

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.



August 8, 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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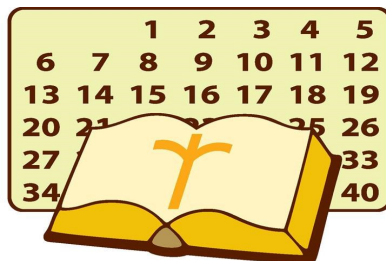
Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :Sometimes, we tend to look at things with only our human understanding. The difficulties we face, may lead us to despair and doubt. We need to learn to trust in Jesus and believe that He can help us through any problem we face.

*Robert
Tuosto*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gospel.....Lk 1:39-56



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.

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment—x131.

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

Nancy & Joseph Maresca

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Veronica Sheridan-Cox
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Christina & Baby Muller
James & Catherine Reynolds
Babies Greyson & Aubrey
Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri

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.

Two years ago, the Pew Research Center conducted a poll among Catholics concerning belief about the Eucharist. And the results were far from edifying.

The polling data showed that nearly 70% of Catholics believe that the bread and wine at Mass are just *symbols* of the Body and Blood of Christ. Just under one third of Catholics (31%) hold that the bread and wine *actually* become the Body and Blood of Our Savior. How is that a minority of Catholics accepts the Catholic position on the Eucharist?

Is it that Catholics reject *transubstantiation* as the Catholic position and don't know that it is the Catholic position? Well, according to research, some 43% of Catholics believe the bread and wine are symbolic **and** that this reflects the Catholic position. One-in-five Catholics (22%) reject *transubstantiation*, even though they know this is the Catholic position.

There is no way of hiding the fact that there has been a massive catechetical failure for decades. Simply put, we have failed at handing on the Catholic faith in all its fulness and beauty. Yes, we can resolve to do better, but is that all we can do?

For Catholics to come to the Catholic position on the Eucharist, we need much more than a resolution. We must start with an acknowledgement that there is a crisis of faith afoot. And it has been that way for a long time, unfortunately. Amidst a broad panorama of faithlessness, we can never lose sight that faith is a grace, a gift. It is a matter of seeing things and seeing Him most especially with the eyes of faith. Faith is a genuine way of knowing and it is definitely not inferior to scientific knowing despite all of the protestations to the contrary.

Faith in the Eucharist is faith in the One Who is unseen. Like the apostle John who ran to the tomb on the first Easter and peered into an empty tomb, we are called to see and believe (cf. Jn 20:8) too.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

We Gather...

We invite all lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to join us on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM for a Holy Hour in church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and it will conclude with Benediction at 8:00 PM.

Following the Holy Hour, there will be a meeting to review procedures and practices in the basement of the parish center building. We will finish by 9:00 PM.

Parish Updates ~ New Office Hours

Beginning the 1st of September, the office in the parish center will have new hours. As of this new date, the office is open from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM** Monday through Thursday and **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM** on Friday. Please make note of the new and expanded hours for serving the parishioners of Saint Margaret.

Starting September 1st, the donation for announced masses and unannounced masses will be **\$20.00**. The increase is to meet the diocesan norm of **\$20.00**, which has been at this rate for more than several years. We are grateful that you remember deceased loved ones through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please continue this meritorious practice.

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?

Question of the Week: Who was Fr. Edward Sorin, C.S.C.?



Answer to previous week's question: Rhode Island is the state with the highest percentage of Catholics in its population. Tennessee is the state with the lowest percentage of Catholics in its population.

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

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.

Shelf Stable Milk, Cookies, White Rice

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.



Prep Course for Catholic High School St. John the Baptist ~ West Islip

If you are planning to have your son or daughter attend one of the nine Catholic high schools on Long Island in September 2022, he or she is required to take an entrance exam in the 8th grade as part of the admissions process. We will be administering this exam on Nov. 6, 2021. Five Saturday prep classes will be held to assist the student. If you would like to more information and/or sign up, go to STJOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET and follow the admissions tab for the application or call 631-587-8000 x117.

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)





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Sunday Gospel Activities

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JOHN 6:41-51 NAME: _____



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.



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 childcare 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>

Sunday, Aug 08, 2021 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Let living water flow

Jesus said, "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink" will be rewarded (Matt. 10:42). How much more so if we champion clean water rights for all. Have you ever tried to run a bath, only to have sludge emerge from the pipes? Have you visited a familiar lake and found its normally clear water unfit for swimming? Have you gotten sick from drinking from a contaminated spring, or developed a rash from washing in your own sink? Folks around the world and in parts of our own country have had this experience often. Take time to learn what you can do locally and globally to ensure access to what Pope Francis calls a "basic and universal human right"—safe drinking water. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51 (116). "Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water."*

Monday, Aug 09 MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN, MARTYR Pick up a page-turner of faith

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein in 1891 and was killed at Auschwitz in 1942. She was a German Jewish philosopher who had been an atheist, although she had admired Christians she knew. She shocked everyone by becoming Catholic and, 11 years later, a Carmelite nun. Her conversion was prompted by an all-night reading of the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila, a 16th-century Carmelite also of Jewish origins. Pick up a copy of the autobiographies of both these riveting saints—and see how they contribute to your own ongoing conversion. TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). "And they were overwhelmed with grief."*

Tuesday, Aug 10 FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR Find your way to serve

Lawrence was one of seven deacons martyred in Rome under Emperor Valerian in 258. The word *deacon*—from the Greek word for *service*—describes the work of these early ministers: beginning with the first seven deacons mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, appointed to serve the everyday needs of the flock while the apostles busied themselves with evangelization. Today's Catholic deacons are ordained; permanent deacons can preach at Mass and preside over weddings, Baptisms, and funerals—while transitional deacons later become priests. Learn more at .org. TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). "Where I am, there also will my servant be."*

Wednesday, Aug 11 MEMORIAL OF CLARE, VIRGIN Hope lights the way

Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clare order of nuns, is part of a long line of women and men who gave up everything for the sake of following Christ, and, in turn, inspired others to join them on their holy journey. Often meeting significant resistance, these brave souls persevered, driven by a passion to bring God's Good News to the world. "Like a shooting star against the dark sky of injustice and ignorance, founders of religious communities lit up the landscape with a burst of hope," says Precious Blood Father Joe Nassal. Saint Gaspar, the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, like Saint Clare hoped to free people from the chains of societal conformity. Clare chose to do it within the confines of a cloister; Gaspar, as an itinerant preacher. Both were being true to themselves and the gospel. Follow your own path toward hope. TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). "His eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated."*

Thursday, Aug 12 MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS Love lifted her higher

Jane Frances de Chantal, a French widow who founded the Visitation Nuns in 1610, was a well-off, educated woman with administrative talent and deep faith who was widowed at age 28. Obligated to live with a cruel father-in-law, she coped by pouring herself into charity work and spiritual development, eventually teaming up with Saint Francis de Sales to found a religious community. Have you ever coped with difficulties by trying to become a better person? What trial in your life could nudge you toward greater goodness? TODAY'S READINGS: *Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). "Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan."*

Friday, Aug 13 MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS What unites is greater than what divides

Pope Pontian and Hippolytus were both imprisoned in Sardinia during Roman persecutions. Before their deaths in 235, Pontian and Hippolytus reconciled, because for a time the two were archenemies. Indeed, Hippolytus had been elected antipope by his followers who were in stark opposition to Pontian's tolerant stance on reconciling returning Christians to the church. In the end, Pontian and Hippolytus realized that their shared love of Christ far surpassed any differences. Finding one common element with an enemy is the first step toward reconciliation. Perhaps we can start with our shared humanity and work our way from there. TODAY'S READINGS: *Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). "I gave you a land that you had not tilled and cities that you had not built, to dwell in."*

Saturday, Aug 14 MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR Give a piece of your heart

Maximilian Kolbe shook up the rules for saint-making. At Kolbe's 1982 canonization, Pope John Paul II named him a "martyr of charity." No longer could one become a martyr only by being killed because of "hatred for the faith." Now one killed because of charitable work, as Maximilian was, could also be a martyr. This opened the door to sainthood for others who were murdered for their good work, like Notre Dame Sister Dorothy Stang of Brazil, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ sisters of Liberia, or the Maryknoll sisters of El Salvador. We are all called in some way to be martyrs, even if we give away only a part of our lives. Give away a piece of your life today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*



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.



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