

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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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.



WELCOME

*No matter what your present
status in the Catholic Church,*

*No matter what your current
family or marital status,*

*No matter what your past or
present religious affiliation,*

*No matter what your personal
history, background, race etc,*

*No matter what your own
self-image or esteem,*

*You are Invited, Welcomed,
Accepted,
Loved and Respected at*

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish.

St. Margaret's Feast Day
November 16th

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 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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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The following quote comes from the writings of an extraordinary woman. Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896–1985) was a Russian-born aristocrat who dedicated her life to “the gospel without compromise.” Author of numerous books, she established the Madonna House in Combermere, Ontario. Her cause for canonization was opened by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000.

The Fullness of Your Talents

My father said that a year in which a person learns nothing is a year wasted. Knowledge of any kind is useful and absolutely necessary, but there is something bigger, something greater—great as the horizon and so incredible that no words can encompass it. It is the study of the spiritual life, or spiritual things, which is the crown of all knowledge and of all natural learning.

One must always remember that *grace works on nature*. The diet of pietistic spirituality that we used to have disrupted this order and did not allow grace to work to the fullness of its depth.

In my estimation, there is nothing secular in the world, for the world has been created by God—touched by God—and so is sacred. Our ancestors used to divide it into the sacred and the profane. But I cannot imagine anything created by God as being profane. Therefore, I repeat, all things are sacred to me.

My passionate desire is for you to develop to the fullness of your capacity and talents. These talents may be latent and you may have to dig for them, but you must overcome every difficulty to develop them. It is worth everything to enlarge your natural horizons so as to allow the supernatural ones to have room to grow and expand. In other words, *to give Christ room*, not only to grow to his full stature in you, but to have a place within you to roam as he may wish, a place for him to breathe and stretch.

from *Grace in Every Season*

~ Fr. Jim

Pandemic Improv - Can you help?

Like all households, St. Margaret of Scotland church has been adapting to the changes the coronavirus has placed on us. Thanks to the generosity and flexibility of parishioners, we have been able to provide as normal a parish life as possible.

But, special demands centering on Christmas are another issue!

With the limitations and uncertainty that we are living with, some changes have to be made. Most importantly, **the schedule of Christmas Masses needs to be different**. For Christmas Eve, we plan on a 2:00pm, a 4:00pm and an 8:00pm Mass. Christmas Day will have three Masses also. However, due to the limited space in our lobby, we will be unable to have any Masses downstairs, which is why we are using the one-time permission from the Bishop for a 2:00pm Mass on this Christmas Eve, in place of the Auditorium 4:00pm Mass.

In addition, here are some practical details that need people to help:

- 1) Greeters (Ushers) for the Christmas Eve and Day Masses.** The number of ushers has taken a hit due to the virus, and so, the current active members could not cover all the Masses. Having people at the front doors and in the church to assist people is essential.
- 2) Church Christmas decorating.** Here also, the pandemic has cut into our volunteers. You can help by giving some time to get things out of storage and set up. There will not be as much as in previous years, but we want to have the Church look festive.
- 3) Church seating roping.** With the pandemic staying as long as it has, the original plan of using painters tape to limit seating has passed its time. We would like to have something more attractive to mark the pews. Some churches are using roping, hanging them from the tops of the pews. If you can help with planning and creating these ropings, you would be adding to the weekly attractiveness of our church.



These are the areas that are most obvious; others will follow.

If you are interested or would like more information, please email the parish at: bgoode@saintmargaret.com
or call 631-732-3131 x133

Campaign for Human Development

Next week, you are invited to support the nation-wide Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This year's theme is *Working on the Margins*. 25% of the funds collected on Long Island will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Kyle Ryan Steinway Jr.

Faith Formation

Correction for LEVEL 5

Your next gathering will be Weds., Dec. 2nd!

LEVEL 2

Monday, November 16th ~ 6-7 PM Enrollment ~ parent/guardian

LEVEL 7

Tuesday, November 17th ~ 6:30-8:00 PM

LEVEL 4

Wednesday, November 18th ~ 6:30-8:00 PM ~ parent/guardian



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.



Social Security Administration Important Information

We are still available to help by phone. A local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9AM-4PM.

1-866-771-1991 ~ (TTY) 1-800-325-0778

We may be able to schedule an appointment if we cannot help you by phone. Please do not come into one of our local offices as we *cannot* accept walk in visitors.

You may also visit SSA.gov to complete a service online.

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.

Emergency Care: Maximum Safety for Urgent and Emergent Needs

Catholic Health Heightened Safety Measures
Protects Emergency Department Patients

Catholic Health Services (CHS) maintains the highest level of safety across its integrated health care system. We've elevated that stellar care as we battle COVID-19. This is critical, because even during a pandemic, people will have accidents or health issues requiring emergency care. CHS wants you to know our emergency departments (ED) are safe centers of care. In fact, CHS has been successfully treating patients across the system and performing emergency surgeries throughout this pandemic. Similarly, CHS has been delivering babies, protecting the well-being of both mother and child.

CHS has put extensive measures in place to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus—from intensive sanitization to safe social distancing to isolation of COVID-19 patients.

If you or a family member are experiencing any symptoms that may require emergency care, call 911 or drive directly to a CHS hospital. We're ready, safe and able to help you. You may also contact our ambulance partner, Hunter Ambulance by calling (516/631) 719-HELP.



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.

St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all our activities, info & bulletins. Go check it out & make it a favorite! SAINTMARGARET.COM

MASS BOOK ~ 2021

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



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.

Parish Social Ministry

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.

Daily Use Food

Pasta, Crackers, Soup, Cookies, Juice Boxes, Applesauce

A very special THANK YOU to all!



THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Dinners will be distributed the week of Nov. 16th



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 9-1 OR THURSDAY MORNINGS AT BACK DOOR OF PARISH CENTER FROM 9-11 AM.

Thank you!

Turkey drop off up 'til 11/18 or a voucher anytime

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Instant or Canned Potatoes

Package Gravy

Applesauce

Corn muffin mix

Cookies

\$10 Supermarket

Gift card

Canned Vegetables

Coffee / Tea

Canned Fruit

Stuffing

Cake Mix/
Icing

Apple Juice/
Juice Boxes

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

**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!***

Why Our Parish Is So Charitable?



Our parish patron, Saint Margaret, was born in Saxony in 1045 and raised in Hungary. She went to England in 1066 when her uncle, King Edward the Confessor, died. War broke out and her family decided to return to live in Hungary but a storm at sea forced them to seek shelter in a Scottish port.

Margaret had shown signs of holiness at an early age wanting to enter the convent. However, in 1070 King Malcolm of Scotland (20 years her senior) insisted she marry him and become Queen of Scotland. She became highly influential in the governing of Scotland. She instigated reforms within the Scottish church, as well as development of closer ties to the larger Roman Church in order to avoid a schism between the Celtic Church and Rome. Margaret was a patroness both of the celide, Scottish Christian hermits, and the Benedictine Order. Although Benedictine monks were prominent throughout western continental Europe, Margaret invited English Benedictine monks to establish monasteries in her kingdom.

Margaret was active in works of charity frequently visiting & caring for the sick herself. On a larger scale, she had hostels constructed for the poor. During Advent & Lent, she held feasts for as many as 300 commoners in the royal castle. She softened the heart of the king so much that it was not uncommon for Margaret and King Malcolm to sit in a large hall of the palace and have people come to them for aid. They would care for and feed the sick and poor of the community themselves. Although a stranger in Scotland, her charitable and unselfish attitude toward her people won her a warm place in their hearts.

King Malcolm and Margaret had 8 children (6 boys and 2 girls). She alone of all the canonized saints is the patroness of large families. That is the image that we use as our parish logo. For centuries, she was honored as a holy woman. Although a Queen, she believed nothing belonged to her and everything was used for the purpose of God. She lived an ordered life of pray and self-sacrifice.

When William the Conqueror died & hostilities again arose between Scotland and England, King Malcolm & their eldest son Edward, went off to war while Margaret resigned herself to a life of prayer & communion. Malcolm and Edward were both killed. Margaret died four days later of a broken heart on November 16, 1093, repeating the Communion prayers of the Mass. She was declared a saint in 1250, particularly for her work for religious reform and her charity. She was considered to be an exemplar of a just ruler, and influenced her husband and children to be just and holy rulers. She was declared Patroness of Scotland in 1673. ***Her feast day is celebrated November 16th***



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.

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!***

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 _____

Sunday, Nov 15, 2020 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Believe in magic—your own!

We each have a little something special we can call our own. Maybe it's school smarts or street smarts. Maybe you know your way around the halls of power or around the kitchen. Some are good with kids, others with elders, still others with sick or dying people. You might be great with people, or math, or words, or research. You could be physically strong or have that dogged ability to keep at a task when everybody else gives up. Do an assessment of your gifts and skills. Whatever your special magic is, put it at the disposal of grace. TODAY'S READINGS: *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 (157)*. "Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more."

Monday, Nov 16 MEMORIAL OF GERTRUDE THE GREAT, VIRGIN Mystic mysteries

Me, a mystic? Yes, you! Intimate union with Christ is called "mystical" because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments, the catechism says, and "God calls all of us to this intimate union with him . . ." But, you may be thinking, I don't have visions or experiences of ecstasy, and I definitely don't have stigmata, like a saint we remember today, Gertrude the Great, German Benedictine mystic of the 13th century. No matter, the catechism says, "The special graces or extraordinary signs of this mystical life are granted only to some for the sake of manifesting the gratuitous gift to all." Enjoy your slice of the mystery TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43 (497)*. "Have sight; your faith has saved you."

Tuesday, Nov 17 MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS Love the one you're with

As a young queen, Elizabeth of Hungary was so moved by the love of Saint Francis of Assisi that she took care of the sick and poor herself, tending to them like a servant in her own castle. Equally notable, though, is the loving relationship Elizabeth had with her husband, King Louis of Thuringia. Growing up together, their mutual affection was exceptionally deep as friends and confidants—long before they married and became parents. Most notably, they championed each other in the practice of their Christian faith. Today, pray gratefully for loved ones who have nurtured your own faith. TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10 (498)*. "Half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor."

Wednesday, Nov 18 MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN Pray always

One of Rose Philippine Duchesne's (1769-1852) biographers noted that she was born with a strong and dauntless will. She ignored family wishes and joined a French convent, intent on ministry to Native American peoples. Not until the age of 49 did she set sail for St. Louis, where her ministry of opening schools and orphanages remained much the same as in her native France. After many years of ministry, at the age of 72 Rose was asked to live among the Potawatomie Indians in Sugar Creek, Kansas. It was a short-lived assignment—her health was failing—yet Rose's ministry of prayer was recognized by the Potawatomie, who called her Woman-Who-Prays-Always. The witness of Saint Rose reminds us that where there is a will—our own and God's—there is a way. Ask for the grace today to seek and embrace God's will. TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28 (499) or for the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Matthew 14:22-33 (679)*. "'Sir, your gold coin has earned ten additional ones.' He replied, 'Well done, good servant!'"

Thursday, Nov 19 The Omega point

These days Catholic laity and leaders don't typically dwell on the so-called "end times." Modern Catholics tend to be engaged in questions of how to live here and now for the common good and our personal salvation. Pope Francis frequently urges us on in righteous living. That is the context as our year moves toward its own "end times." The year 2020 has been hard around the world. We can hope and pray that 2021 will be gentler and promote that outcome in our own interactions with others in this contentious age. Put your trust in God, the Alpha and Omega. TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44 (500)*. "[Jesus] saw the city and wept over it, saying, 'If this day you only knew what makes for peace.'"

Friday, Nov 20 Feed the children

Today is World Children's Day. It marks the anniversary of the 1959 signing of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child. A fundamental right of every child is to live and grow. But a 2018 study by UNICEF found that more than 3 million children in the world die from malnutrition every year. Some people ask why God allows this to happen. But that misses the point. God commands us to feed the hungry, and Catholics have a serious obligation to do just that. Log on to Catholic Relief Services (.org) and find out how you can help feed the starving children of the world. TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48 (501)*. "Yes, your decrees are my delight; they are my counselors."

Saturday, Nov 21 MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Your presence is requested

Celebration of Mary's presentation at the temple—a story from time-honored tradition rather than directly from scripture—took place as early as the sixth century in Jerusalem. The Eastern Church ran with it right away, but the West was slow to follow. At times the feast seemed to disappear entirely from the calendar, but finally in the 16th century it took its place as a universal feast. Though the feast points to Mary's lifetime of preparation for her sacred role in salvation, it also invites each of us to ponder for a moment: Suppose Jesus came knocking right now to bring you to the heavenly temple. Would you be prepared? If you feel a bit sloppy or unkempt, spiritually speaking, now is a great chance to do what is necessary to become a bit more presentable! TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40 (502)*. "Then they heard a loud voice from heaven say to them, 'Come up here.'"



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