

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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Marriage numbers have been in decline for many decades. As faithful Catholics, we can pray for healthy marriages among the youth, and if we are married, live as good examples for the younger generations.

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Collected at Mass	6651	248
Mailed Envelopes	2837	59
Total Collection	\$9,488	307

A 6x6 grid of numbers from 1 to 36, arranged in rows and columns. The numbers are: Row 1: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Row 2: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Row 3: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18; Row 4: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Row 5: 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Row 6: 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36. In the center of the grid, there is an illustration of an open book with a yellow cover and a large orange cross on its pages.

Mon., Tues., Weds. 10 am –1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

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.

Every first Sunday of October, we mark Respect Life Sunday. It is an opportunity for us to celebrate the gift of human life from conception until natural death. We have been made in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gn 1:27), and as such there is a reverence that should characterize the way we think about human life and the way we ought to treat that gift in law.

Concerning how we think about human life, we need to acknowledge up front that human life is qualitatively different from other kinds of life, e.g. animal life, plant life, etc. If we don't do this, we wind up with a lot of muddled discourse on the meaning of human life. Bearing the image and likeness of God (as no other type of life does), human life is superior to other kinds of life and demands of us a watchfulness that is not expected with other kinds of life – in particular, the types of life cited above: animal life and plant life. We human beings are embodied subjects with souls. That sets us apart from other types of life and *above* other types of life.

Regarding how we treat human life, the emphasis is on the acts we undertake to protect and defend the most vulnerable among us. The vulnerable – some of them anyway – can be seen with our eyes. They are the materially poor, especially those who suffer from hunger and homelessness. But what about those who cannot be seen, the unborn? Who speaks for them?

We do, of course. But for nearly fifty years, our voices have been raised *against* the law of the land. And since *Roe v. Wade* (1973) has been the law of the land for almost five decades, our voices have been ones of protest. Protesting is not the posture most of us wish to assume; we prefer to be in agreement with the people around us. Protesting, however, is necessary; otherwise, hearts will not be changed and neither will the law be changed.

Peaceful, public protests proved critical to the civil rights campaign of the 1960s, and they may prove just as critical this time with the most important human rights campaign in history – the defense of the unborn. Why not start today with **Stand Up for Life** in Melville or Manorville?

Let me use this occasion to encourage you to get involved in the pro-life movement for the first time, or if you are already involved, to step up your involvement. We need every voice at our disposal to prevail over the primordial cacophony of our time. Don't pass up the chance to serve the good of personhood by helping babies to get out of their mothers' wombs intact, and then to go on to live and love as God has willed for us.

If you are looking for opportunities to serve in the pro-life movement, let me suggest that you contact the Long Island Coalition for Life. The newsletter of the Coalition keeps you aware of pro-life events in Nassau and Suffolk Counties throughout the year. It is available online and through the regular mail. Or you may want to try the Life Center in Massapequa, in Hempstead, or the one in Deer Park as places to volunteer.

In the meantime, I ask you to pray for the conversion of hearts. Converted hearts are a prelude to a change in the law. Let us begin now to bring that change in the law on Respect Life Sunday.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Wedding Banns

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

Mass Book for 2022

The **Mass Book for 2022** opens on **Monday, October 18th at 9:00 AM in the parish center**. We encourage you to remember deceased relatives and friends at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the Communion of Saints, we are never removed from those whom we love. We hope for a reunion with them in God's providence, and praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.

Parish Updates

Thank you to our parishioners who donated \$1,061.00 for earthquake relief in Haiti. We forwarded that amount to the Diocese of Rockville Centre which will join our donation to the other donations from the parishes on Long Island, and make sure that all the contributions get to the right place in Haiti.

This weekend, we mark Respect Life Sunday. There is a second collection and it will be taken up immediately after the first one at all weekend masses on October 2nd and 3rd. The destination of your donations is the Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Please be generous, as always.

*On the third weekend of this month (October 16/17), Maria Hansen will speak briefly at the conclusion of all masses. She represents **Forty Days for Life**, which began September 22nd and finishes on October 31st. She is asking all parishioners to assist in the pro-life apostolate. She will be available in the vestibule of the church to speak with you following her address.*

Faith Formation

If you have not registered your child for Faith Formation, please contact Jackie Mirenda at 631-732-3131 x119.

If you were unable to attend your Orientation, come into the Parish Center to pick up your child's materials.



Retrouvaille Weekend

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage



Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships.

Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend.

Friday, November 5, 2021

Please visit our website www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Immaculate Conception ~ 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

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, Canned Fruit, Package Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, Cookies and Snacks.

***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



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://www.menyli.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.



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.



Sunday, Oct 03, 2021 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME To live the gospel of life

At the gospel's heart is the summons to live life abundantly. In Jesus, God takes on flesh and shares our growing and loving, as well as our suffering and dying. No aspect of the human journey remains foreign to Jesus. He's befriended and betrayed, experiences fasting and feasting, knows the simplicity of childhood and the complex politicized life of an adult. On Respect Life Sunday, we're asked to consider how every moment of life is intimately known and ultimately precious to God. Pray the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries today in gratitude for how God chooses to dwell with us. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 (140). "Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

Monday, Oct 04 MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI For all creatures great and small

On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, many parishes have a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of Francis' special love for animals. Bless a beloved pet today or any day with these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen." TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*

Tuesday, Oct 05 MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST Open your heart to those left behind

The motto of the Redemptorist religious order made a big impression on young Francis Xavier Seelos: "Preach the gospel to the most abandoned." Because of it, he left his native Germany to serve immigrants in the United States—and soon became a Redemptorist priest. His compassion eventually cost Francis his life; he died of the yellow fever he caught from visiting the sick. "Come without fear or trembling! I promise to receive you with all gentleness," he preached. Who are the abandoned or fearful in your own part of the world? Ask Francis to help you comfort them. TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). "You are anxious and worried about many things."*

Wednesday, Oct 06 MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER Stand with those who hold the fire line

With the increase in wildfires and chronic drought drying out our forests, we need the help of today's saint, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1811-49), a Canadian religious foundress. Several of her miracles were reportedly related to wildfires. One such fire, approaching a convent in Spokane, Washington, was said to have changed direction when a picture of Blessed Marie was fastened to a tree. Another facility in Washington was reportedly saved from a wildfire when the owner tossed a picture of Blessed Marie into the flames, turning it back. Ask her intercession in support of everyday miracle workers, the brave and hardworking men and women fighting the wildfires that seem stronger and more widespread by the year. TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). "[Jesus] said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come.'"*

Thursday, Oct 07 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Count on the Rosary

Today's Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a story that, while not historically confirmed, is nonetheless instructive. It is said that Saint Dominic was making little headway in persuading a large group of breakaway Christians to return to orthodoxy when Mary appeared to him, encouraging the Rosary as a new form of prayer-building on the already existing "Marian Psalter." To this day, Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests stress the Rosary, and millions find meditation, consolation, and community through it. Why not say a decade of the Rosary right now and tap into its centuries-old strength? TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). "How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"*

Friday, Oct 08 God points toward hope

On October 8, 1871, winds swept across the dry Midwestern prairie and helped fan the flames of the Great Chicago Fire and dozens of lesser-known fires, including the Pestigo, Wisconsin Firestorm that ranks as the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history. Local parish priest Father John-Peter Pernin wrote an eyewitness account titled *The Finger of God is There!* His interpretation of events captures the theological struggle believers face amid tragedy: On the one hand, he sees a judging God striking down a people for their sinfulness; on the other, he sees a merciful God filling people with hope and the promise of new life. May the finger of God point you in a positive direction during your times of troubles. TODAY'S READINGS: *Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). "But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."*

Saturday, Oct 09 MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR Keep your head about you!

Saint Denis, a third-century bishop of Paris, is invoked for the relief of migraine headaches, possibly because he is a *cephalophore*, a Greek term that means "head-carrier." He was martyred by decapitation and was said to have picked up the severed head and trotted off with it under his arm while preaching on repentance. Wild though that sounds, artists depicting the saint over the centuries struggled with the question, "Where do you put the halo? Over his head, or where his head used to be?" Though we smile, a nugget of truth comes through the legend. When we give all we have to God, our life is memorable and our story ends well. TODAY'S READINGS: *Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). "[Jesus] replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"*





***“You shall obtain
all you ask of me
by the recitation
of the Rosary.”
The Mother of God***



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

*has asked all Catholics to gather on Saturday, October 16th at
12 Noon to pray the Rosary.*

*You are invited to gather at our Blessed Mother's statue
to pray the Rosary.*

Bring a chair.

(Please park in the area closer to the apartments.)

Dan Schutte in Concert An Evening of Song and Reflection

*Dan Schutte is one of the best known and critically acclaimed composers of liturgical music in the country. Dan has graced us with many fine works including—
Here I Am, Lord,; Only this I Want and Table of Plenty.*

Friday, October 22nd at 7:30 PM
Good Shepherd RC Church ~ 1370 Grundy Ave., Holbrook

Tickets pre-sale \$20. Call the Parish at 631-588-7689
Tickets may be purchased at the door ~ subject to availability.

