

# 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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## **September 19, 2021**

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**What appears in this space now is the text of the invocation offered by Msgr. Batule at the Memorial Service for September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Department here in Selden.**

LORD GOD,

TONIGHT, WE GATHER HERE TO MARK THE 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORST LOSS OF LIFE ON AMERICAN SOIL DUE TO TERRORISM IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY.

EVEN AFTER TWENTY YEARS, WE CONTINUE TO MOURN THE DEATHS OF RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND EVEN STRANGERS – ALL OF THEM OUR COUNTRYMEN AND MOST CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT NATION.

IN OUR COMMEMORATION, WE PETITION YOU FOR STEADFASTNESS – THE STEADFASTNESS TO KEEP THE MEMORY OF THE DEPARTED – THAT ONE DAY WE MAY BE REUNITED WITH THEM IN YOUR HEAVENLY KINGDOM.

WE ASK STEADFASTNESS TO GUARD AGAINST THREATS TO OUR FREEDOM FOR YOU HAVE MADE US FREE, AND IT IS IN FREEDOM THAT WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE YOU.

MAY WE BE STEADFAST IN OUR PURSUIT OF PEACE. WE ARE BLESSED INDEED TO BE PEACEMAKERS FOR THIS MAKES US ALL YOUR CHILDREN.

IN A WORLD MARKED BY SIN AND DIVISION, LET US, LORD, BE AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION AND DIALOGUE.

MAY WE ABIDE, HEAVENLY FATHER, IN A JUST AND MERCIFUL TREATMENT OF FRIENDS AND FOES ALIKE.

GIVE US A NEW APPRECIATION OF THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE AT ALL ITS STAGES, AND MAY WE DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO PROTECT THAT PRECIOUS GIFT OF YOURS.

HELP US, LORD, TO DEFEND AGAINST EVIL AND TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT FOR THESE ARE GOOD ACTS IN AND OF THEMSELVES.

MAY WE NEVER FORGET THE SACRIFICES AND HEROISM OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ON THE FIRST 9/11.

MAY WE BE INSPIRED NOW TO MAKE SACRIFICES OF OUR OWN TO SERVE YOU LORD AND THE COMMUNITIES TO WHICH WE BELONG.

MAY YOUR GRACE, LORD, ENABLE US TO BE A PEOPLE OF HOPE AND FORGIVENESS EVEN WITH THE SADNESS AND REPUGNANCE OF ALL THAT HAPPENED TWENTY YEARS AGO.

GRANT THESE INTENTIONS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.



### **Wedding Banns**



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

**Banns II:** Kristina Verrico, St. Margaret of Scotland & Zachary Glossenger, Pennsylvania

**Banns II:** Pamela Markham, St. Margaret of Scotland & Anthony Policastro, New York, NY

**Banns I:** Megan Davie, St. John of God, Central Islip & James Hicks, St. Margaret of Scotland

### **Mass Book for 2022**

The Mass Book will open for the reservation of mass intentions on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the parish center building. Beginning then, you may arrange to have masses offered for family members, friends and others. We encourage you to do just that too. The best way to help someone, especially someone deceased, is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for him or her. Please consider this way of remembering your loved ones throughout the year.

## Parish Updates

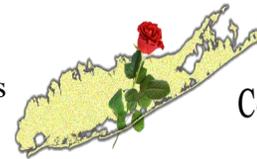
Thank you to the lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who attended the evening of recollection on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> in the church and the meeting which followed in the parish center. We need opportunities such as this to renew ourselves to carry out liturgical ministries and assist all in worshipping the Lord and building up His Church.

Those lectors and extraordinary ministers who missed the Holy Hour and the meeting are asked to contact the parish center office and make arrangements to receive a copy of the instruction page which was distributed to those who attended. We are grateful for your cooperation.

*The Long Island Catholic Magazine*, available to Catholics on Long Island by subscription the last few years, has ceased publication due to a drop-off in subscriptions and a fall-off in advertising revenue. In the absence of this medium, you are still able to follow events and news by signing up for the diocesan newsletter. You are able to do so at [www.drvc.org/newsletter](http://www.drvc.org/newsletter).

The second collection at weekend Masses on September 18/19 is to support the Saint Pius X Enrichment Center for the retired and senior priests in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. We ask you to be generous in your donation as all contributions are designated to help the men who served Catholics on Long Island during their long and fruitful ministries.

October is the month set aside to concentrate on building a culture of life in our nation. On the first Sunday of October, there is an event called **Stand Up for Life** at two locations on Long Island. We urge you to see the insert in this week's bulletin for details. We ask that you consider attending one of these public witnesses in support of the sanctity of human life.



Long Island  
Coalition for Life

## 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 2 - SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM

LEVEL 4 – SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 6:30PM

LEVEL 5 – SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM

LEVEL 6 – SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM

LEVEL 7 – SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:30PM

LEVEL 8 – SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM



# Parish Social Ministry



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

**Hearty Soups, Jelly & Peanut Butter, Instant Potatoes, Applesauce, Crackers, Shampoo**

***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](http://WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG)



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.



## 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/>.



## 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.*

## Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on Nov. 13/14, 2021. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or to register visit [www.longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://www.longisland.engagedencounter.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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://STJOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET) and follow the admissions tab for the application or call 631-587-8000 x117.

## Sunday, Sep 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Let the Good News resound

Religion is often reduced to its most visible aspect: Sunday worship. But the church's ministry includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate our mutual call to educate and instruct. "Catechize" means to echo or resound. Saint Paul once modeled for the Corinthians this task of "re-sounding" the Good News when he wrote: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Does your Catholic faith steer you when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Echo these riches to those you love. TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134).* "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

## Monday, Sep 20 MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, & PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### Sound the depths of your faith

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Kim Tae-gön, the first native-born Korean priest and patron saint of Korea. He was one of an estimated 10,000 who were martyred for their Christian faith in Korea in the 19th century. The theme of the bicentenary celebration is "Are you Catholic?" because Andrew's "yes" to that question during interrogation cost him his life. The bishop of the Korean city of Daejeon said the theme "calls us to reflect seriously on our identity and our consistency as Catholics." Take this opportunity to consider what your Catholic identity means to you. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449).* "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."

## Tuesday, Sep 21 FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST Let peace begin with me

The United Nations designates today as the International Day of Peace. It's also the feast of Saint Matthew—the evangelist whose list of Beatitudes includes the words "blessed are the peacemakers." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the "<http://www.scborromeo.org/ccc/p3s1c1a2.htm>" are at the heart of Jesus' preaching." They "shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life" and are the "paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations." Matthew must have experienced such tribulations when he, as a hated tax collector, joined the other apostles. Be a peacemaker today, especially among people you're nearest to. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643).* "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

## Wednesday, Sep 22 Share the wealth

Power sharing and collaborative ministry are thorny questions within church circles and many faith communities. Jesus can be our model and our guide, in this as in all questions. When he sent the apostles out he did so in pairs and "gave them power and authority." Add it up and it equals shared, collaborative ministry. Those who are sure of their own authority are able to share it freely and without fear. More ministries and leadership positions will open up in the church when those with power learn to trust the faith community the way Jesus did. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451).* "He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

## Thursday, Sep 23 MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST Be an everyday mystic

In a secular world that prizes material possessions, the mystical aspect of the church can captivate. Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968) certainly drew attention for his mystical attributes. A relatively obscure Italian Capuchin priest, he gained fame for reportedly displaying the wounds of Christ, called stigmata, and for his insightful (some called it psychic) abilities as a confessor. He spent up to 10 hours a day with people who sought guidance and forgiveness in Confession. Only a few of us become mystics, but all can seek holiness and insight. Today meditate and act on the path to holiness that God has placed before you. TODAY'S READINGS: *Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452).* "Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"

## Friday, Sep 24 Grounded in a sense of belonging

In our Western mindset, we often think of land as "property," owned and available for human use. But if we hope to stem climate change, we need to realize it's really the other way around. The land doesn't belong to us; we belong to the land. Writes Pope Francis in his encyclical on caring for creation, *Laudato Si'*: "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone." How will you commit to the care of this land that sustains us in so many ways? TODAY'S READINGS: *Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453).* "In this place I will give you peace."

## Saturday, Sep 25 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Ripe with possibilities

Jesus was born to Mary "in the fullness of time," as one scripture passage puts it. This rich metaphor of time ripening rings true to human experience. Think of the blessings in your own life, and how they have developed often from small beginnings or mere glimmers of hope: deep and lasting relationships, hard-earned insights, lifelong achievements and legacies. Good things take time, patience, perseverance, courage, and perhaps most of all, trust. Think of Mary's journey of trust in response to God's call, and make it your own. And may the blessings in your own life ripen in the fullness of time! TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454).* "Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD."





SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL  
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*Open House*  
*Saturday, September 25*



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