let us close out Ordinary Time with an attentiveness to the last things which are found in the readings at daily Mass and weekend Mass.

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.



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. It closes at noon daily.



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Monday, November 2

Mass at 9:00AM

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.

Filipino Mass

The Filipino community of St. Margaret of Scotland Church welcomes all to attend their monthly liturgy, which takes place the second Sunday of each month. Their next mass will be

Sunday, November 8th. The rosary is recited at 2:00PM, followed by Mass at 2:30PM. All are invited. Hospitality will follow in the auditorium.



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.



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.

Parish Social Ministry

Thanksgiving Wish List Dinners will be distributed the week of November 16th

St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Please choose items off of our wish list and bring them into the Parish Center during office hours or place items in the box in the back of the church. (No perishables in church.) Please bring donations in by **Monday, November 16th**.

Thank you!



- ♦ Turkey (or Voucher) ♦ Stuffing ♦ Jars of Juice
- ♦ Instant Potatoes ♦ Packaged Gravy ♦ Cookies
- ♦ Canned Vegetables ♦ Canned Fruit ♦ \$10 ShopRite Card



Food Pantry Needs



The parish food pantry assists the food insecure in the community. Parishioners who would like to make donations, please 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:

- ♦ Instant Oatmeal ♦ Noodles
- ♦ Beef Stew ♦ Toothpaste
- ♦ Gravy Packets ♦ Bathroom Tissue

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.

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.

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.

Sing to the Lord!

If you are looking for a 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.





VETERANS DAY HOLY HOURS

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration, Worship Music, Powerful Witness

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<p style="text-align: center;">NASSAU LOCATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, November 11, 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Church of St. Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doors Open: 7:00pm Prayer Begins: 7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUFFOLK LOCATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, November 11, 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Church of Good Shepherd, Holbrook</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doors Open: 7:00pm Prayer Begins: 7:30pm</p>
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For more information visit drvc-faith.org

St. Gerard Majella Adult Enrichment Series

Deacon Frank Dell'Aglio
Presents

"The Holy Shroud; the World's First Selfie"

This two-night course will delve into the scientific evidence supporting the view that the Shroud of Turin is most probably the burial cloth of Jesus specifically mentioned in Chapter 20 of John's Gospel. We will also review its mysterious history and its connection with the Sudarium of Oviedo.

It is without question the most studied religious artifact in human history, with thousands of scientists from 102 scientific disciplines having participated in its examination and analysis. Come and learn why the Shroud is in all likelihood the world's first selfie!



2 Monday Evenings 7:15pm-9pm in St. Gerard's Parish Hall
(Classes will be video recorded)
November 16th and November 23rd

Spend some time deepening your knowledge of our Catholic Faith!

Registration Form - Complete and Return to the St. Gerard Parish Office

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Suggested \$10 Donation-Make Checks payable to St. Gerard Majella Church

Please mail or return form and donation to the church office in a sealed envelope marked Adult Enrichment Course.

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Faith Formation

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

- ◇ November 1 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- ◇ November 8 — Levels 5, 6, 7
- ◇ November 15 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4



Calling all Children! Christmas Pageant Saturday, December 12 ~ 1:00PM



The children of Saint Margaret's parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends, and all of our parishioners.

All children are welcome to participate. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available. Rehearsals will take place from 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



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.**

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Name: _____

Phone: _____



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



All Items Will Come Decorated

Amount Enclosed: \$_____