

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.

Independence Day

PRAAYER

Dear God our Father,
we praise You today for who You are—a God of love,
who reveals to us that love is truth and freedom.
Thank You for our country, the United States of America,
conceived in liberty, and for all those who have
sacrificed that we might enjoy these freedoms.

Like a city on a mountaintop, help us to share our blessings
with the world, and to allow the light of Your Holy Spirit
within us to set others free in spirit, soul, and body.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Have a Blessed Holiday

July 4, 2021

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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Happy Independence Day!

We trace our birth as a nation to a document, authored by Thomas Jefferson, called the Declaration of Independence. Its opening words come to mind almost immediately for many of us: “When in the course of human events . . .” More likely still are we able to recall those hallowed words from the second paragraph of the Declaration. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Regarding the opening words cited above, the context is the desire we all have to be free – free, that is, of tyranny. Who doesn’t want to live this way? In the case of the American colonists nearly two hundred and fifty years ago, the tyranny was imposed from the outside – by the great European power known as Great Britain. But it is good to recall that not every tyranny is imposed from the outside. Sometimes tyranny is an internal phenomenon. This would occur when we are beholden to unruly hearts, minds and consciences – what we have customarily called an enslavement to sin. We need to be liberated from our sins more than anything else.

Jefferson, writing for all the signers and for all Americans henceforth, next says something that can be glossed over quickly but it ought not to be. He says that truth exists, allowing that it is “self-evident.” To state such a thing today in some quarters makes one a heretic. Truth has been displaced in some circles by narratives with which we can then vanquish our foes rhetorically.

Today it is right to give thanks to our Creator for our nation, for all the blessings bestowed on her since the founding. We must also resolve to practice good citizenship, opposing tyranny of all kinds and standing up for the truth even when it exacts a cost from us.

God bless these United States of America!

Msgr. Batule

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.



Sacraments are Celebrations!

Baptisms
Logan Anthony Wiszowaty
Daniella Rose Pallino

Not All Parishioners are able to get to Church ~ Can you Help?

If you are a Extraordinary Minister with part B training & could assist in home visits to bring the Eucharist, please call Julie at 732-3131 x133. **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 _____

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**

**Vegetable Soup, SpaghettiOs,
Coffee /Tea, Small Mayo**

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

Please do **not** leave clothing at our Thrift Shop entrance or our Parish Center doors. We do not have a Thrift Shop open to accommodate. You may take items to St. Gerard Majella on Terryville Rd., PJS or Resurrection Parish on Granny Road in Farmingville. Thank you.

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.***

Catholic Gifts

Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine , 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. Hours 10-4 weekdays & 10-5 Sat./ Sun. They carry a large variety of religious articles. OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG

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.

Multiple Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities

For a full list of jobs F/T and P/T, go to WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBS. You can respond by mail, email, or fax. The website will assist you.



If you have been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, you may be eligible for Early Childhood services for ages Birth-Five at no cost! Call today! (631) 758-5200

For ages three to five our Head Start program provides developmental screenings and on-going assessments, School Readiness – transition into Kindergarten, NYS Licensed Day Care Centers, Nutritious Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Snack), outdoor playgrounds, full-day UPK at select centers, before & after care available at select centers .The Early Head Start program provides services for expectant mothers, infants, and toddlers. This program for ages birth to 3 provides diapers and formula while in session, nutritious meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Snack), outdoor playgrounds, individualized Home-Based Services, before & after care available at select centers.

Enroll now! To apply please visit www.liheadstart.org or call (631) 758-5200 for more information

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@yesccc.org.

Catholic Charities ~ TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a “NO fee for service” program.

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 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.



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JULY 10

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All youth, current 8th-12th graders (2020-2021 school year) are invited to join us for a day of powerful talks, inspiring music, games and recreation, and incredible experiences of prayer and Sacrament.

More info: www.campquovadis.com

Registration: bit.ly/QuoVadis21

Sunday, Jul 04, 2021 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Get Jesus right and get right with Jesus

With so many Christian "brands" out there—Catholic and Protestant, evangelical and contemplative, high church or pop church—it's easy to wonder who's got Jesus right. Interpreting his significance is key to the church's mission. Still, Jesus' identity has been debated since his own generation. Mark's gospel, the earliest written, betrays a perceived shadow on Jesus' paternity: He's identified as Mary's son rather than the son of Joseph, as would have been customary. Later gospels replace what was seen at the time as a less-than-honorable reference by calling Jesus the "carpenter's son." The question remains: Is Jesus more than a human sage? Is he Lord of your life? TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a (101)*. "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?"

Monday, Jul 05 MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL Seek the common ground of reconciliation

The world is rife with conflict. Many friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors are at odds over politics, racial strife, and pandemic behavior and vaccines. After all this, it can be hard to ever feel the same way about certain people in our lives. But we're called to be peacemakers nonetheless—and that starts with our personal relationships. Saint Elizabeth of Portugal brokered peace in her family to stop civil war. We've never needed her brand of reconciliation more. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383)*. "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

Tuesday, Jul 06 MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR A mission of mercy

Pope Francis proclaimed an extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2015, but it was one of the Catholic Church's youngest saints—11-year-old Maria Goretti—who took the message abroad. The Pilgrimage of Mercy, featuring Maria's major relics, traveled across the United States that year, attracting multitudes to veneration, prayer, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Canonized a modern-day "virgin martyr," dying at the hands of a would-be rapist in 1902, this humble Italian girl became "The Little Saint of Great Mercy" for forgiving her murderer upon her deathbed. Who do you need to forgive? Let Maria's example be a reminder of what is possible. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384)*. "His heart was moved with pity for them."

Wednesday, Jul 07 Harden not your heart

In 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a pastoral letter against racism: *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. In that letter, the bishops remind us that as a nation "we have never sufficiently contended with the impact of racism." In a week when the United States honors the founding principles of this country and that all are created equal, people of faith are called to examine their own perceptions and practices and do their part to ensure equality for all people. Embrace the bishops' invitation to fight the evil of racism and take time this week to read and reflect on their letter: *Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385)*. "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Thursday, Jul 08 Sometimes the miracle is endurance

The gospel for today refers to the amazing powers Jesus conferred upon his followers to cure and revive. But we know many people in Jesus' day and today do not experience a miracle cure but instead must bear a cross. Our faith gives us the wisdom to know how and when to bear suffering when a solution is absent and when to struggle against injustice; both can be paths to God. Indeed, miracles themselves, the church teaches, are not merely wondrous events; they are meant to transform us and bring us closer to God. Which way are you being called right now? To struggle against suffering and injustice? Or to bow to a cross in your life? Over a lifetime, we may be called to both paths. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386)*. "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons."

Friday, Jul 09 Hang in there

Each of us will be put to the test when it comes to our faith. How we react to tragedy, scorn, injustice, boredom, betrayal, illness, and loss will present moments of truth for us. Will our faith endure? Saint Paul tells the Romans that "tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope." Paul knew a thing or two about perseverance. His lengthy missionizing sea journeys covered something on the magnitude of 10,000 miles and many months on often rough seas. When you feel tested, turn to Paul for inspiration. Stay the course! TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387)*. "Whoever endures to the end will be saved."

Saturday, Jul 10 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Ever Virgin, ever esteemed

It is ironic but true that the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned more times in Islam's Qur'an than in the Christian New Testament. Parts of two chapters of the Qur'an are devoted to Mary. Much like in the gospel of Luke, one chapter tells the story of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The other speculates about Mary's family, her parents and siblings, making linguistic parallels to the family of Moses. As in Catholic tradition, Islam considers the Mother of Jesus the greatest of all women of faith. The spiritual influence of the Virgin Mary transcends even religious differences. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388)*. "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."

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