

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon - Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

Confessions

Currently, By appointment Only

**God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we defend liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs
to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to -find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Independence Day ~ 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

Phone: (631) 732-3131

the Parish Office
will be open limited hours this week

Mon, Tue & Wed 9am to 1pm

Any meeting will be by appointment Only.

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A word cloud with the word 'GIVING' as the largest and most central element. Other prominent words include 'FAITH', 'BLESSING', 'GROWING', 'OFFERING', 'SHARING', and 'GIFT'. Smaller words like 'GROWING', 'OFFERING', 'SHARING', and 'GIFT' are also visible, creating a dense cluster of related concepts.

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Hospitality

Today's First Reading speaks of doing good for all of those in need. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." Where can you, this week, provide service to those in need?

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.

	#	2020	2019	#
Collected at Mass	71	3,141	\$ 8,584 ²⁵	268
Mailed Envelopes	76	4,303	897	22
Electronic Donations	38	2,442	2,227	39
Total Collection	185	\$9,886	\$11,708 ²⁵	329

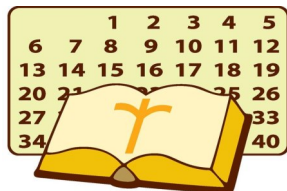
Mass Attendance	5^{pm}	8^{am}	10^{am}	12^{pm}	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	39	48	60	56	203
<i>Last Year</i>	169	172	184	220	745

Readings for Next Sunday

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 55: 10-11
Second Reading Romans 8: 18-23
Gospel.....Matthew 13: 1-23

Texts available @ www.usccb.org



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: Prospective parents should telephone the Parish Center about three months before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your child's baptism and enroll you in the required baptismal class. Baptism classes are held monthly on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month. The baptism date will be set at the time of the class. The child's birth certificate as well as the godparent's "sponsor certificate" (godparents must be Confirmed practicing Catholics) must be presented before a date is finalized.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center: Monday through Thursday:
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Closed on Fridays.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center: Tuesday and Thursday
10 am -1 pm. and 2 - 4 pm.; Call for appointment.

Masses for the Week

*As We Resume Public Masses
All attending: please
**observe social distancing &
use only the designated seats.***

Monday - July 6th

Christine Vincent

Tuesday - July 7th

Michael Palmero

Wednesday - July 8th

Katherine Aridas

Thursday, - July 9th

No Mass

Friday - July 10th

No Intention

Saturday - July 11th

5 μm

Maryann Rocco

Alexander Rocco

Sunday – July 12th

8am

Cathy & Dan Story

Luigi & Natalie Assalone

10^{am}

For All St Margaret's Parishioners

12^{pm}

Ida Dumont

John Riddle

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as



Alyssa Baisch
Gregory Bartnicki
Estelle Beauchamp
Lucy & Sarah Behre
Virginia Butler
Joe Callari
Amare Collins
Laura Durant
Frank Guttilla
Joseph Kiely
Eppie Larke
Anne Logan
Dominic Percoco
Laura Positano
Louis Roucoulet
June Tamillow
Robert Valletta
Warne Family

Jillian Brown
Patty Callahan
Eric Cohen
De Santis Family
Michael Foss
Rob Hoder
Sharon Klyn
Michael C. Liotta
Christine Mc Cusker
Terri Persina
Cathy Reynolds
Natasha Roucoulet
Paul Tomko
Lorraine Vogel
Patricia Wowk

Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
Christina & Baby Muller
Marilyn & Steven Vacchio

Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 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.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As we continue to face the challenges of our “new normal,” I invite you to strengthen your faith journey with examples of people from the 20th century who faced challenges of their own. Their lives give us a chance to appreciate the different ways that faith can be lived and shared.

Fr. Jim Wood, Pastor

Antona Ebo

Franciscan Sister of Mary (1924–2017)



On March 7, 1965, a date that became known as Bloody Sunday, state troopers wielding nightsticks charged into a procession of civil rights demonstrators on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. The images of violence that day shocked the nation and inspired clergy and religious from around the country to respond to a call from Martin Luther King Jr. Among those who heeded the call was Sr. Antona Ebo from St. Louis, one of a few black sisters who marched in Selma. Highly visible in the front of the march, she attracted enormous attention. As she said, “I’m here because I’m a Negro, a nun, a Catholic, and because I want to bear witness.” It was not the first time Sr. Antona had confronted racial prejudice—nor would it be the last time she bore witness.

Born in Bloomington, Illinois, Ebo lost her mother at the age of four. She and her siblings were placed in the city’s “Home for Colored Children.” As a teenager she became a Catholic and later trained as a nurse. In 1946 she became one of the first three African-American women accepted in the Sisters of St. Mary (later the Franciscan Sisters of Mary). Yet every step along the way, even in religious life, she encountered obstacles and prejudice. Nevertheless, she was a trailblazer. In 1967 she became the first African-American woman to administer a hospital in the United States. She would become one of the founding members of the National Black Sisters’ Conference. And she would continue to take to the streets, most recently in the 2014 protests in Ferguson, Missouri, following the shoot-ing of Michael Brown. She died on November 11, 2017.

“We are all made in the image and likeness of God, so there’s more work to be done by every one of us.” —Sr. Antona Ebo

Please Note Mass Schedule Changes



There is no Mass on Saturday mornings at 8AM for the rest of 2020 as we are videoing the Sunday Mass that morning.

There will be no Mass on Thursday morning ~ 9AM until after Labor Day.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Beginning Saturday, July 11th, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Due to the need for privacy without using an enclosed room, parishes have had to be creative in finding a suitable space for hearing confessions. We will be using the Parish Center foyer. The red front door will be propped open and a screen will be inside, between the priest and the penitent. There will be no chair or kneeler since we could not disinfect them. You simply come in, stay standing, confess and receive your penance and depart.



***If you see someone in the foyer, do not come up the walkway!
Remain on the sidewalk (or in your car) to keep a safe distance.***

Peter’s Pence Collection

The Peter’s Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. The collection has been rescheduled from June 27/28 to **July 25/26**. (You can still use your June 28th envelope). Please be as generous as you are able.



**St. Anthony's High School
Franciscan Brothers**

**Online Virtual Info
Sessions**

Prospective Families are invited to join
the Brothers and the Admissions Staff
for a Webinar

Every Thursday at 3:00 PM

Prayer Virtual Tour Q & A—Register by e-mail at

ADMISSIONS@STANTHONYSHS.ORG

Sacraments are Celebrations!

Baptisms



Cameron John De Vere, Louise Geraldine Eichman,
Aalya Royce Guagliano

SUNDAY MASS WILL CONTINUE ON ST MARGARET'S WEBSITE

We resume celebrating weekend masses in St Margaret's church as was usual, at 5^{pm} Saturday and 8^{am}, 10^{am} and noon each Sunday. As we continue to deal with covid 19, Bishop Barres is continuing his dispensation from the obligation to attend mass on Sunday.

The Sunday Mass from St Margaret of Scotland Church will be streamed on our website each weekend. Click the Announcement and Online Masses section on the opening page. It will take you to a link for the masses celebrated each day from St Agnes Cathedral as well as the Liturgies from St Margaret's.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Faith Formation

Where are We on 1st Eucharist Planning?

While we have been given permission to again celebrate masses in the church building, there are a number of restriction having to do with "social distancing" with which we must comply. These greatly affect any possible First Communion Masses we might have. The capacity of the church building is now 70 seats as compared with the January capacity of over 600. There are only 8 rows usable on each side of the main aisle, from the front to the back. The photo at the right was taken during a recent meeting with our ushers. Note how far apart each usher must sit.

We continue to look at possible answers to the questions we have. We fully appreciate what a special celebration you and your child are hoping for. We await further governmental and Church clarifications for the joyful and special celebrations we all want for our parish and your children.



Guidelines for Attending Our Parish Masses

As we resume celebrating Saturday and Sunday, please keep these essential points in mind.

- The obligation to come to mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is on hold in our diocese due to the pandemic.
- Those at **higher risk from COVID-19** (i.e. those **over 65** years of age, those with sleep apnea, anyone with diabetes or heart disease, those who are overweight, and/or with any additional underlying health conditions), **Should stay home**, for their safety.
- And, of course, anyone who is **not feeling well** or anyone **with a fever or a cough** of any sort **should not come to the church** to attend Mass, for a visit or for any other ceremonies or purposes out of consideration of their fellow parishioners..

Limiting the Size of the Congregation & Safety Precautions

- **All those in the church are required to wear a mask** except those exempted by New York State directives
- **Congregations for all our liturgies must be limited** to 70. This may necessitate our turning parishioners away when we reached the mandated attendance number. *We have ordered and await an fm transmitter to allow those who cannot be seated to listen to the Mass in their cars.* Families and those who traveled to the church together sit together. All others must sit separately in the seats designated by the blue markings. To expedite seating, Ushers will oversee all seating. All are asked to sit where directed (it may well not be *your regular seat*).
- All entrances and exits are through the Front Doors.
The north and south steps are for emergency exit only.
- **Physical distancing should be maintained** everywhere on the church property (at the entrance, in the parking lot, etc.).
- In areas where the parishioners stand in line (for example, entering or exiting the church, or to receive Holy Communion), tape has been placed on the floor to help proper spacing between persons.
- Rest Room are for emergency use only.
- All missalettes and hymnals have been removed from the pews. Readings and any hymn verses needed will be shown on the screen in the sanctuary. Bulletins will be available to be picked up only **after** mass.
- **Holy Water fonts** are to remain empty. The Holy Water dispenser (tank) is available (near the lobby elevator) for people to take Holy Water home with them.
- **Collection baskets will be in the lobby** so that faithful can simply drop their collection into the basket on their way into church. Collection baskets will not be passed around.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

In order to reflect both the Church's great reverence for the Eucharist, while also providing appropriate precautions against infection, Bishop Barres has decided that **Holy Communion in the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be distributed after Mass has ended.**

- **The Precious Blood will not** be available to the faithful.
- The priest (and, if present, the deacon) will consume the Eucharist in the normal way.
- After the concluding blessing, the priest (and any other ministers distributing Holy Communion) will use hand sanitizer and mask or cloth face covering.
- The priest will invite the people to kneel and, holding up a single host, he says: "*Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*" He then leads the people in saying: "*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.*"

Guidelines continued

- The priest and other ministers (if present) proceed to the places prepared for distribution of Communion. A small table and kneeler will be placed at each communion station in the front of the church.
- All are asked to remain in their seats until directed by the ushers. Those who are receiving will be directed to a Communion Station. While those not receiving may exit, when directed. Those receiving should not remove their face covering until immediately before approaching the minister to receive Holy Communion, allowing their hands to be free. Holy Communion may not be distributed with gloves, nor **may it be received in the hand if a member of the faithful is wearing gloves**. At the Communion Station, they should extend their hands (non-writing hand on top of dominant hand). The minister will say, "The Body of Christ" and place the host on the extended hand. Use the dominant hand to place the Eucharist in your mouth and immediately replace your mask. You are welcome to return to your seat for a short prayer.
- Anyone requiring reception on the tongue will need to stand behind the kneeler at the station until the minister has completed distributing the Eucharist. Ministers must sanitize their hands for each distribution of the Eucharist on the tongue.

At the conclusion of the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest and any other ministers return the hosts to the tabernacle.

The priest/deacon will give the final dismissal, "Our Mass is ended..."

Offertory Support through **ONLINE BILL PAY**

is the form of Electronic Giving we have been using in the parish. Your bank offers this service, sending money out of your bank account to whomever you wish. ONLINE BILL PAY services will print an actual check and mail it to St. Margaret of Scotland. Sending your regular Offertory support electronically will save you time and money.

It is an easy way to continue your support of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish during this difficult time. Your Bank **does not charge** a fee for this service. You have complete control of your funds, starting, stopping and changing at your will. We have no access to your accounts, receiving only what you wish. If you pay your bills this way currently, you know how easy it is.

To set up sending your Offertory Support all you need is:

Your St. Margaret Account Number: (**Located on your stewardship envelope directly under the date**)

(or call the Parish Center 631-732-3131 x0 for your number). Please make sure this number is listed under notations or in address.

St. Margaret's Mailing Address:

St. Margaret of Scotland Church
81 College Road
Selden, NY 11784

1. Visit your bank's website or call your bank for more information.
2. On your bank's website: Click on BILL PAY or Pay Bills: each bank may have a different name for bill pay service.
3. Click on "Set up NEW PAYEE": Complete all required fields.
4. Enter amount you will be remitting. Schedule payments for desired frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly: 52x, 26x, 12x).

Envelopes Do Help

A special thank you to the parishioners who have been using envelopes. Please remember that the parish is not able to record your donation for tax purposes unless it is in an envelope. Use of envelopes helps us when asked to sign forms attesting to eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor, determine Faith Formation parish support, as well as Catholic school subsidy for individual families. **Please do not use staples or scotch tape. Thank you!**

Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry

We will only be available to accept donations at the Parish Center Back Door on **Thursday** from **9am until 11am**.

Choose any items from past lists.
Please place items on the table.

A very special THANK YOU to ~

- ♦ Everyone who showed up on Thursday with smiles & donations
- ♦ Selden Fire Department
- ♦ Ancient Order of Hibernians

Every food drive and donation helped Outreach give to all who need!

Thrift Shop

Closed during Pandemic

Please DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING

for Thrift Shop

*All our Volunteers are at home
as directed by Governor.*

*We are unable to process any donations.
Thank you!*

Virtual Bereavement Support Group for COVID-19 Related Loss

July 29 thru September 2 / 5:00PM-6:30PM

Wednesday Evenings

Registration Required - Please email/call Intake
Coordinator: Keara Lincoln, LMSW

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Campaign Catch Up

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Solve this Plumbing Puzzle



We are learning that plumbing is more ART than science.

