

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.



*Feast of the Body &
Blood of Christ*

June 6, 2021

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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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Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship Jesus calls each of us to be evangelizers, who go forth and tell others about the Good News. This week, take some time to talk about Jesus to a friend or relative.

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. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

After last Sunday's celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, the Church offers a Sunday for us to meditate on THE link between the eternal God and us. Jesus, totally God and totally human, gives us his Body and Blood to receive in the Holy Eucharist. What is the Eucharist? It is a meal of bread and wine that nourishes us spiritually and to which we are invited by virtue of our union with our Savior through Baptism. It is a reminder of the ancient Passover from slavery to freedom, from sin and death to victory over both. It is a sign of the communion of the whole church, each one of us to the other in Christ. It is the memory of a sacrifice made in flesh and blood, the love of God poured out for our human family.

Eucharist is a ritual of decision. Take it, Jesus said. But do not take it lightly or thoughtlessly. Take it in a personal way, as a sign of our desire to be one with Jesus more fully and as the way that the Lord can share his life that is stronger than death in a tangible way with us.

For me, this feast brings to mind that this Sacrament is the most important connection that priests have with their people. Even though there are other times when priests and people are connected (other sacraments, counseling, and office visits), the Sunday Masses are the glue that keeps us together. The lack of congregational Masses in the early pandemic let us see what we miss when we cannot be together. As the pandemic recedes and people return to Mass, let us be thankful and pray that we never lose the appreciation of the gift of the Body and Blood of the Lord! ~ Fr. Jim

.....PANDEMIC PROCEDURES UPDATES

Pew Cleaning. Since the Church reopened last June, parishioners have been very generous and faithful in disinfecting the pews, on Sundays and during the week. This unexpected "ministry" has been a practical sign of caring for our parish family, and greatly appreciated! However, as understanding of this coronavirus has grown and vaccination has become widespread, the Diocese wrote that this ministry is no longer needed. Thank you to all who have been part of it.

Seating. With the number of parishioners coming to Masses growing, the roping in the front center part of the church has been removed. Please be aware of keeping some distance in the pew if needed.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Saturdays ~ 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Due to the need for privacy without using an enclosed room, we are using the Parish Center foyer. A screen divides the foyer between the priest and the penitent. There is no chair or kneeler since we could not disinfect them. You simply come in, stay standing, confess, receive your penance and depart.



In warm weather, the red front door is propped open.

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.

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.

Thank you!

St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all Faith Formation, info & bulletins. Go check it out & make it a favorite!

SAINTMARGARET.COM

Welcome to our new Pastor!

Bishop Barres has assigned Monsignor Robert Batule as Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Church. In his more than thirty-five years as a priest, Monsignor Batule has been pastor of Holy Family Church (Hicksville) and Corpus Christi (Mineola). In addition, he has taught in St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers and has held various Diocesan positions.

Please keep Monsignor in your prayers as he prepares to join our parish family on June 23rd.

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 _____

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**

**Jars of Juice, Small Peanut Butter,
Instant Potatoes, Package Gravy**

***A very special
THANK YOU to all!***

St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Bins are open

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

Thank you for your patience and donations.

A GIFT...

Once again, Joe from Middle Country Auto, who has donated cars in the past, approached us with another offer: he wants to donate a car that is in good condition to a family. The only criteria he has stipulated is that the family are practicing Catholics who are connected with our parish.

How will this be done? Basically, any family interested is asked to write a letter, addressed to "Joe" and explain why you are in need of a car. Please include your full name, address and phone number.

Please drop it off or mail it to St. Margaret of Scotland Parish (81 College Rd., Selden, NY 11784). The deadline is Wednesday June 9th. The parish staff will read and review the letters and then forward the ones that fit into his guideline. After that, Joe will make the final decision. Everyone who sends in a letter will be notified, whether you are selected or not. If you have participated in the past, you are welcome to do so again. ***Our parish wants to thank Joe for his spirit of generosity for one of our families.***



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ Ronkonkoma, Spring Basket Raffle - "In Person"

Over 40 baskets ~ \$25 and up. Drawing on June 13th ~ 9am-12 noon to view baskets. Drawing after 11 am Mass outside the parish hall. You do not need to be present. \$5 ea or 5 for \$20

Go to WWW.STEAS.ORG to view all baskets.
Purchase online, at the parish office or after mass.
800 Portion Rd., Lk. Ronkonkoma



Virtual Bereavement Support

***The heartache of grief can be complicated when
losing a loved one to an addiction.***

YES Community Counseling Center is continuing their support group for adults who have lost a loved one to an addiction. The Support Group meets the second Monday of each month from 7-8PM. To register for the Zoom invite contact Kathleen Coletta, LCSW-R via email at kcoletta@yesccec.org.

Young Adult Holy Hour Diocese of Rockville Center



***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Friday, June 11 ~ Holy Hour 7:30 PM, St. Rosalie Church,
Hampton Bays.

Saturday, June 12 ~ Mass 10AM at our
Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue.

Picnic at 11AM at Osprey's Dominion Winery, Peconic
BYO food or purchase there.

Covid 19 Mortgage Assistance

If you have been financially impacted by the Coronavirus, you may have mortgage concerns. The Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP) is a non-profit HUD certified housing counseling agency with a mission to assist Long Islanders with their housing needs. LIHP has well trained, certified and caring housing counselors on staff with experience. We strongly encourage you to talk with us BEFORE you talk with your lender or sign any forbearance agreement. For info go to LIHP.org for guidelines or email info@lihp.org for assistance.

Sisters of St. Dominic Celebration

Please help the sisters celebrate their 20th year of the *Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon* virtually on Friday, June 25th. They will gather together, uplift each other and renew body, mind and spirit. Please consider supporting them by purchasing an event ticket-\$40 which includes one entry into the door prize or buying a Sweepstake Raffle ticket at \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Call 631-842-6000 x246 for info or purchase tickets. Proceeds will assist in enhancing internet services, video conferencing, and other computer and phone items.

Bankruptcy Case: The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Information regarding filing proofs of claim for sexual abuse in the Diocese's chapter 11 bankruptcy case and the forms to use can be found on the Diocese's website (drvc.org) by scrolling down to Diocesan News and clicking the following link: • [Claim Deadline Notices and Forms](#) (February 10, 2021) Claims must be filed before August 14, 2021 (the Bar Date set by the Court). The entire Court notice that includes your rights and options can be found on our website (saintmargaret.com)

Faith Formation



Please consult future bulletins or our website regarding fall registration.

Have a Happy and Blessed Summer!

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.

SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5pm Saturday and 8am, 10am 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.



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St. Gerard Majella Adult Enrichment Series

Pathways of Grace: The Sacraments

Presented by Father Greg Rammazzisi,

Deacon Frank Dell'Aglio & Deacon John Grebe



Monday Evenings 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall*

(*Zoom Option available)

10 sessions beginning June 21*

Spend some time this summer deepening your knowledge of our Catholic Faith!

June - 21, 28

July - 12, 19, 26

August - 2, 9, 16, 23 30



Registration Form - Complete and Return to the Parish Office

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Please include a donation of \$10 for study guide

I will be attending: *check one* [] in person

[] via Zoom link

Make checks payable to St. Gerard Majella R.C. Church. Please mail or return form to the church office in a sealed envelope marked Sacraments Course.

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Sunday, Jun 06, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Remember those who must fast

Many faithful Catholics have been unable to approach the Eucharist in person for many months. Age and health, coupled with necessary protocols, have made this pandemic an unanticipated time of spiritual fasting. The words of the ancient sequence *Laud, O Zion* sung on this solemnity are especially poignant this year: “Thousands are, as one, receivers./ One, as thousands of believers.” Those with access to the sacraments receive them for all of us. Those who embrace a spiritual communion continue to find ways to be the grateful “receivers” of a wondrous mystery: Christ’s life dwelling in us. TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Lauda, Sion; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 (168). “Take it; this is my body.”*

Monday, Jun 07 Don’t rule it out

Rules are restrictive, right? Or can they be liberating? The word “rule” comes from the Greek word for “trellis,” and a trellis supports living things so they can grow up and out and bloom. The best rules create space for your priorities, turn your values into practices, and give you the freedom to live intentionally with God at the center. Why not create your own “rule of life” that helps you do that? Many Christians do. Monastic orders, starting with the Benedictines, began this tradition and all follow a rule of life to govern every aspect of life, including prayer, work, and community interaction. Rules of life can also address diet, exercise, recreation, relationships, and mental stimulation. The point is healthy balance. Thankfully, there are no rules to creating a rule of life—it’s up to you and God to decide. TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12 (359). “Rejoice and be glad; for your reward will be great in heaven.”*

Tuesday, Jun 08 SOS: Save our seas!

In the beginning, says Genesis 1, God not only created the seas but made the “waters teem with swarms of living creatures.” Today, designated World Oceans Day by the United Nations, we’re reminded that God’s creation is in real danger. As Pope Francis writes in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si’*, these formerly teeming waters are increasingly a graveyard, “due largely to pollution which reaches the sea as the result of deforestation, agricultural monocultures, industrial waste and destructive fishing methods,” all of it “aggravated by the rise in temperature of the oceans.” Visit the *Si’* Movement for ways to make a difference. TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds.”*

Wednesday, Jun 09 Faith fulfills life

The definition of *fulfill* is “to put into effect, to convert to reality.” Jesus teaches that the best way to bring the Kingdom into effect is to practice mercy and humility, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to work at making peace, and to understand that persecution can befall those who preach and live his message. In Jesus, the law of the prophets was not abolished but fulfilled. How do you choose to live your faith in a fulfilling way? TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). “I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”*

Thursday, Jun 10 Mercy me

It is hard to overstate the centrality of forgiveness within the Christian tradition: both God’s forgiveness when we do wrong and our forgiveness when others hurt us. Forgiveness is so foundational, we have a sacrament for it; it’s in our creed; it’s part of The Lord’s Prayer; Pope Francis declared 2016 the Year of Mercy; and the list goes on. Do you need to forgive or be forgiven, or perhaps both? Now is the acceptable time to seek or extend mercy. TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). “Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother.”*

Friday, Jun 11 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Promise with all your heart

The devotion to the Sacred Heart, which dates back centuries, includes consecrating oneself to, and benefiting from, the promises of the Sacred Heart. In honor of today’s feast, consider committing to the following: Consecrate all your actions to glorify the Sacred Heart; consecrate all your weakness within the strength of the Sacred Heart; consecrate all your confidence in the faithfulness of the Sacred Heart. Do this and the peace of Christ, who is our peace, will be with you. TODAY’S READINGS: *Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37 (171). “For this reason I kneel before the Father . . . that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”*

Saturday, Jun 12 MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May your heart be on fire with love

Yesterday we celebrated the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and today we commemorate the Immaculate Heart of Mary: two hearts on fire with love and made one in suffering. The Sacred Heart symbolizes the love of God for people, pierced by the thorns of rejection. The Immaculate Heart symbolizes the love of people for God, wounded with a sword of suffering in solidarity with Christ. Remembering that Jesus identified with the struggles of the least of our sisters and brothers, today we can pray for those refugees driven from their homes by violence and poverty and waiting for help at our southern border. TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51 (364; Gospel 573). “His mother kept all these things in her heart.”*



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Pope Francis has declared December 2020 ~ December 2021 as The Year of St. Joseph

Born in 1845, St. Andre Bessette was known as the “Miracle Worker of Montreal” He was instrumental in the construction of the Basilica of St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, Canada and promoted an efficacious love for and devotion to St. Joseph in his practical deeds of daily charity as a doorkeeper. As a doorkeeper at a Holy Cross Catholic school in Montreal, Brother André opened the door to Jesus Christ every time he opened the door physically for the students, families, and Cross-carriers he encountered.

We have a number of Doorkeeper Saints in the history of our Catholic Church that meditated, prayed, contemplated and lived these biblical passages on doors. They include the Jesuit brother St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1532-1617), the Dominican brother St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639), and the simplex Capuchin priest Blessed Solanus Casey (1870-1957) These Doorkeeper Saints who opened the door to Christ and greeted Christ as they listened to and served suffering humanity, encourage us to reflect on the doors in our own lives and how we open them to others. As these Doorkeeper Saints opened physical doors to Catholic schools, monasteries, and residences, they did so with exquisite reverence for the people which the opened door revealed, though the crowds and long lines often led to exhaustion.

Reflect for a moment on the door of the home you grew up in and all the traffic that went in and out of it. Reflect on the door of where you live now. Reflect on your room door or your office door. Reflect, in these Covid-19 times, on the door or portal of the computer you use every day. How do we answer the doors of life? As we open these doors, do we greet Christ and the person representing Christ with warmth, openness, steadfast charity, humility, and magnanimity?

As we answer the doors of life, are we accompanied by St. Joseph and the Holy Family, striving to greet Jesus Christ in every providential dimension of humanity that the Holy Spirit sends to us?

In every door-opening moment, St. André Bessette opened the door to Jesus Christ with the help, assistance, and intercession of his friend St. Joseph.

He sought the intercession of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Guardian of the Holy Family, and model for all husbands, fathers, and family members. St. André sought the intercession of St. Joseph, the Dreamer and Contemplative, and asked St. Joseph to intercede for his prayer life and the prayer lives of those he served.



He sought the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, who teaches us to give Glory to God in the sanctification of every detail of daily work.

St. André sought the intercession of St. Joseph, the Just Man – faith-filled, rock-solid, mature, reliable, constant, hardworking, contemplative, and prayerful, always trusting in God as he faced the most difficult and perplexing situations and curve balls of life.

As we remember and celebrate the stories and vast panorama of spiritual, physical, and emotional healings of which St. André Bessette and St. Joseph together were God’s humble instruments, we “go to Joseph” in the Year of St. Joseph. We ask their intercession to help us pray, deepen our daily charity, and open every door in life to Jesus Christ and the neighbors he sends to us.

Bishop John Barres ~ Condensed from the LI Catholic 2/2021