

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.



Romans 12: 1-2

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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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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

Venerable Angela Maria Autsch

Nun (1900–1944)

Maria Cecilia Autsch was born to a modest working-class family in Germany. She helped support her family by working in a clothing shop. When she was thirty-three she joined the Trinitarian Sisters in Mötz, Austria, where she was given the religious name Angela Maria of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She took her final vows in 1938, the same year as the German annexation of Austria.

On August 10, 1940, while performing an errand in town, she ran into some women she knew, and in conversation she happened to say that Hitler was “a calamity for Europe.” One of the women reported her to the Gestapo, and soon after she was arrested and charged with “insulting the leader” and “sedition of the population.” After several weeks in jail she was transported to Ravensbruck concentration camp, and ultimately to Auschwitz.

In the camp she was beaten and subjected to all types of hardship. Yet she never lost her good cheer. Sharing her meager rations, she comforted and encouraged other inmates, who called her “the Angel of Auschwitz,” while never suspecting that she was a nun. One of them described her as “a ray of sunshine in deepest Hell.” On December 23, 1944, she was killed during an Allied air raid. Her cause for canonization was introduced, and she was declared venerable in 2018.



“Don’t let yourself be overcome. Think about a better day and hold on to what is better!”

—Venerable Angela Maria Autsch

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.

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!

Baptisms

McKanlyn Nancy Brancaccio
David Joseph Knepple Jr.



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 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. WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM

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.

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



Faith Formation

Register today!!

Registration forms have been mailed. Please return forms by
SEPTEMBER 1st. (see cover for office hours)

Catechist & Volunteers are needed one day a month starting October 5th.

Please contact Jackie Mirinda at
[jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirinda@saintmargaret.com) or 631-732-3131 x131

This past Friday evening, we celebrated the Confirmations of 17 young parishioners. We congratulate them on taking this great step into our community. We look forward to their sharing their many gifts with the community of St. Margaret, Selden, Centereach, Coram, Farmingville, Long Island, New York, The United States, and the world.

Please pray for



Alyssa M.
Gina N.
Thadd P.
Sara P.
Katelyn S.

John A.
Sabrina B.
Jaden B.
Emily C.
Christopher D.
Aliyah E.

Sonny F.
Theresa F.
Nicholas G.
Juliana G.
Cassandra H.
Marcus L.

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.

Special Collection this weekend:

August 29 & 30.

Donations welcomed on future weekends.

*Put it in an envelope marked Missions,
& place 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!**

Good Shepherd Hospice - Virtual Bereavement Support Groups

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge. Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

Virtual Spousal/Partner Loss Bereavement Support Group

September 15 thru November 3 / 5:00PM-6:30PM. Registration Required: Roger Sullivan, LCSW @ (631) 465-6332 / roger.sullivan@chsli.org

Virtual Bereavement Support Group for COVID Related Loss

September 15 thru November 3 / 6:45PM-8:00PM. Registration Required: Roger Sullivan, LCSW @ (631) 465-6332 / roger.sullivan@chsli.org



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

Canned Vegetables, Hearty Soups, Jars of Juice

Back to School Supplies

May be dropped at Parish Center during office 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 2nd 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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Beginning Finishing Touches



Plastic Wall Down, Ceiling Tiles back in and you can see into the updated restrooms.



New Breaker Panel.