

# 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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## **October 10, 2021**

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In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us of becoming too attached to our riches. This week, give some of your treasure to those in need. Some options include your parish's weekly offertory or the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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Collected at Mass	7,414	164
Mailed Envelopes	3,428	65
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,842</b>	<b>229</b>

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.

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

*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.*

Later this month, the Church will mark Mission Sunday. In advance of that observance, I would like to offer some remarks about how to understand **mission**. And I do so by considering the Mission of Christ, the Mission of the Church and our mission.

*The Mission of Christ.* From the time of the prophets, the Chosen People awaited the anointed one of God. He came in the Incarnation although Saint John tells us in his gospel that the world did not know him. (cf. Jn 1:10) Born in Bethlehem of Judea, in a stable under the night sky, the Lord took on the human condition and was like us in all things but sin. It was when Jesus was thirty years old that He began His public ministry announcing, “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mk 1:15)

With this announcement, Jesus declares what He sought to do and did indeed accomplish. All four gospels testify that the Son of God preached and healed. A favorite way for Jesus to preach was His use of parables. Through the parables, Jesus made known the Kingdom which He said above is at hand. This Kingdom is *already but not yet*, that is, it has been inaugurated but it has not reached its completion. Its completion of course is in heaven with all the saints and the angels, coming as it does after the judgment of the nations. (cf. Matt 25:31-46)

Getting to heaven is made possible because Jesus died for us sinners on Calvary. And just as He foretold, He rose from the dead. By His dying and rising, the Paschal Mystery established a lifeline going all the way from heaven to earth. With its grace to liberate from error and falsehood, the Paschal Mystery is renewed sacramentally until the end of time.

*The Mission of the Church.* Before returning to the Father in heaven, Jesus commissioned His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. (cf. Matt 28:19) The commissioning also included a command to baptize and to teach. (cf. Matt 28:19-20) This is the work of the Church – to bring men and women into the Body of Christ and to form their minds and hearts and souls with the saving truth of Christ.

Wasting no time, the apostles did just this – going to places far from Jerusalem where all of them but John suffered a martyr’s death. Throughout the centuries, the Church became well-established in some places, and in these places the Church had plentiful missionaries who would continue to go forth to other places and baptize and teach. This is where we get the idea of the foreign missions, meaning that missionaries had to learn new languages and immerse themselves in new cultures.

The Church, by her nature, is missionary. Our assistance (prayers, financial help, etc.) has been sought then to make it possible for the missionaries who went to other lands. That kind of missionary work still goes on today, and it is still very much needed too.

*Our mission.* The appeal of the foreign missions cannot be denied. But while we take pride in the men and women who leave our land and go to other lands, we can’t help but think that a lot of missionary work can be done by *staying home*. The domains of missionary work today don’t always require learning a new language or adapting to a new culture. That’s because missionary work can be done within *our own families*, among *our friends* and *neighbors*, and even with *co-workers*.

Some relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers were once evangelized but no longer pray, no longer go to church and no longer affiliate with the Catholic faith. They too make a claim on us; they too may still want to go to heaven. And we can help them. With our prayers, with the Masses we have offered for them, with the interest we take in their concerns, with the service we render to them, we are being missionary.

By having a richer, broader understanding of our mission, we give ourselves new apostolates too. These would be opportunities presented to us for sharing our faith and building up the faith of others. In this sense, we are always on mission. Living this way is a challenge all its own. Let us rise to meet it with divine assistance.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## Baptisms



Valentino Thomas Ciancarelli,  
Lars Anthony Lombardo,  
Chloe Claire Venturino

## Mass Book for 2022

The Mass Book for 2022 opens on Monday,  
**October 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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On Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, we observe Columbus Day. The parish office is closed all day. It reopens on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. On Columbus Day, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered in the church at 9:00 AM. As always, the church opens at 8:30 AM.

The next second collection at weekend Masses is October 23/24. On that weekend, the Church marks Mission Sunday. The second collection is taken up immediately after the first one.

## Faith Formation

### St. Margaret's Christmas Pageant



*Save the Date!*

*Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM*

*Rehearsal dates and times to follow in upcoming bulletins.*

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.



### Hands Needed!

Our Music Ministry is in need of someone to assist in placing the words on our screen during Mass. All that is required is clicking the next screen with one button. Please see Dan, our Music Minister, after Mass or call at 631-732-3131 x117. Prayerfully consider.

## 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](http://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

### Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION



The *Knights of Columbus* are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry.

Bags will be distributed on **October 23/24 at all Masses**, and on **October 30/31 at all Masses**, they will be in front of the church to receive your donations.

Please assist them and us as you can. If anyone is able to help Outreach on **October 30/31**, please leave her a message at 631-732-3131 x119. **Thank you!**



### CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is a 24/7 national network that provides comprehensive Catholic, informative and spiritual programming. CFN is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture.

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**www.CFNtv.org**

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at [www.CFNespañol.org](http://www.CFNespañol.org)



### Queen of the Rosary



*Shrine of our Lady of the Island  
Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>*

10:30 AM ~ Enthronement, 11:00 AM ~ Mass,  
1:30 PM ~ Conference, 3:00 PM ~ Blessing

258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville, NY



**LONG ISLAND GUILD**

*A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association*

### Attention all Health Care Professionals!

Consider joining the Long Island Guild of the Catholic Medical Association recently chartered by the national CMA and endorsed by Bishop Barres.

**Join us for a White Mass for  
Health Care Professionals**

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Agnes Cathedral ~ Presided by Bishop Barres

### 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](mailto:kcoletta@yesccc.org) or 516-799-3203 ~ [YESCCC.ORG](http://YESCCC.ORG).

## Sunday, Oct 10, 2021 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**

More than three-quarters of those suffering from mental illness worldwide have no access to the care that could restore them to healthy relationships and productive lives. The World Federation for Mental Health therefore dedicates this Mental Health Day to the theme "Mental Health in an Unequal World." Factors like race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and economic status complicate the path to adequate support. Pray the Rosary's Mysteries of Light today that clarity be given to those who struggle with mental health issues, and the societies that devalue them. TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 (143).* "I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me."

## Monday, Oct 11 MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE **He saw thee more clearly**

The humble Pope John XXIII disliked the pomp and attention that came with his role, and he insisted on being called simply "the pope." Nearly 60 years since his pontificate, he is remembered in Italy as *il papa buono*, "the good pope." In the short time he was pope—less than five years before he died of cancer in 1963—he changed the Catholic Church like few others by convening the Second Vatican Council. On his deathbed, he said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better." We can always use the intercession of "the good pope" as we keep seeking to understand better what the gospel means in our changing times. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467).* "Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."

## Tuesday, Oct 12 Our pillar of strength

Today is the feast day of Virgin Maria del Pilar, a Spanish devotion commemorating the first official Marian apparition of the Catholic Church. According to tradition, Mary first appeared—while still alive—to the apostle James in the year 40, as he preached the gospel to the people of Spain. Saint James, despondent over his progress, prayed for reassurance, and Our Lady appeared to him in a supernatural manner, standing upon a pillar held aloft by angels. Because October is the month of the Rosary, honor Maria with the beautiful Holy Queen prayer that's part of that devotion. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468).* "I am not ashamed of the Gospel."

## Wednesday, Oct 13 God to humanity: Can't buy my love

From at least the time of the Pharisees, important people in the eyes of the world often assumed they had the inside track on a pleasant afterlife. Pope Francis begged to differ in an Advent season homily several years back. At the Last Judgment, Francis said, Jesus will not say, "'You, come with me because you have given so much money to the church. You are a benefactor of the church. Come, come to Heaven.' No. You can't buy your way into Heaven. And He won't say: 'You are very important, you have studied so much and earned so many honors, come into Heaven.' No. Awards do not open the gate of Heaven," Francis said. "What will Jesus tell us to open up the gates of Heaven? 'I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat. I was homeless, and you gave Me shelter. I was sick, and you came to see Me. I was in prison, and you came to visit Me.' Jesus is humility," Francis said. Close your purse or wallet, and open your heart! TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46 (469).* "You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God."

## Thursday, Oct 14 MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR Patron saint of second (or more) chances

Saint Callistus I is inspiration to anyone who has made major errors in life. Callistus seriously messed up, not once but twice. Born into slavery, his master put him in charge of a bank that Callistus criminally mismanaged. After a while in prison, he was freed to earn back the money he owed. Instead, he was arrested for brawling in a synagogue. Strike two. Nonetheless, Callistus reformed himself, served the early church as a cemetery manager, and was eventually elected pope! Consider saying a prayer of thanks for a church that offers redemption (even the papacy) to people who have fallen hard. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470).* "Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."

## Friday, Oct 15 MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **Don't be afraid of the dark**

The dark night of the soul, a term coined by Spanish mystic Saint John of the Cross, describes a period on the spiritual journey when one feels distant from God and suffers physical and emotional pain. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a close friend of John's, actually felt like she was going mad as she pursued the contemplative life. But then, in 1567, while gazing at a statue of Jesus, she felt an ecstasy beyond description as she reached "union with God." Teresa wrote much about her interior life, and she encouraged others to experience the "great gifts that come through abandoning everything to God and dying to oneself." Pray for the patience and humility to stay the spiritual course. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471).* "Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."

## Saturday, Oct 16 I was hungry

World Food Day was established in 1979 by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and is celebrated annually on this date in 150 countries. The theme for this year's celebration is, "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow." The World Food Program (WFP) is the food-assistance branch of the organization. As of 2019, the WFP has served 97 million people in 88 countries, and it was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger and contribute to peace in conflict areas. Take a moment today to thank God for the food you eat and the people who produce it, and to support your local World Food Day celebration. TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472).* "I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."





***“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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

