

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: 4 - 4:45 PM
in the **Church** or by appointment.



July 18, 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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Stewardship Thought for the Week.
Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship : This week, find some quiet time each day and read your Bible. Listen to God speak to you in the silence.

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 | 2021 | # |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|-------------------------|-----|
| Collected at Mass | 7,596 | 4,019 | 6,080 ^{.70} | 169 |
| Mailed Envelopes | 1,003 | 4,801 | 1,869 | 46 |
| Electronic Donations | 4,427 | 4,180 | 4,732 | 53 |
| Total Collection | 13,026 | \$13,000 | \$12,681 ^{.70} | 268 |

| Mass Attendance | | 5 ^{pm} | 8 ^{am} | 10 ^{am} | 12 ^{pm} | Total |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
| <i>Last Sunday</i> | | 106 | 122 | 127 | 140 | 495 |
| <i>2nd week back</i> | 2020 | 74 | 63 | 83 | 66 | 286 |
| | 2019 | 164 | 156 | 188 | 194 | 702 |

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel.....Mk 6: 1-15

*Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of*

Amy Grace Quaranta

BAPTISMS: Prospective parents should telephone the Parish Center about three months before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your child's baptism. Health restrictions currently limit the number of babies at each ceremony, held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Some forms, the child's birth certificate and the godparent's "sponsor certificate" are needed (godparents must be Confirmed practicing Catholics) before a date can be finalized.

Thursday 10 am –2 pm. Or call for appointment— x119.

Robert & Theresa Chalk

HE HEALED THEM ALL

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.

On the last day of this month, we honor the memory of Saint Ignatius Loyola, Priest. He was born in 1491, the youngest of thirteen children, in the Basque region of Spain. At the age of 17, Ignatius joined the army, and served the Duke of Najera. While in the service of the Duke, Ignatius sustained a grave injury and during his convalescence, he underwent a conversion. The catalyst for his conversion was a volume on the life of Christ.

In reading this book, Ignatius also discerned a vocation to Religious life. With two others, Francis Xavier and Peter Faber, Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus in 1539. Barely a year later, the Pope at the time, Paul III, approved the establishment of the Jesuits and Ignatius was chosen the first Superior General of the new Religious Order.

Throughout the Order's history, the Jesuits have ministered not exclusively but mainly in the missions and in higher education. Wherever they have been in their ministries, the Jesuits have brought with them the *Spiritual Exercises*. As its name suggests, the *Spiritual Exercises* is a method or way for deepening our communion with Christ by meditating on scripture passages over a period of four weeks usually. The *Spiritual Exercises* have been used in retreat houses, novitiates and other places of formation all over the world.

With the slower, more leisurely pace of the summer, we may have an opportunity to go "on retreat" even if we do not go physically to a retreat house. This might be a good time to become acquainted for the first time with the *Spiritual Exercises*, or as the circumstances may recommend, renew an acquaintance with this spiritual classic. Whether it is the first time or a renewal of an acquaintance, it is always a good intention to have – to want to deepen our friendship with the Lord. May that intention bear fruit – a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. (cf. Matt 13:8)

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

RECONCILIATION CONFESSION Update Saturdays ~ 4:00pm to 4:45pm



Beginning the third weekend of this month, July 17th and 18th, confessions will return to the 4:00 PM hour on Saturday before the 5:00 PM Mass. Confessions will be heard in the church, not in the parish center.

Please be sensitive to those in the confessional as you wait. The line should run across the back of the church with the area at the door clear. Those waiting for confession should be no closer than the St Joseph statue. The last pews in front of the confessional door should be left clear until the priest has left the confessional.

Please knock and wait to be invited in.

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Karsyn Jax O'Connell, Brian Vincent Finelli,
Noah Jon Mc Fadden



Wedding Banns

Banns II: Roxanne De Stefano & Victor Garcia,
both St. Margaret of Scotland

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both St. Margaret of Scotland

Parish Updates

The filmed Mass will no longer be available after the weekend of August 7th/8th. The precept to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass resumes for Catholics in the Diocese of Rockville Centre the very next weekend. Please join us in person for Sunday Mass as soon as you can.

We have resumed collections by the ushers at all weekend Masses. Kindly place your envelope or other donation for Saint Margaret in the basket as it comes to you in church. As always, we are grateful for your financial support of the parish.

The church is open at 8:30 AM Monday through Friday.
We encourage parishioners and other church-goers
to come early for Mass.

The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among
those so inclined.

Do you know?



Answer to last week's question: Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland (1737 – 1832) was the lone Catholic (out of 56) to sign the Declaration of Independence.

Today's question: Who was the first canonized American saint, and what Religious Order did she found?

Faith Formation

FALL REGISTRATION

Forms have been mailed to new and registered families this past week.

If you have not received one, please contact Jackie at the Faith Formation office at 631-732-3131 x131.



Deadline is August 10th

Have a Happy and Blessed Summer!

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**

**Canned Fruit, Shelf Stable Milk,
Canned Carrots, Instant Potatoes**

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.

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 _____

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 or 516-799-3203 ~ YESCCC.ORG.

Congratulations Honor Roll Students

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll for students from

St. Anthony's High School, Huntington

Tiffany Bosch, Sarah Breuer,
Cassandra Hussey, Aelish Symonds,
& Ajani Valerio



We commend their efforts to excel!

Handicapped Encounter Christ

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC), a ministry of two communities coming together as one, is having a full-day retreat on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY. Adults with disabilities and able-bodied volunteers will nurture their spiritual growth, share the good news of the risen Christ, increase awareness of self worth and come together as friends. Looking for some new friends to join us - both adults with disabilities and volunteers (18+ please). All participants must be fully vaccinated. For information: (631) 806-6213 / DianafromHEC@gmail.com or Bob Tolan at (516) 241-4122 / rtolan@mtb.com.

Catholic Charities Senior Housing

Catholic Charities has Senior Housing in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in 16 locations. Rent is calculated based on the income at 30 % ~ below \$45K for one person and \$52K for two people over 62 years. For info or an application, call STANAN MANAGEMENT at 516-486-1000. Each site has its own applications and waiting list. Their current wait time is approx. 2 1/2 - 3 years.

Child Care Scholarships

The Office of Children and Family Services is now offering child-care scholarships for essential workers. This scholarship will be awarded weekly through payments made directly to child care providers. Child care for children aged from six weeks old through 12 years are eligible.

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/COVID-relief/essential-workers.php>

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)

LOOKING THROUGH EYES OF LOVE

**L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry
Invites You**

**To our Annual Retreat
At St. Joseph's Villa
Hampton Bays, N.Y.
September 10 - 12, 2021**

Guest Speaker - Patti Gordon

Celebrant - Rev. Robert Kline



Sisters in Christ,

The Lenten season has ended but our journey continues with Christ in the Center of our hearts.

Our journey has had many challenges. Not being able to be with family and friends; gathering at church; postponed events, etc. Not knowing what God's plan was for us in this situation must have been quite overwhelming. Looking at the glass half full, I grew in technology, using Zoom and Duo to communicate with others! However, and most importantly, my relationship with Jesus has grown immensely, especially during those quiet times. Meeting virtually with my fellow sisters in Christ has also deepened our friendship while growing in the knowledge of God's Word. It bears repeating that we can be confident that no matter our circumstances or what is happening in the world around us, God has a master plan because of His Love for us. By His Grace we continue *"to hold fast to what is good...."* 1st Thessalonians 5:21

Jesus transforms us to see through the filter of His love. Jesus said *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."* John 15:12 Jesus is the light and we bloom in spite of the darkness that surrounds us. The Holy Spirit is constantly working in our lives even when we are not aware of it. By putting our trust in God, His Word and His Promises and keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, we are being guided by the Light that goes before us. Love is alive!

For over 16 years, our retreats were held at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore and we have had many wonderful experiences. It is with sadness that the Center is closed, but God always has a plan. The Holy Spirit led us to St. Joseph's Villa in Hampton Bays and we are looking forward to gathering again at this year's retreat.

We are excited to have *Patti Gordon* as our *Guest Speaker* this year. She is a Spiritual Director and has been given the privilege of witnessing God's love and healing in the lives of others. She also serves with Bridge for Peace through healing, prayer, missions and retreats. Her joy is bringing the Word of God to life through drama and dance. Patti is married with four children and seven grandchildren.

Do not miss this opportunity for an uplifting and fulfilling experience!

Date - September 10-12, 2021 – Check-in Friday at 4 p.m. Check out Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Place - St. Joseph's Villa, Hampton Bays, New York.

Cost - \$225.00 Single Room & 6 Meals included. Rooms are limited. To hold your reservation, please return the bottom portion of this flyer with your non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 *Due by August 1, 2021.*

Balance - \$175.00 *Due by August 27, 2021*

For more information, call: Yvonne Bracone (631) 398-4086 or Nina McGee (516) 449-6197

Tear here, print information and return with deposit. *Share the information!*

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Church:** _____

Please make check payable to: L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry

**** Mail check to: Yvonne Bracone, 32 Pondview Circle, Shirley, N.Y. 11967**

Sunday, Jul 18, 2021 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Help others find their way

What makes you sad? For Jesus, the ignorance that governs so many lives is the saddest sight there is. Even when he was personally exhausted, shepherd-less masses awakened in Jesus the desire to offer guidance. Today, our Jewish friends memorialize their saddest day, Tisha B'av, the day when the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed not just once, but twice in history. The despair of being without moorings is acute for any displaced people. Consider offering aid to today's refugees to help them find their way. TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (107)*. "When [Jesus] disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them."

Monday, Jul 19 Read deeply

Sacred scripture is the living word of God, and the ancient monastic practice of *lectio divina* (Latin for "divine reading") is a contemplative way of "conversing" with it. It involves four basic steps: *lectio* ("reading"), *meditatio* ("meditation"), *oratio* ("prayer"), and *contemplatio* ("contemplation"). By narrowing in on certain passages, reading them slowly and repeatedly, noticing what stirs you, and reflecting prayerfully on it, you can grow closer in personal relationship with God. To learn more about *lectio divina*, read *Open Heart, Open Mind* by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 (395)*. "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

Tuesday, Jul 20 Special needs evoke special support

On this day in 1968, the first Special Olympics took place in Chicago. The brainchild of Eunice Kennedy Shriver—devout Catholic, sister of President John F. Kennedy, and tireless advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. Shriver's husband, Sargent Shriver—as a Knight of Columbus—encouraged the Knights to support the cause, not only of Special Olympics but of what's become the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for people with intellectual disabilities. Visit the Catholic Partnership on Disability to become a better advocate for people with disabilities and their families. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 14:21—15:1; Matthew 12:46-50 (396)*. "Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Wednesday, Jul 21 Choose wisely and well

Good preachers know that if they tell a story as part of a sermon, their people are more likely to remember the message. Such preachers take their lead from the master storyteller. Jesus used stories, often parables with a lesson, to help listeners then and now understand what really matters in his Father's kingdom. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "the simple images of the parables . . . confront the hearer with a radical choice (about) entering the kingdom of God." Do not get lost in the details, but rather see the choice the stories provide. Will you be the seed that grows in good earth? Or will you die among the thorns? Choose love and bear much fruit. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9 (397)*. "But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit."

Thursday, Jul 22 FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE Grace under pressure

Mary Magdalene is often referred to as "Apostle to the Apostles." The gospels attest to the fact that she did not abandon Christ on the cross, and in several gospel accounts she is the first witness to the Resurrection, bringing the news to the other apostles. Despite her loyalty and stature, ironically she is not mentioned in the Holy Week liturgies. However, the church in 2016 set a feast day in her honor. On that feast today, reflect on your own loyalty to Christ: Can you be unwavering even under pressure, as was Mary Magdalene? TODAY'S READINGS: *Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603)*. "Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.'"

Friday, Jul 23 MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS Love, embodied

It's great to have a deep connection with another person no matter what kind of relationship it may be. Birgitta Petersson (later known as Saint Bridget of Sweden) found this in Ulf Gudmarsson, whom she married while both were very young. Early on in their relationship they were focused on raising a family of eight with each maintaining a job outside the home. Their relationship and love grew over time with each other and with God. A major bonding experience came when together they made a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, a popular religious destination in northwestern Spain. Years later when Ulf died, Birgitta reportedly said that she had "loved him like my own body." Take time to strengthen the bonds of your own loving relationships. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399)*. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."

Saturday, Jul 24 MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLÜF, PRIEST A quiet mystic speaks to our age

Saint Sharbel Makhlûf (1828-98) was a Maronite monk and priest in Lebanon, renowned for his quiet holiness. On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Saint Pope Paul VI as "a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity," who "through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people." In the midst of busy, noisy life, make some time to hear the still, quiet voice. Recite the Prayer revered by the Eastern Church for centuries, now gaining adherents in the West, including Saint Pope John Paul II, who compared the meditative quality of the Jesus Prayer to the Rosary: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30 (400)*. "If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest."



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St. Margaret of Scotland

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For further questions contact John Strange 1-631-355-0006

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