

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon, through Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

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



So the LAST
will be
FIRST
and the FIRST
LAST.

Matthew 20:1-16

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

Phone: (631) 732-3131

the Parish Office
will be open limited hours during the week

Mon, Tue & Wed 9am to 1pm

Any meeting will be by appointment Only.

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In today's readings, we are called to love and forgive our brothers and sisters. Perhaps this week you could reach out to a lonely family member or friend and just chat with them. If you are holding a grudge against someone, let this be the week you let it go.

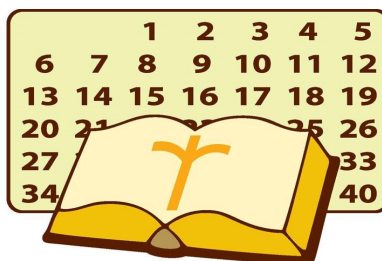
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

	#	2019	2020	#
Collected at Mass	277	7,901	4,694 ¹⁵	149
Mailed Envelopes	15	605	3,170	60
Electronic Donations	42	4,235	4,772	54
Total Collection	365	12,741	12,636 ¹⁵	263

Mass Attendance	5^{pm}	8^{am}	10^{am}	12^{pm}	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	107	74	115	100	396
<i>Last Year</i>	238	163	204	205	810

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Ez 18: 25-28
Second Reading	Phil 2: 1-11
Gospel	Matthew 21: 28-32



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.

Please note the change of office hours due to COVID 19 Pandemic.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center: Monday - Wednesday:
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment—x131.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center: Thursday 10 am –2 pm.
Or call for appointment— x119.

As We Resume Public Masses
All attending: please
observe social distancing

Monday - September 21st
Special Intentions Jessica Beljour

Tuesday - September 22nd
Joseph Vollmer

Wednesday - September 23rd
Maureen Rizzo

Thursday, - September 24th
No Intention

Friday - September 25th
No Intention

Saturday - September 26th
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5^{pm}

Ann Holland
Willian J. Deegan

Sunday – September 27th
8^{am}

Helen Volpe
Special Intentions for Pres. Donald Trump
10^{am}
Michael Leake
Jeanine Stewart
12^{pm}

For All St. Margaret Parishioners

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



Deirdre Mahon Vartiainen

Gregory Bartnicki
Estelle Beauchamp
Lucy & Sarah Behie
Virginia Butler

Eric Cohen
Amare Collins
Laura Durant
Frank Guttilla
Joseph Kiely
Eppie Larke
Anne Logan
Dominic Percoco

Laura Positano
Louis Roucoulet
June Tamillow
Lorraine Vogel
Patricia Wowk

Veronica Sheridan-Cox
Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
Christina & Baby Muller
Marilyn & Steven Vacchio

Alyssa Baisch
Jillian Brown
Patty Callahan
Kathleen Weiss
De Santis Family
Michael Foss
Rob Hoder
Sharon Klyn
Michael C. Liotta
Christine Mc Cusker
Terri Persina
Cathy Reynolds
Natasha Roucoulet
Robert Valletta
Warne Family

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 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

Beyers Naudé

Christian Witness in the South African Freedom Struggle (1915–2004)

Beyers Naudé was born into a proud Afrikaner family in South Africa. (Afrikaners are descendants of Dutch settlers from the 17th and 18th centuries. They speak Afrikaans, an offshoot of Dutch.) His father was a founder of the Broederbond, a secret society that worked with the South African Nationalist Party to erect the system of apartheid—strongly motivated by the belief that God had chosen South Africa as a homeland for white Afrikaners. Beyers followed in his footsteps. He was ordained as a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church and became one of the youngest members of the Broederbond.



But his study of the Bible caused a gradual change, and finally a complete defection from any justification of apartheid. The final straw was the Sharpeville massacre in 1960 when police opened fire on demonstrators, killing sixty-nine. Naudé supported a resolution of the World Council of Churches condemning apartheid. And soon he had become a pariah among his people. Resigning from his church, he founded the Christian Institute to promote reconciliation and justice. From 1977–1984 he was “banned,” a severe form of house arrest. Afterward he served as general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, promoting the Church struggle against apartheid—a vital contribution to the victory of 1994, when apartheid ended.

Beyers Naudé died on September 7, 2004.

“If we believe that we are dealing with a God of justice and love, a God who wants to see the Kingdom become a glorious reality, then we know that whatever we are doing through God’s grace is part of that process of renewal. It takes time. I may not be able to see it all happen, but I know with the strength of my faith and my convictions that moment will come.”

Beyers Naudé

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.*



Thursday Mass Resumes

9AM Mass resumes this Thursday, September 10th. Due to videoing the Sunday Mass, there is no Mass on Saturday mornings at 8AM.

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 have some flexibility. 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 have some flexibility. 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. To apply, please contact Fr. Jim Wood, Pastor ~ 631-732-3131 x111 or jwood@saintmargaret.com

Position Available in a Neighboring Parish

St. Gerard Majella Parish in Port Jefferson Station is seeking a **Receptionist/Parish Secretary**. This position reports to the Pastor and Office Manager and is for Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm.

Responsibilities include:

Answer parish office emails and phone calls, Assist visitors to the parish center, Oversee Mass cards, sacramental registers & certificates, correspondence, recording of donations

Assist the Pastor with the correspondence and other clerical tasks, Assist other staff members as needed

Qualifications:

Interpersonal skills appropriate for phone calls and greeting visitors to the parish center.

Facility with Microsoft Office (e.g., Word and Publisher) and openness to learning other programs.

Salary commensurate with experience and skillset.

Please send cover letter, resume and references to Father Gregory Rannazzisi, Pastor, at frgreg@stgmajella.org.

Faith Formation



Please return forms by ASAP!

Book Pick Up, Lesson & Orientation 2020/2021

Level 1 – Monday, October 5, 2020 – 6pm-7pm

Level 2 – Monday, October 19, 2020 – 6pm-7pm

Level 3 – Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 4 – Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 5 – Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 6 – Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 7 – Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

Level 8 – Thursday, October 8, 2020 – 630pm-8pm

*If you have any questions, Please contact Jackie Mirenda
631-732-3131 x 131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com*

**Catechists
& Volunteers are
needed one day a
month starting
October 5th**

SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5^{pm} Saturday and 8^{am}, 10^{am} and Noon, the Sunday Mass continues to be streamed each weekend. There are two ways to watch it:

First, on our website WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM. Click the "Learn More" link on the "Online Masses and Latest Bulletin" page. It will take you to an info page; click link for "Online Mass." All the Masses since March are available. (In addition to our Mass, there is a link for the masses celebrated each day from St Agnes Cathedral.)

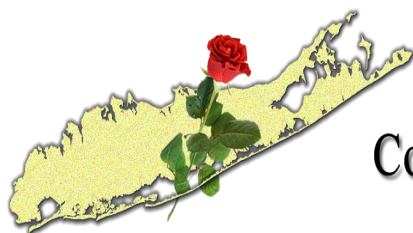
Second, there is a St. Margaret of Scotland channel on YouTube. Go to the YouTube app, search for St. Margaret of Scotland and look for our logo. (There are other parishes with the same name.) Only the video for the current weekend is available.



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.



Long Island Coalition for Life

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26).

Stand Up For Life On Respect Life
Sunday, Oct. 4th. ~ 2- 3:30 PM (rain or shine).

Have you ever thought about going to the March for Life in Washington DC in January? Did you know about the largest Pro-Life event right here on Long Island for the past 22 years? In only an hour of your time you can help save a Life, the greatest gift. Please join us in Huntington at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Whitman Mall) or in Manorville LIE exit 70S on County Road 111.

This rally is part of a nationwide family friendly event, held at more than 1,550 cities across the USA & Canada. We Stand about 10 feet apart - Using Only Approved Signs - On the public sidewalk. These allowable signs are available at the site, you don't have to bring anything. Come as you are, bring a friend or the whole family. You can come for part of the time or the full 90 minutes. There is strength in unity.

ALL PRO LIFE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME! For more info or questions contact AOH11@Live.com

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OF LI OPEN HOUSE

*You are invited to explore the benefits of a
Catholic High School Education.*
Open House Schedule

September 2020

Sat., Sept. 26 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Sacred Heart Academy

Sun., Sept. 27 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - St. Anthony's HS
2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - St. Mary's HS

October 2020

Sat., Oct. 3 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Kellenberg Memorial HS
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Chaminade HS

Sun., Oct. 4 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Our Lady of Mercy Academy
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - St. Dominic's HS

Sat., Oct. 17 - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Holy Trinity Dioc HS

Sun., Oct. 18 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - St. John the Baptist HS

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ONLINE FOR 2020-2021

Test - November 7th, 2020
Register TODAY ~ WWW.TACHSINFO.COM

Registration Deadline—October 23, 2020

Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry

We will be available to accept donations at the
Parish Center Back Door on
**Thursday from 9am until 11am or during
office hours listed on the front cover.**

Food Items

**Shelf Stable Milk, Bread,
Hot Cereal, Peas, Crackers**

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Thrift Shop Closed due to Pandemic

Please DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING

*Social Distancing requirements prevent our volunteers
from serving you. ~ Thank you!*

St. Vincent de Paul Society has opened the Clothing Bins.

**next to the ballfield on the north side of our
property for your donations.**

Thank you for your patience and donations.

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

**Thank You
to all who donated to the
Pantry this past week**

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



Sunday, Sep 20, 2020 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Grow your faith**

Who gave you your first God lessons? On this Catechetical Sunday, we thank family members, preachers, teachers, RCIA teams, and others who brought the Good News to us. We're also grateful for holy ones, like Venerable Mother Theresa Dudzik, who taught by their example. A remarkable seamstress, Dudzik arrived in Chicago at age 21 after the Great Fire of 1871. She took the destitute into her apartment and sewed to earn money to feed them. In time she founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago to run homes, schools, day-care centers, and an orphanage. What will your own example teach others? **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133).* "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near."

Monday, Sep 21 FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST **Rise up**

Nobody likes paying taxes or has warm, fuzzy feelings about the IRS, but it seems tax collectors in Jesus' time had it especially rough—being lumped in with all manner of sinners. That is because tax collectors were Jews who worked for the Romans, the enemy occupiers of Jewish lands, so they were viewed as traitors by their people. Jesus sought them out for salvation anyway and led Matthew to a new position: apostle and evangelist. What does it take to get a promotion like that? Merely "get up and follow Jesus," as Matthew did. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643).* "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Tuesday, Sep 22 Trade stressed for blessed

Back-to-school September is such a stressful time for families. Add the reality of COVID-19—with parents trying to work from home, kids' schedules often up in the air—and it gets all the messier. Even if you don't have children at home, you probably know people who do and are stressing. How can we all find balance? Honor the sabbath in whatever way you are able, by hitting the pause button—even for a few hours. "Human life has a rhythm of work and rest," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "The institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives." Plan ahead for this coming Sunday. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450).* "To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the LORD."

Wednesday, Sep 23 MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST **Listen from the heart**

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) is better known by his nickname, Padre Pio. He is said to have borne the stigmata, the wounds of our Lord, for more than 50 years. To be sure, he was a man of prayer and suffering, a Capuchin Franciscan priest who lived in a small Italian friary nearly all of his life. However, the principal reason for his local fame was his ability to listen to those who came seeking his counsel, to "read their hearts" and to offer them the love of God in the sacraments. His frequent message to penitents, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," is a message for us to treasure and savor today. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451).* "He sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God."

Thursday, Sep 24 Find the balance between law and freedom

Today's gospel notes King Herod's interest in Jesus, whom Herod likely saw as a threat. The tension between political power and the moral and religious power of Christianity has been part of the faith since its beginning. In *Dignitatis Humane*, the Vatican II document on religious liberty, the Council "urges everyone, especially those who are charged with the task of educating others, to do their utmost to form people who, on the one hand, will respect the moral order and be obedient to lawful authority, and on the other hand, will be lovers of true freedom." Sounds like a recipe for peace and progress. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452).* "But Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"

Friday, Sep 25 Keep the faith!

The coronavirus has taken quite a toll on Catholic parish and sacramental life. Nearly every bishop responding to a recent survey said the pandemic has seriously affected the celebration of the sacraments and rites and sacramental preparation programs in their dioceses. In addition, they report that the morale of priests, lay ecclesial ministers, deacons, and chancery staff has been damaged by the long shutdown, according to a survey out of University. People are hurting at all levels of church life because the very thing we thrive on—gathering together—has become problematic and potentially life-threatening. Be patient and work with your local faith community to find safe and creative pastoral responses. And keep faith alive in your own home and heart! **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453).* "There is . . . a time for everything under the heavens . . . a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces."

Saturday, Sep 26 MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS **Saints for this season**

Today's brother physicians are patron saints to a long list of healthcare workers, and also against plagues. A brief year ago, biblical references to plagues and epidemics seemed quaint and far removed. Our eyes have been opened to the enduring force of such outbreaks, however, and Cosmas and Damian truly become saints for our time. Perhaps even more so when we learn they were Arab physicians from the area now called Syria. Healing role models come from all backgrounds. Thank the frontline healthcare workers in your own town. They are likely from diverse backgrounds as well. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45 (454).* "Fill us at daybreak with your kindness"



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