

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



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Mon, Tue & Wed 9am to 1pm

Any meeting will be by appointment Only.

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Beginning today and continuing for a total of five consecutive weeks, the Gospel that we listen to at Sunday Mass is taken from Saint John. All of the texts come from the same chapter of that Gospel too. It is Chapter 6 which contains the Bread of Life Discourse. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the sublime power of the Eucharist in our lives.

I will use these Sundays to address key matters pertaining to the meaning of the Eucharist. The pastoral need for this is most pressing as there is much, much confusion in our midst about what the Eucharist means. Kindly join with me in focusing your attention over the next few weeks on what we believe about the Eucharist, and how we might bear testimony to this belief in the conduct of our lives.

For those of us who attend Mass regularly, the day of our First Holy Communion is likely a memory that we still retain. It is not so much the apparel we had on that day, but the awe which accompanied the act of receiving Jesus for the very first time. That awe still figures in how we think about the greatest of the seven Sacraments, or at least it should.

The Eucharist is indeed awesome. And the awesomeness of it does not wane even though we may have received the Sacrament thousands and thousands of times in a lifetime. We have definitely aged and perhaps given in too easily to routine but Christ is always new because grace is always new. Saint Augustine said in reference to the faith that it is ever ancient, ever new. So is the Eucharist. Its origin is in antiquity but its newness is in its indefatigable celebration daily. Let us not forget that as we embark on a weeks-long meditation on the Eucharist together.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

Parish Updates

Lectors are reminded that the procession and recession at weekend Masses have been restored. Kindly join in unless there is something preventing you from participating.

The “filmed” Mass is discontinued due to staffing issues. We encourage all parishioners to join with us now in person for Mass every week in the church building.

Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoons in the church at 4:00 PM. Kindly remember that the confessor is usually the celebrant of the 5:00 PM Mass, and penitents should be aware that the priest is going to leave the confessional/reconciliation room at 4:45 PM.

Beginning today (July 25th) and continuing until the last day of this month, the Church observes NFP Awareness Week. It is an opportunity to learn more about natural family planning, the way for married couples to live the Church’s sexual ethic found in the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (1968). We hail those spouses who teach fertility awareness to engaged and married couples as part of the Church’s teaching on the sanctity of human life beginning at conception. We are grateful for their witness and we encourage all Catholics to learn more about this apostolate by going to the diocesan website or the website of the United States Catholic Conference.

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Preston Jack Iannotto,
Avyana Taylor Littlejohn & Ryland Dwight Littlejohn



Wedding Banns

Banns III: Roxanne De Stefano & Victor Garcia,
both St. Margaret of Scotland
Banns III: Jennifer Sarcone & Thomas Horan,
both St. Margaret of Scotland

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: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first American born canonized saint and the Order she founded was the Sisters of Charity. 

This week’s question: Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. is the oldest Catholic college in the United States. Its school colors are blue and gray. Why these two colors?

Faith Formation

FALL REGISTRATION

Forms have been mailed to new and registered families..

If you have not received a form, 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

BEGINNING THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE PARISH CENTER.

PLEASE bring all donations to the front door of the Parish Center or bring to the box in the rear of the Church

*Jelly and Peanut Butter
Loaves of Bread*

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

BACK TO SCHOOL



This year we will be collecting **BACK PACKS** along with any school supplies that you would like to bring. Drop off at the Parish Center or the box in the back of the Church.

Monetary donations can be placed in our Outreach Angel in the lobby of the Church.

The children thank you in advance!

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.

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.



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.

Bankruptcy Case: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: _____

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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 25, 2021 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebrate mom-and-pop operations

However few dollars there are, parents make them stretch until payday. However uncertain the way ahead, they shoulder the decision-making for their brood. However dark the night and scary the storm, parents hug their little ones through it. Today our nation celebrates Parents' Day, honoring the grownups who make children's lives safer, happier, and healthier. While they may not multiply loaves and fishes quite like Jesus, parents do perform minor miracles of sufficiency every day across this country. They take imperfect human love and weave a blanket of protection and possibility for their tribe. Support your local parents! TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (110)*. "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

Monday, Jul 26 MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Family ties

Jesus' ancestry through Joseph is extensively traced in two of the gospels, but there's nothing there about his maternal line. The names of his grandparents—Mary's parents—aren't mentioned in scripture, but tradition has dubbed them Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names were, they had to have been remarkable people to have raised the mother of God. The courage and faith they passed on to Mary is a precious gift all parents can pass to their children. Treasure your own intergenerational bonds. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35 (401)*. "The birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

Tuesday, Jul 27 Parables of trying and trust

Jesus favored parables—short allegories featuring people, places, and things familiar to ordinary listeners—to get his point across. Typically, they were about the kingdom of God, standing in stark contrast to the current world. "The kingdom of God, even if it requires our cooperation, is firstly a gift of the Lord," Pope Benedict XVI reminded pilgrims in 2012. Not that humans shouldn't lift a finger. Such parables, Benedict said, echo a famous saying from Ignatius of Loyola: "Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God." Where do you need to trust God more and where, perhaps, do you need to act? TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402)*. "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Wednesday, Jul 28 Stay the course

Father Stanley Rother is one step away from canonization and being named publicly as a saint of the Catholic Church. Born in Oklahoma in 1935, ordained a priest in 1963, missioned to Guatemala in 1968, Rother immersed himself among the Tz'ujujil Mayan communities. When civil war broke out and his name appeared on a death list, after briefly departing he decided to return, saying, the "shepherd cannot run." On July 28, 1981, three men entered the rectory where he lived and killed him. Now recognized as a martyr for the faith, Rother was beatified by the Vatican in 2016. As we await the canonization of this first American martyr, pray that you, too, might be a sign of Christ's love to the people close to you, even when it comes at a cost. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46 (403)*. "When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Thursday, Jul 29 MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS Lesson learned

Any memorial honoring Saint Martha, along with her sister and brother, includes a well-deserved nod to those who quietly serve. But Martha's role in salvation history goes well beyond her hospitality to Jesus and lies in the example of her maturing faith. When Jesus admonished her about her anxiety, Martha listened. She grew in wisdom and understanding, so much so that when her brother Lazarus dies, she runs to meet Jesus and declares: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Martha provides an inspiration to all of us to persevere in knowing God, loving Christ, and serving others. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 (404); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607)*. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

Friday, Jul 30 Open the door to your own ministry

Do you ever think about your daily activities as a ministry? No activity is outside the realm of a possible ministry. Take Blessed Solanus Casey, for example. One of Solanus' jobs was as a porter, that is, a door keeper. Open/shut case, right? Not at all! Solanus understood his simple job as being a true ministry, service of God through service of others. He did not merely answer the door; he opened his heart to everyone who entered. In doing so, Solanus was able to reflect God's love and healing to others in a way that truly made a difference. How do you open your heart to others during your daily routine? TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405)*. "Is he not the carpenter's son?"

Saturday, Jul 31 MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST Book your biblical excursion

Never underestimate the power of a book to change lives or history. Ignatius of Loyola was a young Spanish soldier from a prominent military family. While recovering from a serious war injury, he came upon *Vita Christi*, a spiritual biography of the life of Christ by 14th-century German Catholic monk Ludolph of Saxony. In the book he found the meditative technique of immersing oneself in a biblical scene from the life of Jesus. The book changed Ignatius' life, and the technique became foundational to the development of Ignatian spirituality and the famed *Spiritual Exercises*. Try the technique: Open a gospel, read a story, and place yourself at the scene. Really be there. See what happens. TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12 (406)*. "This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you."



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

Born in 1845, St. André 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.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

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