

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

November 15, 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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Feast of Saint Margaret of Scotland November 16



Time, Talent, & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service: God has given all of us different ways to give glory to Him and to bring others to Him. What are you doing with the gifts God gave you?

General Intercession: For all campus missionaries, that they be given wisdom and perseverance to help bring young adults to Christ. 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.

November 7/8

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	$6,993.00	141
Mailed Contributions	$5,455.00	81
Total Collection	**$12,448.00**	

Readings for Next Sunday
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Gospel	Mt 25:31-46



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, November 16
John Balles

Tuesday, November 17
John O'Sullivan

Wednesday, November 18
Robert Dola

Thursday, November 19
Carmella Carro

Friday, November 20
Mildred Balles

Saturday, November 21
8:30AM
Charles Kick
5:00PM
All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, November 22
8:00AM
Jacqueline Nunez
10:00AM
Catherine A. Amoakoh
12:00PM
Fred Peabody



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, 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.

As we make our way through the month of November, I want to call your attention to the liturgical observance of our parish feast day. On Monday the 16th, the Church remembers Saint Margaret of Scotland. As you may know, Saint Margaret lived in the 11th century. She was a royal, a wife and a mother of eight children. Even with all her responsibilities for the care of a large family, she dedicated herself to the service of the poor. Saint Margaret, pray for us.

As we get closer to the national holiday of Thanksgiving Day (the 26th), I want to encourage you to attend Mass that day. This Mass starts at 9:00 AM – as do the majority of our weekdays (except on Saturday which is at 8:30 AM). Our attendance at the Mass on Thanksgiving morning is not especially large. To help us pray better communally, we ask that worshippers sit in the front sections of the church (either left or right side). Please sit in front of the cut (where the Offertory Table is located).

We pray together better when we are closer to each other in the pews. Our voices are more in sync and the tempo of our responses accords better when we are nearer to one another. We have done this too when it comes to the Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday and Good Friday).

The ushers will be able to direct you to the parts of the church we are using for the Mass on Thanksgiving morning.

Almost right away after Thanksgiving Day, the Church begins a new liturgical year. The Season of Advent begins the weekend of November 28th/29th.

As we start a new liturgical year late in November, I call attention to the next Holy Hour we have in the church **at night**. And that would be on Monday. November 30th. The Holy Hour starts at 7:00 PM.

We have had this practice for a few years now – that of gathering around the Lord's Presence as Advent gets underway. All are invited to join in our prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We finish the Hour with Benediction.

Turning attention away from the start of Advent to the end of Advent, I can report that we will have *Lessons and Carols* again. It will be held on Sunday, December 20th (Fourth Sunday of Advent). It begins at 2:30 PM and usually goes about 60 -65 minutes.

There is a reception in the church basement following *Lessons and Carols*. All are invited to join in the festivities, including the drawing we have for Raffle prizes.

Leading up to *Lessons and Carols*, we have our Christmas Raffle – two of them, actually. Ticket sales start the last weekend of November (28th and 29th) in the vestibule of the church **before and after** Masses (all four of them). The sales will also take place on December 5th and 6th and December 12th and 13th.

I will meet with the ushers on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM in the pastoral center building. I ask the ushers to set aside the time (about 45 minutes to 1 hour) to discuss matters like the parish Christmas schedule and procedures we use to keep reverence and order in church.

This weekend, I will speak briefly at all Masses with the exception of the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday. I will make a presentation (a summary) of the parish's financial condition. I ask that you look at the insert in this weekend's bulletin too. It has the statistics which tell the story of our financial condition.

Lastly, I want to comment on the Church's liturgy for next weekend – November 21st and 22nd. Next weekend, the Church marks the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. In my younger years, the name wasn't so long. I remember it as the Solemnity of Christ the King. It's the 34th Sunday in what we call Ordinary Time.

We have been working our way up to this liturgical observance for weeks now. All the while, we have been listening to the Gospel which has included the miracles, the parables and other matters related to Jesus' ministry. Before transitioning to Advent, the Church offers us a Sunday which shows how Jesus is the very culmination of the sovereignty of God.

His dominion is universal. And not even death is a threat to Him. The Son's Resurrection is the lodestar which cannot be removed from creation. And we share in that graciousness by God's grand design.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Thanksgiving Day Mass



Take time out of your holiday to say thanks to God for all of the blessings He has bestowed upon you. Mass will be offered at 9:00AM on Thanksgiving. Please join us then.

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.

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.

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 of Adults (formerly Rite of Christian Iniation of Adults), or OCIA, is a program designed for individuals interested in becoming a Catholic Chritian. 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.

Rosary for Life

Join the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics in prayer every Friday at 3:00PM. Email lhonkanen@drvc.org if you would like the link sent to you each week.

Scan for Zoom link:

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

"We pledge to preserve in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life." — Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022

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.

Saint Margaret's is having TWO Christmas Raffles!

$2,000 Cash Prize

Cost is $50 a ticket

Only 200 tickets will be sold

Once application is submitted with payment, you will receive email confirmation that you have been entered into raffle.



Christmas Crèche Prize

Cost is $20 a chance

No cap to number of chances sold

Tickets will be sold in person only. You will receive ticket once payment is received.



Ticket sales for both will take place before and after Mass beginning weekend of November 29, as well as at the Parish Center during business hours. Drawings for both raffles will take place Sunday, December 20, at the Lessons and Carols reception.

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)
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Vegetables
- Stuffing
- Packaged Gravy
- Canned Fruit
- Jars of Juice
- Cookies
- $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:

- ◊ Beef Stew
- ◊ Small Cans Chicken
- ◊ Cookies
- ◊ Toothpaste
- ◊ Laundry Detergent
- ◊ Bathroom Tissue

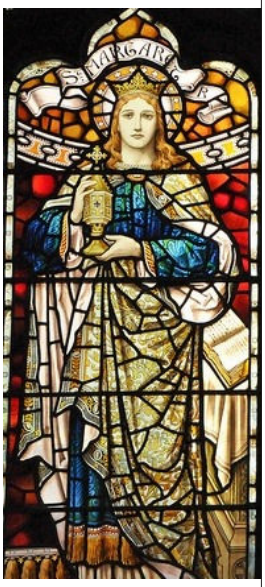
Sing to the Lord!



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 the 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.

Saint Margaret of Scotland

Information taken from Catholic.org



St. Margaret of Scotland, or Margaret of Wessex, was an English princess born in Hungary to Princess Agatha of Hungary and English Prince Edward the Exile around 1045. Her siblings, Cristina and Edgar the Atheling were also born in Hungary around this time.

Margaret and her family returned to England when she was 10-years-old and her father was called back as a potential successor to the throne. However, Edward died immediately after the family arrived, but Margaret and Edgar continued to reside at the English court.

Margaret's family fled from William the Conqueror after his victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Her widowed mother set out to take her children north to Northumbria.

Tradition says, Agatha decided to leave Northumbria and return to the continent, but her family's ship got caught in a storm. The storm drove their ship even more north to Scotland, where they were shipwrecked in 1068. The spot they landed on is now known as "Saint Margaret's Hope."

Malcolm Canmore III, the king of Scotland, welcomed Margaret and her family and put them under his protection. He soon fell deeply in love with the beautiful and kind princess. Margaret and Malcolm became married in 1070 at the castle of Dunfermline.

Together, they had eight children, six sons and two daughters. All of whom were raised with deep Catholic Christian faith. They lived as a holy family, a domestic church.

Margaret's kind-nature and good heart was a strong influence on Malcolm's reign. She softened his temper and helped him become a virtuous King of Scotland. Together they prayed, fed the hungry, and offered a powerful example of living faith in action. Margaret was placed in charge of all domestic affairs and was often consulted with state matters, as well.

She promoted the arts and education in Scotland. She encouraged Church synods and was involved in efforts to correct the religious abuses involving Bishops, priests and laypeople.

Her impact in Scotland led her to being referred to as, "The Pearl of Scotland."

She constantly worked to aid the poor Scotland. She encouraged people to live a devout life, grow in prayer, and grow in holiness. She helped to build churches, including the Abbey of Dunfermline, where a relic of the true Cross is kept. She was well-known for her deep life of prayer and piety. She set aside specific times for prayer and to read Scripture. She didn't eat often and slept very little so she would have more time for her devotions. She lived holiness of life as a wife, mother and lay woman; truly in love with Jesus Christ.

Malcolm supported Margaret in all her endeavors and admired her religious devotion so much he had her books decorated in jewels, gold and silver. One of these decorated books, a gospel book with portraits of the four evangelists, is kept in Oxford at the Bodleian Library after it was miraculously recovered from a river.

In 1093, Malcolm and their oldest son were killed during the Battle of Alnwick. Already ill and worn from a life full of austerity and fasting, Margaret passed away four days after her husband, on November 16, 1093.

Her body was buried before the high alter at Dunfermline.

In 1250, Pope Innocent IV canonized Margaret as a Saint, acknowledging her life of holiness and extraordinary virtue. She was honored for her work for reform of the Church and her personal holiness.

In 1259, Margaret's and Malcolm's bodies were transferred to a chapel in the eastern apse of Dunfermline Abbey. In 1560, Mary Queen of Scots came into possession of Margaret's head. It was kept as a relic. She insisted that it, and Margaret's prayers from heaven, helped assist her in childbirth. Her head later ended up with the Jesuits at the Scots' College, Douai, France, but was lost during the French Revolution.

St. Margaret is the patron saint of Scotland and her feast day is celebrated on November 16.

Faith Formation

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

◊ November 15 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
◊ November 22 — Levels 5, 6, 7
◊ November 29 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4



Hospitality Sunday

Our next hospitality Sunday will be next Sunday, November 22nd, at 11:00AM. Sponsored by the *Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus. All are invited. Stop by for fellowship and a bagel.



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



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. 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.

VIRTUS®

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:

- Create a Virtus account on VirtusOnline.org
- Attend a "Protecting God's Children" class
- Sign the Code of Conduct on website
- Complete a background check on website

To satisfy volunteers' continuing education, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that a thirty-minute self-guided video is completed every five years to continue compliance requirements.

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. Email childprotection@drvc.org with any questions.

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