

# 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.



## **29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **October 18, 2020**

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**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, reach out to your elderly friends and relatives. Give them a call and let them know you are thinking about them

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	307	7,993	4,990	128
Mailed Envelopes	7	466	4,915	79
Electronic Donations	52	4,645	3,815	44
<b>Total Collection</b>	348	14,237 <sup>07</sup>	13,720	251

<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<b>5<sup>pm</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>pm</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Last Sunday</i>	88	78	107	106	379
<i>Last Year</i>	265	144	224	265	898

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Ex 22: 20-26
Second Reading	1 Thes 1: 15c-10
Gospel	Matthew 22: 34-40

## *Altar Bread & Wine in Memory of*

*Amy Grace Quaranta*



**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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Artie Massett

**Tuesday - October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Special Intention of Jessica Beljour

**Wednesday - October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Lou Burtoff

**Thursday, - October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
No Intention

**Friday - October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Rafaele Raffaelli

## Saturday - October 24<sup>th</sup>

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5<sup>pm</sup>

Ronald Fortier  
Michael Bergin

**Sunday – October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8<sup>am</sup>

Ido Iannetta  
Pasquale, Antonia & Rosa Palumbo  
10<sup>am</sup>  
Special Intentions of Pres. Donald Trump  
Vinny Rodgers  
12<sup>pm</sup>  
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  
Patricia Wowk  
June Tamillow  
Lorraine Vogel

Alyssa Baisch  
Jillian Brown  
Robert J. Heege  
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

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

*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 celebrate Mission Sunday 2020, I invite you to reflect on excerpts from Pope Francis's message this year. ~Fr. Jim

### Missionary Journey of the Church Continues, Despite Crisis

"In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: 'Here I am, send me' (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: 'Whom shall I send?' (ibid.). This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity in the current world crisis.... The call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others."



### Hearing God's Call During This Time of Pandemic

"Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us.... This situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others.... The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: 'Whom shall I send?' is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: 'Here I am, send me' (Is 6:8)."

### Sending Ourselves to Mission Through Prayer and Charity

"The celebration of *World Mission Sunday* is also an occasion for reaffirming how **prayer, reflection, and the material help of your offerings** are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in His Church. The charity expressed in this week's collections is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the **Pontifical Mission Societies**, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all."

## 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.*

## ONE POSITION TO GO!

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



Part-time Faith Formation Assistant ~ **Filled**

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](mailto:jwood@saintmargaret.com)

## MASS BOOK ~ 2021

The Parish Mass Book is open for intentions. Please be mindful of our office hours on the cover.



## Sacraments are Celebrations!

### Wedding Banns

**Banns I:** Marissa Zoffranieri, St. Aiden's,  
Williston Park & Eric De Grottole,  
St. Margaret of Scotland

**Banns I:** Tina Curtin & Thomas Giaimo, both  
St. Margaret of Scotland



## New Parishioner?

### Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_

# Faith Formation



**Please return forms ASAP!**

## **Book Pick Up, Lesson & Orientation 2020/2021**

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

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

*If you have any questions, Please contact Jackie Mirenda  
631-732-3131 x 131 or [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com)*

**Catechists  
& Volunteers  
are needed one  
day a month**

## **SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE**

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5<sup>pm</sup> Saturday and 8<sup>am</sup>, 10<sup>am</sup> 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](http://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.**



## Questions and Answers Regarding the Diocese Bankruptcy Filing (part 2)

*[The first four questions & answers were in last week's bulletin]*

### 5. What happens to the lawsuits that have been filed against the Diocese?

The Chapter 11 filing triggers a "stay" that essentially freezes all litigation against the Diocese. The Diocese will work with all survivors, within the Chapter 11 process, to finalize a settlement of the litigation claims. The claims and settlement will be part of the Diocese's Plan of Reorganization and must be approved by the Court before the Diocese can emerge from bankruptcy.

### 6. Does the Diocese have enough money to continue operating?

The Diocese believes its current and future liquidity will be sufficient to fund normal operations and services during the restructuring process and beyond. Vendors will be paid for all goods and services after the filing, and transactions that occur in the ordinary course of business will continue as before. Employees will be paid their normal wages, and health and benefits programs will continue uninterrupted.

### 7. How long will the Diocese be in Chapter 11?

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will work to emerge from Chapter 11 as soon as possible. Given the seriousness of this situation, and the importance of dealing fairly with the survivors of abuse, we cannot give a definitive end date at this time.

### 8. Have other Dioceses filed and come out of Chapter 11?

Yes. Since the Child Victims Act was enacted and the window opened on August 14, 2019, four of the eight dioceses in New York have filed Chapter 11. These dioceses are still in the reorganization process. But some of the more than 20 dioceses around the country who filed for protection have already, through the Chapter 11 process, reached settlements with survivors of abuse.

### 9. Will my gift/donation to the CMA or other specific funds to be used to pay legal settlements?

No. Gifts and donations that are made to the CMA or to support specific ministries and programs will only be used for those purposes. Designated gifts can only be used for the purposes for which they were and are given.

## Parish Social Ministry



### THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Dinners will be distributed the week of Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>



*We are asking for donations to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Please choose any items off of our wish list & bring them into the Parish Center during office hours*

**MON., TUES., WEDS. FROM 9-11 OR  
THURSDAY MORNINGS AT BACK DOOR OF  
PARISH CENTER FROM 9-11 AM.**

*Thank you!*

Turkey drop off up 'til  
11/19 or a voucher anytime

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Instant or Canned Potatoes

Package Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Corn muffin mix

Cookies

\$10 Supermarket

Gift card

Canned Vegetables

Crackers

Canned Fruit

Stuffing

Coffee / Tea

Cake Mix

Apple Juice

### 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.*

### Thrift Shop *Closed due to Pandemic*

***Please DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING***

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

## 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](https://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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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



## Holiday Gift Buying

The Thrift Shop and Barn at St. Gerard Majella Church is offering you a *Shop Smart stress free holiday gift buying* experience. Many boxed sets to choose from.

Open Monday thru Thursday from 10am - 4pm.  
Located at 316 Terryville Rd., Pt Jefferson Station.



## PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 PM  
at St. Patrick Church  
280 East Main Street in Smithtown

St. Patrick Parish in Smithtown invites you to join us in prayer and adoration on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the church as we pray for our country. Please wear a facemask. Social distancing protocols will be observed.



## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OF LI OPEN HOUSE

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

### Open House Schedule

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Register TODAY ~ [WWW.TACHSINFO.COM](http://WWW.TACHSINFO.COM)

**Registration Deadline—October 23, 2020**



## **Sunday, Oct 18, 2020** TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Share the suffering, ease the burden**

People in love behave differently. They “never stand still,” Pope Francis declares. “They’re drawn out of themselves; they’re attracted and attract others in turn.” Believers are lovers in this way, feeling the irresistible urge to share the blessings of faith. That is why, the pope concludes, we must all be missionaries. On this World Mission Sunday, we embrace the call to be lovers of our suffering world. The Rosary’s Sorrowful Mysteries hold the keys: Bring global suffering to prayer, be willing to suffer for the truth, bear wrongs patiently, share the burdens of others, and know what’s worth sacrificing for. TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21 (145)*. “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and the Spirit and with much conviction.”

## **Monday, Oct 19** MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS **Heal the breach**

Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit missionary who worked with the Huron in what is today Canada and was martyred in an Iroquois raid. Brébeuf was a skilled linguist and not only learned the Huron language but also the spiritual beliefs already held by the Huron. His fellow Jesuits wrote about how easily Brébeuf adapted himself to the Huron way of life. While he was not always respectful of Huron culture, we can emulate his effort to create bridges of mutual understanding, as our own country is today torn by differences. TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21 (473)*. “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?”

## **Tuesday, Oct 20** MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST **How deep is your love?**

Paul of the Cross, Italian mystic and founder of the Passionist religious order in 1725, was taught by his mother to look to the crucified Jesus as a way to make sense out of suffering. Most of his siblings died; his father’s business barely scraped by. But no matter what hardships the family endured, his mother said, they were nothing compared to God’s deep love. What a seed she planted in her son! “The holy sufferings of Jesus is a sea of sorrows, but it is also a sea of love,” wrote Paul. “Ask the Lord to teach you to fish in this sea.” TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38 (474)*. “Be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open.”

## **Wednesday, Oct 21** **People, get ready**

“Be Prepared” is a motto for the Boy and Girl Scouts that is explained in this way: “You are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty.” That motto could very well be a motto for Christian life. Jesus expects his followers to be alert to the assistance of the Spirit and to act in ways that bear witness to Christian duty. It is a Christian’s duty to use the gifts of time and talent to build up Jesus’ kingdom of love. When you review the past week, can you find evidence that you are doing your Christian duty by responding to Jesus’ call to love unconditionally? TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48 (475)*. “You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

## **Thursday, Oct 22** MEMORIAL OF JOHN PAUL II, POPE **Small acts can have great impact**

Saint John Paul II’s quarter-century as pope greatly influenced both church and state. Many times his personal witness is what moved people’s hearts. Christians and those of other faiths alike were moved by his willingness to meet with his would-be assassin, Mehmet Ali Ağca. While most people’s lives are not lived on the world stage, each of us can bear witness through acts of love, forgiveness, and reverence. What gesture of yours today can bear witness to God? TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53 (476)*. “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

## **Friday, Oct 23** MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST **Fly back when the time is right**

The cliff swallows of San Juan Capistrano, California depart the mission town on or around this date, the Memorial of Saint John, the town’s namesake. They return every spring after their 6,000-mile winter migration to Argentina. Pray that, like the swallows of Capistrano, everyone will be able to safely come back to the place they call home, after war, famine, natural disaster, or separation due to pandemic. TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59 (477)*. “Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.”

## **Saturday, Oct 24** MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP **Let your light shine!**

As a young man, Anthony Claret was torn between his talent in the textile business and the emerging call he felt to religious life. Seeing his talent, his father offered to share leadership of the family business with him. Anthony was famously short of stature, and he pointed out that workers likely would resist taking orders from him. His father suggested they could hide Anthony behind a desk to come up with ideas and put a larger man in charge of the workers. That sealed the deal for Anthony—he wasn’t interested in hiding. Thereafter he was a tireless and talented preacher, confessor, author, and publisher in the service of God. Don’t hide your own gifts—they are God-given and the world needs them! TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9 (478)*. “It may bear fruit in the future.”



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