

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church

or by appointment.

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In today's First Reading, we are called to preach the Good News to all we come across. You may be the vessel and witness to God that someone needs; your testimony may change someone's life.

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Collected at Mass	7679	185
Mailed Envelopes	3185	53
Total Collection	\$10.864	248

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 Monday, we mark Labor Day, a civil holiday. In some places, like big cities, you can still find Labor Day Parades. But attendance at Labor Day Parades has really fallen off in the last couple of years and more, causing cancellations in not a few places. The short answer to the question of why Labor Day Parades have gone away is that union membership has really fallen off in the last few decades. While the marchers may not be there as they once were, there is still much good to be gained in recalling the dignity of work.

We might consider this time around an encyclical of Pope Saint John Paul II on the subject of work with the title *Laborem Exercens* (1981). Although forty years old now, the text reads as freshly as if it were published just yesterday. The reason for such timeliness is the Pope's careful attention in his document to the spirituality of work. Yes, its spirituality, because this dimension is integrally present whether the work is with a lathe or with a computer. It is not so much *how* the work is carried out but *that* it is done in the first place.

Work is part of who we are; it belongs to our well-being. And, thus, it can make us holy, it can sanctify us. As an activity we engage in, work is regulated in a great many instances in order to safeguard our humanity. This explains, for instance, why we have laws against forced labor for children. At the very same time, work is for our flourishing; we excel when we work. And to work hard is a way for us to give glory to our Creator. It is not incidental to the blessedness of the Son of God either that He worked as a carpenter before beginning His public ministry.

It would be a mistake though to divide Jesus' time on earth into a working period and a non-working period. His public ministry is real work too. And, not unusually, we should regard our prayer, our liturgical participation, and our sacramental celebration as a kind of work too. Indeed, the same attributes that we associate with work – things like focus, concentration and comprehension – are needed in profoundly spiritual acts like prayer, liturgy and sacrament. And with these qualities, the ones just cited above, we can have dignified, beautiful experiences of communion with God.

Having a Labor Day is a reminder that offering ourselves in work brings rewards of various kinds, not least being that we have earned income but also that we have contributed to self-worth and developed the communities of which we are a part. Whether our work is very significant for the gross domestic product or not, it retains a genuine spiritual value whose guarantor is God Himself. He, after all, has commanded us to subdue the earth and have dominion over it. (cf. Gn 1:28)

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Those wishing to contribute financially to earthquake relief in Haiti may do so using the receptacle for this purpose in the vestibule of the church. The receptacle is marked clearly and it will remain in the vestibule through next weekend.

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.



Wedding Banns

Banns I: Brittany Cheever, St. Jude's, Mastic Beach & James Keller, St. John the Evangelist, Center. Moriches

The Parish Center Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

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

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

SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND FAITH FORMATION ORIENTATION DAYS

- LEVEL 1 – SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 6PM
- LEVEL 2 - SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 6PM
- LEVEL 3 – SEPTEMBER 15th AT 6:30PM
- LEVEL 4 – SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 6:30PM
- LEVEL 5 – SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 6:30PM
- LEVEL 6 – SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 6:30PM
- LEVEL 7 – SEPTEMBER 23rd AT 630PM
- LEVEL 8 – SEPTEMBER 30th AT 630PM



Parish Social Ministry



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

Cereal, Juice Boxes, Jelly & Peanut Butter

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Free Comprehensive Child Care

The Children's Community Head Start Birth to Five Program provides a FREE educational program including developmental activities and meals. Health, Nutrition, Family Services and Parent Involvement are also a part of our program. Children with special needs are welcome. Home based and center based programs available ~ children ages birth to five years in Central Suffolk County. To see if you qualify call 631-585-2020-Ronkonkoma & 631-476-9698-Port Jefferson or visit WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG

VETERANS BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

A representative from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will once again be on hand to assist veterans with submitting disability claims as well as benefits for widows/widowers of deceased veterans. Veterans should bring their DD214 and any service documents they may have.

Where: Middle Country Library-Selden and Centereach Library.

When: First Wednesday of every month in Selden and the third Wednesday of every month in Centereach from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

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

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.

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



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Sunday, Sep 05, 2021 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Shopping made simple

What do you give to the saint who has everything? Mother Teresa of Calcutta was among the spiritually richest people on the planet throughout her productive life caring for the poor. The date of her death, September 5, was quickly recognized in Hungary as an occasion to be perpetually honored. In 2012, the United Nations declared this date as an International Day of Charity in her memory. As Mother Teresa demonstrated, simple acts of charity reach across divisions and make communities more resilient. Contribute to the healing of society today by charitable giving, locally or globally. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 (128)*. "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be . . . heirs of the kingdom that he promised?"

Monday, Sep 06 Labor of love

This Labor Day, as we enjoy food at picnics and barbecues, let's remember who harvested this food—many of them Spanish-speaking migrant workers, many of them fellow Catholics. Consider what your parish can do for migrant workers in your area. Perhaps a clothing drive or a fundraiser to buy rosaries and Bibles in Spanish or other languages of a migrant group. Or enlist school kids to write translated notes of welcome and thanks for the hard work migrants do. Charities helped nearly 400,000 migrants, immigrants, and refugees this past year with all kinds of assistance—learn more about their work and how you can pitch in. TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11 (437)*. "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

Tuesday, Sep 07 Creation needs your caring prayer

Jewish believers celebrate Rosh Hashanah today, marking the birthday of the universe—recalling how God placed Adam and Eve at the center of creation as faithful stewards. For many Christians, it's also Day 7 in the of Creation. When the Catholic Church joined this observance in 2019, Pope Francis wrote: "In the silence of prayer, we can hear the symphony of creation calling us to abandon our self-centeredness in order to feel embraced by the tender love of the Father and to share with joy the gifts we have received." Pray to become a more selfless steward of creation. TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 (438)*. "Jesus departed to the mountain to pray."

Wednesday, Sep 08 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY The birth of our salvation

In 431, bishops at the Council of Ephesus decreed Mary as *Theotokos*, a Greek word that means "God-bearer"—or, more commonly, "Mother of God." Her birthday was celebrated at the beginning of the year—in Constantinople, the calendar began on September 1—because Mary's birth is also the beginning of our salvation, through her son. "Be of good cheer," wrote Saint Andrew of Crete, "this is the Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin and of the renewal of the human race!" Honor Mary today by praying the , also known as the "Ode of the Theotokos." TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636)*. "From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old."

Thursday, Sep 09 MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST Call it out

Saint Peter Claver (1580-1654) was a Jesuit priest dedicated to baptizing and serving enslaved Africans in Cartagena, Colombia, a major slave-trade port. While Claver was ahead of many of his peers in at least recognizing the humanity of Africans and poured out his life to alleviate the great suffering he encountered, we need to acknowledge that the colonial system that enslaved Africans was allowed to continue unabated for centuries without much church resistance. How can we and our communities of faith challenge the enduring legacy of racism today, inspired by Claver's witness of service and the gospel mandate to love? TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 (440)*. "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Friday, Sep 10 Because of you . . .

A 2014 study found that "young people with mentors, especially at-risk youth, have more positive visions of themselves and their futures, and they also achieve more positive outcomes in school, the workplace, and their communities." The value of mentoring is nothing new. Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." Whether you are teaching a practical or spiritual skill or a new technique or way of thinking, your instruction will have an impact. Take time to be a good mentor for the sake of the next generation and the greater glory of God. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42 (441)*. "When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

Saturday, Sep 11 Heaven help us all

The attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon happened 20 years ago today. We still carry the memory of that awful day, and we continue to remember in our prayers the victims of the attack and their families and loved ones who continue to mourn their great loss. We remember the passengers and crew of the aircraft destroyed in the attack as well as the victims on the ground. We remember especially the brave first responders who ran toward danger rather than away, many of whom gave away their health and lives to save others. And we pray for the terrorists as well, because we believe in the redemptive power of prayer and because hatred and vengeance have no place in our hearts. May all of humanity be redeemed. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442)*. "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good."





September 10-12th, 2021

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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://www.nyli.org/>.

