

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.



August 22, 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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Time, Talent & Treasure



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.

Sacrificial Giving

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.

	2021	#
Collected at Mass	7,289	164
Mailed Envelopes	1,478	26
Electronic Donations	2085	32
Total Collection	\$10,852	222

Readings for Next Sunday

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8
 Second ReadingJas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Gospel.....Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

For the week of Aug. 22nd



Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of

*Amy Grace
Quaranta*

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries, or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

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.

Please note the change of office hours due to COVID 19 Pandemic.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

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

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

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

Masses for the Week

*As We Resume Public Masses, all attending:
please observe social distancing*

Monday - August 23rd

Mary Percoco

Tuesday - August 24th

Special Intentions Tyler Beljour

Wednesday-August 25th

Thursday, - August 26th

Friday - August 27th

Lauren Fennell

Saturday - August 28th

8^{am}

5^{pm}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday – August 29th

8^{am}

Joseph De Peter

Kevin De Peter

10^{am}

Theresa Eagan

Special Intentions Henryk &

Lukas Chelminski

12^{pm}

Kitty & Thomas Baffa

**For all our parishioners suffering from
chronic illness, as well as**

Marilyn Vacchio	John Roucoulet
Logan Baar	Joseph Dulovic
John & Patricia Friscina	Terri Persina
Estelle Beauchamp	Alyssa Baisch
Lucy & Sarah Behie	Jillian Brown
Virginia Butler	Robert J. Heege
Eric Cohen	Kathleen Weiss
Lorraine Vogel	Steven Vacchio
Laura Durant	June Tamillow
Frank Guttilla	Robert Valletta
Joseph Kiely	Sharon Klyn
Warne Family	Michael C. Liotta
Anne Logan	Christine Mc Cusker
Dominic Percoco	Gina Rosenberg
Laura Positano	De Santis Family
Patricia Wolk	Natasha Roucoulet
James Reynolds Jr.	John Reynolds

John Schlagater

Marie & Tony Caruana

Veronica Sheridan-Cox

Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri

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.

After a week's hiatus, we return to Saint John's Gospel, Chapter Six. The passage we hear at Mass this weekend is the last part of the Chapter in question. It finishes off Jesus' presentation that He is the Bread of Life. As you know, on three previous weekends (before the Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption), we had occasion to reflect on themes related to the Holy Eucharist which are suggested by the Bread of Life discourse. I would now like to add the fourth and final reflection on the Eucharist before we return to Saint Mark's Gospel.

Already, we have given consideration to the Eucharist and charity; the Eucharist and Real Presence and Transubstantiation and pastoral observations around the Eucharist. To complete this four-part series, I am proposing that we think about our personal devotion to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. I want to cover this dimension of the Eucharist because Catholic spirituality, including Eucharistic spirituality, is never just an academic exercise. It always is a matter of living the faith, living what has been revealed by God Himself in the course of salvation history.

Faith in the Eucharist shows itself in a genuine commitment to certain behaviors and attitudes which are connected to the great sacrament itself. Therefore, what I will do is offer some questions for us to ask of ourselves so that we may gauge our own Eucharistic commitment.

Has my weekly attendance at Mass given me a true longing to be with Christ now and for all eternity?

As a parent, how well have I passed along my faith in the Eucharist to my children in their formative years?

Do I participate in Eucharistic communion with due regard for a sacramental confession of my sins?

Do I share in Eucharistic communion with a clear and unburdened conscience?

Do I have a reverence and piety which accord with the Eucharistic Mystery?

Obviously, these are not all the questions we might pose to ourselves when it comes to the Holy Eucharist. But they are a start for we never want to take the Holy Eucharist for granted. Saint Paul has this in mind when he treats the Sacrament in his First Letter to the Corinthians. He writes there that we are to receive the Eucharist worthily. (cf. 1 Cor. 11:27). And, thus, the apostle calls for examining ourselves with discernment. (cf. 1 Cor. 11:28-29)

Let us ever be renewed by the Lord's Gift of Himself to us. May our receptions of His Body and Blood always bring about a pining in our souls for the glory of heaven.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Do you know?

Question for this week: Who was the last American archbishop to be the Military Vicar for the United States Armed Forces?

Answer to last week's question: Patrick E. Kelly is the new Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.



Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Sophia Lynn Reimann, Ivy Bella Bojku,
Isabella Noelle Cuedek

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 _____

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).

Faith Formation

FALL REGISTRATION

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

Volunteers Needed

Catechists and assistants needed. Please call Jackie if you are able to help out! 631-732-3131 x131



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.



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.

**Egg noodles, Beef Stew, Hot Cereal
Spagettios**

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!



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.

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 an 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.

Bereavement Support Program St. Mary's in East Islip

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 16, 2021. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be properly adhered. Eight Week Group beginning Thursday evenings at 7pm ~ **September 16th through November 4th**. Pre-registration is required Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register

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

Sunday, Aug 22, 2021 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Who do you serve?

Songwriter Bob Dylan had a come-to-Jesus moment in 1978 in a hotel room in Tucson, Arizona. More accurately, it seemed like Jesus came to him, as he felt “a presence in the room that couldn’t have been anybody but Jesus.” For four years, Dylan wrote songs critics panned as “God-awful gospel,” and fans mourned the loss of what they’d come to expect from him. By 1981, Dylan had returned to his Jewish and folk-rock roots. Yet he never retracted his vision: “Well, it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you gotta serve somebody.” The choice remains ours. TODAY’S READINGS: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 (122).* “If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve.”

Monday, Aug 23 MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN Family finesse

Parents have expectations of their kids, and kids want to make their own choices—it’s part of the painful growing-up process. Rose of Lima was like a lot of teenagers who clashed with her parents about her future, and she was like a lot of saints who rankled family by refusing to marry. They never let her join a convent, but they didn’t force her to wed either, finally relenting to her choice of chastity. She lived out her brief life as she had wished, in prayer and penance. She is the patron saint of family problems. Everyone has them, so ask Rose for help. TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425).* “One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God.”

Tuesday, Aug 24 FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE Play a stirring role

Bartholomew, also called Nathanael, was one of the original 12 apostles and later, a traveling missionary. He embodied what it means to become a missionary disciple—one who, upon being led to Jesus, wishes to lead others to him, too. As the U.S. bishops say in *Go and Make Disciples*, Jesus “gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate.” Where can you stir interest in Jesus today? TODAY’S READINGS: *Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629).* “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

Wednesday, Aug 25 The past is present

Today, we are becoming aware of the deep truth that wrongs committed in the past, even generations ago, can still perpetuate evil. Such is the sin of racism, which the U.S. Catholic Bishops have repeatedly called “an evil which endures in our society and in our Church” (*and Sisters to Us*). Each of us is called to help dismantle racism, to reject profiting from the oppression of others, and to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced too long—for the sake of our past, present, and future. TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427).* “You are like whitewashed tombs.”

Thursday, Aug 26 Be alert!

Wakefulness is a term often used in spiritual writing. In today’s gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come.” The of the Catholic Church contains at least 20 references to being awake, usually in regard to “awakening faith.” The church wants its members to be vigilant and tells us in the catechism that the “Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch!” Ask the Holy Spirit to help you awaken to God’s presence today. TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428).* “Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Stay awake!’”

Friday, Aug 27 MEMORIAL OF MONICA Hang in there

Sometimes it feels like all of our small choices and actions will never amount to anything. Go big or go home, we’re told. Yet the stuff of transformation, healing, and love is knitted together one small thing at a time. Our call is to have faith and persist. Take a look at Saint Monica, a laywoman from North Africa, who day in and day out offered “small” acts of kindness, love, and care for her beloved yet wayward son Augustine. She never tired of believing in him, even storming heaven on his behalf. Persisting in the small things that are good, beautiful, and true can make a big difference. What small things are you called to persist in? TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429).* “Stay awake.”

Saturday, Aug 28 MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Let happiness be your song

Like all larger-than-life historical figures, Saint Augustine and his legacy are subject to debate. Some find in his vast work reason to take a pessimistic view of humanity. But he was quite life-affirming in his conviction that the happiness found in following God is indeed the only worthy and lasting happiness. “Happy is [the one] who has God,” he succinctly put it. To “have” God for Augustine meant to love God, citing Psalm 72: “For me it is good to cling to God.” Or, as Pharrell Williams put it in his blockbuster song “Happy” a few years back, “Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth.” TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430).* “You yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.”



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**