

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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## ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

Weekday: (Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

**Confessions:** Saturday—1-2 PM in the  
Parish Center or by appointment.



## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 23, 2020

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**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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Who is Jesus to you? Is He just a role model and wise man? Or is He the Christ, the Son of the living God? Think about your relationship with Him as you enter this upcoming week.

*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.*

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

### Dag Hammarskjöld

Secretary General of the United Nations (1905–1961)



On September 18, 1961, a plane crash in central Africa took the life of Dag Hammarskjöld, secretary general of the United Nations, who was engaged in a peacekeeping mission in the Congo. He was universally mourned as a man who combined the roles of public servant and global leader.

It was only after his death that the world learned of the private faith that had guided his public role. The publication of his spiritual journal, *Markings*, disclosed what he called the story “of my negotiations with myself and with God.” It revealed his lifelong struggle with God, Christ, and such issues as the relation between faith and duty, self-doubt and pride, the meaning of existence, and the deep isolation that was the price of his vocation. In short,

lapidary phrases he wrestled with the concrete issues posed by his path in life: “Do not seek death. Death will find you. But seek the road which makes death a fulfillment.”

Hammarskjöld came from a wealthy Swedish family. Yet he was drawn to public service. He was an example of that rare person for whom public service is not simply a career or a means to power but a religious vocation, a way of being faithful to God. The consummate diplomat, few of his friends had any notion of his religious preoccupations. In his death the world lost a great servant of peace. But clearly he had found a road that makes death a fulfillment.

*“The best and most wonderful thing that can happen to you in this life is that you should be silent and let God work and speak.” — Dag Hammarskjöld*

## OUR PARISH IS SEEKING TWO POSITIONS

Please spread the word or let anyone you know that may be interested to contact the Parish Center.



**Part-time Faith Formation Assistant ~ Hours flexible.** Involves office work (including computer tasks) and event support (i.e., parishioner meetings, sacraments) for the Coordinator of Faith Formation. To apply, please contact Jackie Mirenda, Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ 631-732-3131 x131 or [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com).

**Part-time Maintenance Worker ~ Hours flexible.** Provides setting up spaces for parish activities and maintenance for the parish buildings, including minor repair work. Also, grounds work as needed to supplement the contracted service companies. Email, fax or mail resumes to Fr. James Wood, Pastor

## RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION ~ Saturday ~ 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, 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.*



## YouTubeTV

St Margaret's Sunday mass is available on YouTube as well as our parish website. There is a St Margaret of Scotland channel on YouTube. If you have a “smart” television, and go to the YouTube app, search for St Margaret of Scotland and there under our parish logo, you will find the video for the weekend's mass.

## Sacraments are Celebrations!

### Wedding Banns

**Banns III:** Maryrose Favia, St Jude's,  
Mastic Beach & Frank De Stefano,  
St. Margaret of Scotland



## Church Side Steps

### Renovation needs to be Repaired ? ! ?

Basically, YES. The side steps were done last Fall. Due to less daylight hours and some construction personnel problems, actions were taken that we were not comfortable with from the beginning. Water pooled on some of the steps and the concrete work was not up to par. The company tried to do some spot repairs, but none of them were able to deal with the most important problems.

Thus, working with the Diocese, we were able to get the company to agree to remove the current landings and steps (not the railings or the heating coils, which are fine) and rebuild them from scratch.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS REBUILDING  
IS COSTING US NOTHING.**

The work began on Monday, August 17, and should be finished in about two weeks.



## SUNDAY MASS WILL CONTINUE ON ST MARGARET'S WEBSITE

We resume celebrating weekend masses in St Margaret's church as was usual, at 5pm Saturday and 8am, 10am 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. [WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM](http://WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



#### Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://www.menyli.org/>.



## 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.

**2020 Census Info** The 2020 Census is still ongoing. You can complete your questionnaire online at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) or by phone. Customer service representatives are available every day from 7am-2am ~ English: 844-330-2020, Spanish: 844-468-2020. Census takers will begin interviewing households that have yet to respond to the 2020 Census.

Check to make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photo, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, & an expiration date. Census takers will follow local public health guidelines.

### 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.



## Faith Formation

### Fall Faith Formation Registration

Registration forms have been mailed. Please return forms by

**SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**. (see cover for office hours)

Any questions please contact Jackie Mirenda at  
[jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com) or 631-732-3131 x131



**CATHOLIC FAITH**  
— NETWORK —



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) - is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture. Our mission is to proclaim the teachings of our Lord to the Catholic Community and beyond using media in all forms. (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream.

# MISSION APPEAL – 2020

Every year during the Summer, representatives from different Missionary Societies speak to us about their work. This year's presenter was to be Sister Regina Mgbakor. However, the Covid-19 pandemic prevented her from being with us. She sent us this summary of what her Order does.

## MARANATHA CARING MISSION

In St. Matthew's Gospel (25:40), our Lord Jesus tells us that "whatever you do to the least of my brethren that you do unto me." Maranatha Caring Mission was established in response to that challenge. We provide free medical clinics in developing countries, as well as food for the hungry, clothes for the poor, clean water to the thirsty, and other works as the Spirit directs.

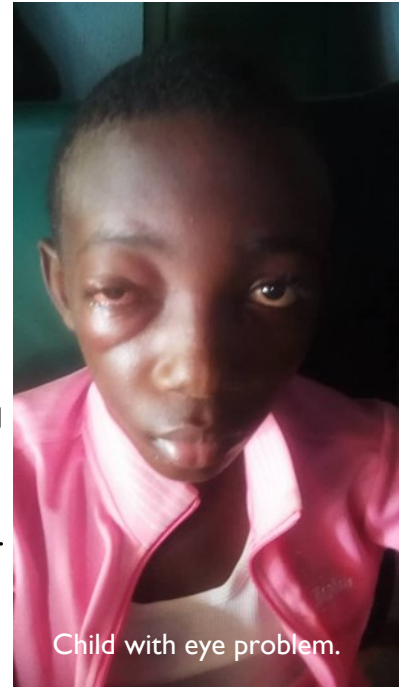
Our clinic in Umueje, Anambra State, Nigeria, was established on November 12, 2016. The people in this area are predominately peasant farmers who live in impoverished and unhealthy conditions.

Eye disease is very prevalent in Umueje and its surrounding towns. Because they are mostly situated on a river, RIVER BLINDNESS is prevalent due to parasites in the water. This can be controlled (but not cured) by drugs. We have provided free medical care to **19,154** patients for this and many other diseases.

But equally urgent are the problems that need surgery. **CATARACTS** are widespread. Our Mission has been able to provide **244** free **CATARACT** and **PTERYGIUM** (a growth on the cornea of the eye) surgeries. Recently, we have been able to add new services including **APPENDECTOMY**, **HERNIORRHAPHY**, and **HYDROCELECTOMY**. Since March 2020, we have performed **40** of the newly added services (surgeries) for the greater glory of God through the assistance of donors.

Currently, there are about **180** people on the waiting list for cataract surgeries and **30** waiting for Herniorrhaphy and Hydrocelectomy. It costs equivalent of **\$100** to perform one cataract surgery and **\$20** to provide one month of eye care after the cataract surgery. One Appendectomy or Herniorrhaphy cost **\$50**.

Your support is vital for us to continue to provide free medical care to those who desperately need cataract and other surgeries. Through your donations, these patients who do not have the resources to afford operations can have the chance to regain their eyesight! We are very grateful for your contributions. You and your various families are remembered in our prayers especially during this COVID-19 Pandemic in our time.



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*There will be special baskets in the Lobby  
on August 29 & 30.*

*However, if you wish to offer a donation before that,  
simply put it in an envelope marked Missions  
and drop it in the regular basket.*

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

- **The Precious Blood will not** be available to the faithful.
- There will be two stations for receiving Communion – at the front of the side aisles. A small table and kneeler will be at each communion station in the front of the church. Priest and EM will sanitize their hands at these tables BEFORE distributing Communion.
- All are asked to remain in their seats until directed by the ushers. The people in the rear pews will go up first. They 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.
- 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 after each distribution of the Eucharist on the tongue.

## 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.**

#### **Food Items**

Hearty Soups, Peas, Beef Stew & Toothpaste

#### **Back to School Supplies**

May be dropped at Parish Center during hours.

Men & Ladies socks (teens), backpacks, binders, marble notebooks, loose leaf paper, folders, crayons (24 ct), washable colored markers, pens, colored pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, & rulers. Target & Walmart Gift Cards

*A very special THANK YOU to all!*

### Thrift Shop Closed during Pandemic

**Please DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING**

*All our Volunteers are at home as directed by Governor. We are unable to process any donations. ~ Thank you!*



For the first time ever **Sight & Sound** is bringing a live televised show to the world! For **one** weekend only, Esther's timely story will come to life like never before in this special worldwide pay-per-view event. Join us for the live broadcast Friday, September 4, 2020, at 7 PM ET. Exclusively right here on Sight & Sound TV!

Go to <https://www.sight-sound.tv> for info and to register.

### Senior Citizen Apartments Available

**St. Anne's Gardens, 80100 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Brentwood NY**

Low-income Rental Apartments for seniors,  
60 Years of Age or Older

Call Stanan Management at: 516-486-1000

## Campaign Catch Up

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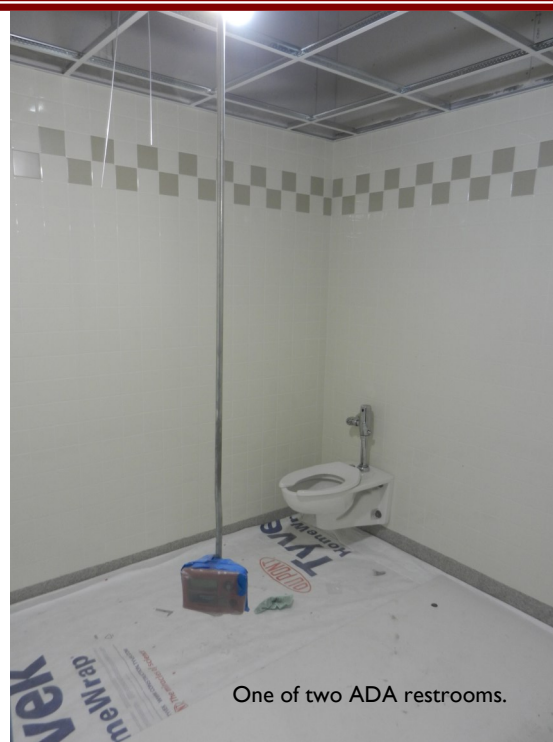
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### The Sky is Not Falling



With the ceiling grids in, the rooms are taking shape. Thursday the dividers were to be installed.



One of two ADA restrooms.