

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

November 8, 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 Formation: The Gospel reading today reminds us to stay vigilant and close to God. We never know when the Lord will call us home.

General Intercession: For all the veterans in our parish. 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 31/November 1

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	$9,676.00	228
Mailed Contributions	$2,634.00	47
Total Collection	**$12,310.00**	

Readings for Next Sunday
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading…Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Second Reading……..1 Thes 5:1-6
Gospel…… Mt 25:14-30

For the week of November 8



Altar Bread & Wine In Memory of

Margaret & Meekue Jung

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 9
All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 10
All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 11
Michael Harrington

Thursday, November 12
Robert Dola

Friday, November 13
Rosa Amelia Erazo Quiroz

Saturday, November 14
8:30AM
Eileen Leacock
5:00PM
Alfred & Edilia DiVenuto

Sunday, November 15
8:00AM
Frank Sullivan
10:00AM
Anthony Brisciana
12:00PM
All St. Margaret's Parishioners



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.

We continue to make our way through the month of November as the Church marks the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time today. This means that there isn't a lot of time remaining before we come to the end – the end of the liturgical year, that is. The last week of Ordinary Time begins on November 22nd. And following that Sunday, we will start all over again with Advent.

As I have commented before, the last part of Ordinary Time challenges us to ready ourselves for the end of our lives. We do that of course by praying with the Scriptures, including the Gospels which contain material about the later stages of Jesus' ministry. And that would be incidents before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for His Passion.

Often, the texts contain parables and we hear one of them in the Gospel today. The parable this weekend concerns the virgins who are awaiting the return of the bridegroom. The time of his arrival is unknown. But the virgins have to be ready to greet the bridegroom, and for that they must have adequate oil for their lamps.

Five of the virgins do indeed have sufficient oil, but five do not. Well, what about the virgins with the oil giving some to those virgins who didn't have any?

The parable though is not about generosity. It's about meeting the Bridegroom at the end of our lives. Are we going to be ready for that?

I remind all of our parishioners that there is the opportunity to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament on Saturday and Sunday every week. Both times (4:00 – 4:45 PM on Saturday and 11:15 – 11:45 AM on Sunday) provide us with the time to seek the Lord's counsel in silence. Come early (before the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday) or stay late (after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday). The Lord whispers to us in our hearts. Practice the necessary discernment to hear those whispers and respond to them.

A heads-up for those who have joined us for Lessons and Carols the last few years before Christmas. It is being held this year on Sunday, December 20th at 2:30 PM in the church. Continue to watch the weekly bulletin for more news about Lessons and Carols.

With the Season of Advent not too far off at this point, I mention that on Monday, November 30th, there is a Holy Hour starting at 7:00 PM in the church. All are invited to join us in praying before the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00 PM that night. Again, it's the first weeknight of the Advent Season.

Later this month, we celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving (the 26th). Mass that day is at the usual weekday time of 9:00 AM. Since it is a national holiday, I call on you to set some time aside and join us at Mass.

I ask additionally that all who attend the Thanksgiving morning Mass sit in the pews in the first half of the church (either left or right side).

In a few days, we mark Veteran's Day (November 11th). It used to be called Armistice Day. We call to mind that service men and women have sacrificed their lives on foreign battlefields in our nation's wars. It's a reminder that fellow Americans laid down their lives so that we might live freely and prosperously. Remember those brave service men and women in your prayers.

We are looking for adults who wish to become Catholic. They are eligible for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). They can contact us by phone during regular business hours if they are interested. We will see if we have a few adults (18 years of age and older) who want to join the Catholic Church.

I remind all families who have children enrolled in Faith Formation that attending Mass on Sundays is required. We ask all of the Faith Formation families to attend Twenty Minutes in the church basement according to the schedule. And, following that, they are to attend the 10:00 AM Mass in the church every Sunday.

Following Thanksgiving Day, and beginning on that last weekend in November, we will begin to sell tickets for our Christmas Raffle. I ask you to support this parish fundraiser as generously as you can. The winning tickets will be drawn on the Sunday before Christmas at the reception after Lessons and Carols.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

The Parish Center will be closed Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. It will reopen on Thursday, November 12th, at 9:00AM.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Next weekend, our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at usccb.org/cchd.

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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM
Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

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.

Baptisms

Luciana Marie Lunde
Jacob Anthony Statuto



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.

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)
- 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
- ◊ Paper Towels
- ◊ Tissues
- ◊ 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.

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 x119 for more info.



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.

Hospitality Sunday

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



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



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

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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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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

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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www.stgmajella.org



Open House

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 AT 1PM

MOLLOY UNIVERSITY

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www.molloy.edu/openhouse26

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Featuring Ronn David McPhatter









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

Faith Formation

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

- November 8 — Levels 5, 6, 7
- November 15 — Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- November 22 — Levels 5, 6, 7



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

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. 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.



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: $_____