

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.

JESUS

*The name
above every
name.*

Philippians 2:9

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 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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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.

Pillar of Service: This week, do something for others. Perhaps you can give a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal or donate goods to your parish's food pantry.

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.

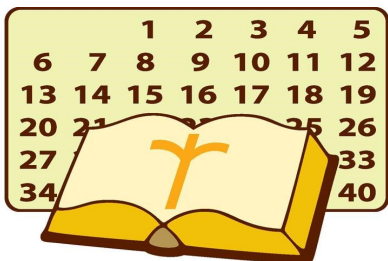
	#	2019	2020	#
Collected at Mass	317	9,221 ^{.02}	4,351 ^{.50}	134
Mailed Envelopes	9	395	2,257	35
Electronic Donations	37	2,066	1,622	33
Total Collection	363	11,682 ^{.02}	8,230 ^{.50}	202

<u>Mass Attendance</u>	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	101	89	102	107	399
<i>Last Year</i>	226	162	181	279	848

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Reading Phil 4: 6-9

Gospel Matthew 21: 33-43



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 - 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 28th
Peter Wright

Tuesday - September 29th
Ann Jones

Wednesday - September 30th
Norman Gottfried

Thursday, - October 1st
Brian Hurley

Friday - October 2nd
Special Intentions of Jessica Beljour

Saturday - October 3rd

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5^{pm}

For All St. Margaret Parishioners

Sunday – October 4th
8^{am}

Robert Riccardi

William Scott

 10^{am}

Lou Burtoff

12^{pm}

Anthony Morrocco

Helen & Anthony Litka

**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

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
Robert J. Heege

Veronica Sheridan-Cox
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.

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

Blessed Zdenka Cecilia Schelingova

Martyr (1916–1955)



Cecilia Schelingova was born in northern Slovakia. As a young girl she encountered the Sisters of Charity of the Holy Cross, a nursing order, and was inspired to join them. At fifteen, accompanied by her mother, she presented herself at the motherhouse of the congregation and asked to be admitted. After training as a nurse, with a specialty in radiology, she took her vows and became Sr. Zdenka.

In 1942 she was sent to a hospital in Bratislava. There she lived through the war and the subsequent Russian occupation. The postwar Communist regime imposed repressive measures against the Church. Many priests were arrested. Some of them, sick or recovering from torture, were sent to Zdenka's hospital. In 1952, learning that one of these prisoners was to be transferred to Siberia, she prayed for guidance: “Jesus, I offer my life for his. Save him.” After putting sleeping pills in the guard's tea, she helped the priest escape. When she tried to repeat this ploy, she was arrested. Subjected to torture and tried as an “enemy of the people's democracy,” she was sentenced to twelve years in prison.

Her sufferings in prison—from cold, hunger, and untreated illness—were terrible. Finally, the state, not wanting to create a martyr, released her in April 1955. But her congregation, fearful of being associated with a convicted traitor, would not take her back. She died on July 31, 1955. She was beatified in 2003. Pope John Paul II determined that, though she had not been killed, Zdenka deserved to be called a martyr for having suffered persecution and the breakdown of her health in prison.

“I want to do God's will without paying attention to myself, my comfort or my rest.

”—Blessed Zdenka Cecilia Schelingova

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 resumed 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 ~ 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.

**Sacraments
are Celebrations!**

Baptisms

Sebastian Ivan Rodriguez
Alessia Noelle Zellers,
Kayleigh Anne Vogel
Evan Nicholas Sitler



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.)

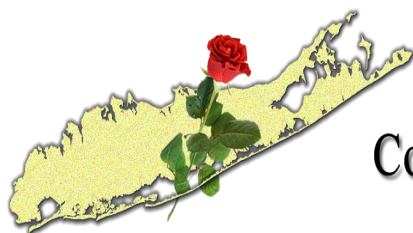
Second, there is a St. Margaret of Scotland channel on YouTube. Go to the YouTube app, search for St. Margaret of Scotland and look for our logo. (There are other parishes with the same name.) Only the video for the current weekend is available.



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

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

**Beef Stew, Bar Soap,
Canned Spaghetti-O or Ravioli**

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**

Prayer before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our locality/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, as well as men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We pray for discernment in mind and heart so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

You Can Vote in One of Three Ways this Election

ABSENTEE VOTING You can vote by absentee ballot. If concerned about contracting COVID-19, the State is allowing voters to receive an absentee ballot by marking "temporary illness" on an application. You can apply in several ways:

Visit the state absentee application portal at absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov (Recommended) **Or** call for or download an absentee voting application to mail (see below for Board of Election website address and phone number). **Or** E-mail a request with name, address, and date of birth to absentee.voters@suffolkcountyny.gov **Or** Fax an application to (631) 852-4590 **Or** In person at the Board- 700 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980

EARLY VOTING Early Voting is available from October 24th through November 1st. All voters can vote at any of the 12 voting sites. The closest to our parish are: **Brookhaven Town Hall** 1 Independence Hill Farmingville, NY 11738 ~ **Nesconset Elementary School** 29 Gibbs Pond Road Nesconset, NY 11767

ELECTION DAY As always, you can vote at your regular polling place from 6:00am-9:00pm on Election Day, November 3rd.



Suffolk County Board of Elections~ PO Box 700, Yaphank, NY 11980-0700 - [1 \(631\)852-4500](tel:6318524500) Fax (631) 852-4590
[Suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/boe](https://suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/boe) ~ Anita S. Katz (D)Commissioner | Nick LaLota (R) Commissioner

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).

Sunday, Sep 27, 2020 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Still time to change your mind**

One of the lovely things about having a mind is that you can change it. A working brain takes in new information, reflects on it, and makes connections. Sometimes the result is a revised perspective on ideas you thought were chiseled in stone. People of faith also pray for wisdom and inspiration, which can be troubling prayers to have answered if you're banking on the status quo. Jesus told his followers that folks they had counted out of the circle of grace were being counted in by God. A thoughtful faith will be able to absorb the divine curveballs. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136)*. "'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not.'"

Monday, Sep 28 MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS **Make an offering of your life**

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, patron saint of the Philippines and the first canonized Filipino martyr, died in 1637 and was elevated to sainthood in 1987. A Dominican-educated altar boy who grew up to become a clerk, marry, and have children, he was falsely accused of murder and fled on a ship to Japan in the company of missionaries. Once there, he was arrested and tortured for being a Christian, but he refused to recant his faith and was executed, saying, "Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer." What sacrifices are you willing to make for your faith? TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 (455)*. "*Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.*"

Tuesday, Sep 29 FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS **Pray for heavenly healing**

Some Christians call today "Michaelmass," for Michael the archangel. And indeed, among the three archangels the Catholic Church honors today, the mighty Michael—depicted in art battling Satan—is probably best known. Almost as well known is Gabriel, who announces to Mary that she will conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit and bear the Messiah. Raphael is least familiar. But, as the angel most known for healing—his name meaning "God's medicine"—Raphael is arguably the heavenly help we need right now. Ask for Saint Raphael's intercession today, to heal a world reeling from a pandemic. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647)*. "*You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending.*"

Wednesday, Sep 30 MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **Being a saint doesn't make you perfect**

Saint Jerome (345-420) is a highly regarded scholar of the church who translated the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into Latin. He was also a complex human being whose crabby nature sometimes complicated his life. In other words, he was fully human. In addition to his enduring Latin translation, called the Vulgate, there are many homilies, quotes, letters, and commentaries attributed to Jerome. This quote is one to contemplate on his feast day: "*It is our part to seek, His to grant what we ask; ours to make a beginning, His to bring it to completion; ours to offer what we can, His to finish what we cannot.*" TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 (457)*. "*Let my prayer come before you, Lord. Daily I call upon you.*"

Thursday, Oct 01 MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **Love greatly in small ways**

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most accessible role models ever canonized. Her spirituality, affectionately known as the "Little Way," is a path anyone in any walk of life can follow because its central tenet is simple (though not easy to follow!): "What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love." She lived a short, quiet life as a French Carmelite nun, modeling the conviction that people can live in profound union with God simply by carrying out our daily tasks with a loving spirit. Choose one task today that you can carry out with loving kindness. TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12 (458)*. "*Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand.*"

Friday, Oct 02 MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS **Watching over you**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is clear about the existence of angels. "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition." In Genesis 16, Hagar's angel rescues her. In Exodus 23, when God told Moses to lead the people, he said, "My angel will go before you." In Numbers 22, an angel kept the oracle Balaam from the mistake of cursing Israel. Psalm 91 says that God "commands his angels . . . to guard you wherever you go." In the Book of Tobit, young Tobias is accompanied by the Archangel Raphael. Angels are the loving care of God personified in celestial beings, God faithfully standing at our side. You can call on angelic support in your time of need. TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650)*. "*Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.*"

Saturday, Oct 03 Divinely inspired

Job is a famous biblical character many of us can admire from a distance but few would take the opportunity to imitate up close. During a pandemic, however, all of us get to taste some of what Job experienced. Job's story invites us to examine a central question: In whom or what do I place my trust? In a time of crisis, we're invited to dig down to a deeper truth underneath the shifting conditions—the unconditional love of God for all of us, regardless of the circumstances. Try offering your own love to others unconditionally and learn something about how God operates. TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24 (460)*. "*I had heard of you by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen you.*"



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