

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.



The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 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 :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.

The Tuosto Family

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

HE HEALED THEM ALL

Marie & Tony Caruana
Veronica Sheridan-Cox
Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
Christina & Baby Muller
James & Catherine Reynolds
Babies Greyson & Aubrey

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.

For the last three consecutive weeks, we have heard passages from the Sixth Chapter of Saint John's Gospel at Mass. We will hear the fourth and final passage next Sunday. Today though, we have a Marian Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We commemorate how Our Lady made following her Son complete by going to heaven without her body and soul ever undergoing corruption. Corruption comes from sin, and the Blessed Mother was without sin. The sinlessness of the Fairest One in the human race extends to her body because her will is so thoroughly conformed to the divine will.

Above all, the Assumption reminds us of endings – not least being the end which comes when we breathe our last on earth. It makes other endings – like the one bringing a close to our summer vacation – seem easy to shake off without much regret or misgivings. After all, it matters little in the long run if we got to the beach three times or four times before Labor Day. It matters much more that we stopped more than a few times this summer to give thanks to God for the gift of time, that we used that gift well in anticipation of when clocks and calendars are of no use to us – in eternity, that is.

In today's gospel, Mary cries out, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." (Lk 1:46) God is indeed great and all that He has created reflects that greatness. Our greatness reaches its fulness – its blessedness if you will – in the end, when we come face-to-face with the God Who created us. And that is why conferring greatness on ourselves is so unseemly if God does not do it for us at the end of our lives.

In the Magnificat, Mary is right to refer to herself as a "lowly servant." (Lk 1:48) In her lowliness, she does not have a poor self-image; no, she holds an honest self-appraisal. For she knows that it is the Lord Who lifts up the lowly. (Lk 1:52) Were we to lift ourselves up, we would wind up disqualifying ourselves from serving in a Kingdom not of this world. (cf. Jn 18:36)

O Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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

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.

We invite you to visit the grotto in honor of Our Lady on church property. It has been beautified with new plantings and reflects an inspiring devotion to the Mother of God. We are grateful for the work done there and trust that many parishioners will be drawn to it for prayer and recollection. Thank you!

We are returning to the ordinary way of distributing Holy Communion at weekend and daily Masses. Kindly allow worshippers in the pews closest to the sanctuary to approach for the reception of Holy Communion **first**. This coincides with the return of the distribution of Holy Communion in the center aisle. This goes into effect on the weekend following Labor Day (September 11th and 12th).

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Vito Salvatore Del Priore, Aurora Skye Leavey,
Mason Anthony Levy

Do you know?

Answer to last week's question: Fr. Sorin, C.S.C. was the founder of the University of Notre Dame and its first president.

Question of the week: Who is Patrick Kelly?



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. Return ASAP for placement.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF YOUR ORIENTATION DAY.



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.

Campbell Soups, 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.

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.



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 go to <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 a waiting list. Their current wait time is approx. 2 1/2 - 3 years.

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.

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.

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>

St. Sylvester's CYO Track

St. Sylvester's is accepting registrations for the Fall 2021 season (Sept.-Oct.) The team is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through 8th grade. Contact Jerry at jfigoros8@gmail.com or 631-585-4048



CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

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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 _____

Sunday, Aug 15 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **Some assumptions prove true**

Catholicism acknowledges twin sources in scripture and tradition. While our faith is biblically rooted, we embrace an expanding truth discerned by saints and mystics, church doctors, and popes. Mary's Assumption isn't narrated in the gospels and wasn't taught dogmatically until 1950. It evolved from the second-century appreciation of Mary as the New Eve: preserved from sin at conception and therefore not subject to sin's effects in death. Liturgists, saints, and theologians promoted the Assumption for centuries, and devout Catholics championed this understanding. Finally, Pope Pius XII bowed to the "sense of the faithful" and made it official in 1950. TODAY'S READINGS: *Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622).* "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet."

Monday, Aug 16 MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY **Concern yourself with the greatest Kingdom**

Royal families are typically concerned about succession and making sure they have an heir. They want their lineage to survive them. Many monarchs eventually failed at that, including King Saint Stephen I of Hungary, who founded the country in the year 1000 and made it Christian. Only one of his sons lived to adulthood but died before Stephen did. What Stephen did leave behind is a country that is still majority Catholic. We might not be remembered for sowing faith long into the future here on Earth—but if we remain faithful, we could end up with royal treasure in heaven. TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 (419).* "Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?"

Tuesday, Aug 17 Pray for the persecuted

On this day in 1798, Our Lady of La Vang first appeared to Vietnamese victims of persecution. When Vietnam's emperor outlawed Catholicism, inciting brutality and martyrdom, believers fled to the rain forest of La Vang. They sought Mary's consolation, gathering beneath a large tree to pray the Rosary. They began seeing an apparition of Mother and Child, flanked by angels. She comforted them and is said to have pointed out nearby healing plants. Our Lady of La Vang is honored in the United States with a chapel at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Ask her to intercede for victims of racist hate. TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420).* "We have given up everything and followed you."

Wednesday, Aug 18 Let's work on making work better

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have spoken on *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*, saying in part: "The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living . . . If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages . . ." Food for thought at a time when workers' reluctance to return to low-paid, unfulfilling jobs is much in the news. Is the problem with the worker—or the workplace? TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421).* "'Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Thursday, Aug 19 MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST **Take this devotion to heart**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus image is ubiquitous in the Catholic world, and today we celebrate one of the people who helped create a devotion to it, John Eudes, a French priest (1601-80), who also founded the Eudists, the Congregation of Jesus and Mary. The Sacred Heart image is a heart encircled by a crown of thorns often depicted with radiating rays of light and placed on the chest of Jesus. The image is physical and mystical, a reminder of Christ's bodily sacrifice and mysterious in its supernatural appearance. Seek out this image and allow it to shape your prayer today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14 (422).* "Everything is ready; come to the feast."

Friday, Aug 20 MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **All hail Doctor Mellifluous**

No, Mellifluous is not the newest superhero villain; it's a title for one of the greatest heroes of the Roman Catholic faith. Bernard of Clairvaux earned the nickname because his writings were eloquent, as suggested by the Latin root of his nickname: "flowing honey." This gift was founded on his deep love of God, scripture, and the church's tradition. His description of the Holy Spirit as the "kiss" between God the Father and Jesus the Son gives us a beautiful example of how to image the relationship of love among the three persons of the Trinity. Following in the good doctor's footsteps, how have you experienced the kiss of the Holy Spirit in your own relationships? TODAY'S READINGS: *Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423).* "For wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

Saturday, Aug 21 MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE **The year of living humbly**

Prior to COVID-19, plagues mentioned in history books seemed like remote disasters that only happened in times and places where rats roamed streets filled with sewage. Now that we've been humbled by our continued vulnerability to unseen agents of disease and death, perhaps we can bring a renewed appreciation to Pius X, who endeared himself to the people of northern Italy because of his efforts tending the sick during the cholera plague of the early 1870s. Take a moment this week to thank someone who has tended the sick during our very modern plague. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12 (424).* "The greatest among you must be your servant."



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**