

# 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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The best-known saint – hands down – is the Blessed Virgin Mary. Those who have little knowledge of organized religion, for instance, recognize her as the mother of Jesus. Those who have little or no familiarity with the Bible, for example, have come across images of Our Lady in the art and iconography of museums and in books all over the world. Among those who do belong to the household of faith, they can point to Marian solemnities, feasts and memorials which dot the liturgical calendar from January to December.

Speaking of these solemnities, feasts and memorials, Catholics are especially known for their devotion to the Mother of God. From naming their parishes in honor of the Mother of God to crowning statues of her with flowers, Catholics venerate the one woman among all women who is the *theotokos*, that is, the God bearer in history through the mystery of the Incarnation. That designation of God bearer comes from God Himself although it is the angel Gabriel who makes the announcement. (cf. Lk 1:26-38) In accord with the divine preference, the woman chosen had to be pure and undefiled – perpetually a virgin yet a true mother at the same time, not subject to Original Sin and personally sinless, her untaintedness so whole that she would go to heaven body and soul when her earthly pilgrimage had ended.

Being full of grace, Mary of Nazareth is in a category all her own. At the very same time though, there are definite qualities she exhibits which are within our reach and are always important to Christian discipleship – whether it is in the first century or now in the twenty-first century. Let us look at a few of these.

*Trust.* Mary, probably seventeen years of age or so at the time, was not expecting the angel Gabriel to appear to her announcing God's plan for her to be the Mother of Our Savior. Upon hearing what that plan was, Mary gave her *fiat*. "I am the hand-maid of the Lord," she said. "Let it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38) Upon visiting Elizabeth who was expecting her own child (John the Baptist), the older woman complimented Mary, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk 1:45) Later in her life, when her Son had begun His public ministry, Mary continued to exemplify trust. "Do whatever he tells you," (Jn 2:5) she told the servers before Jesus turned the water into wine.

Faith in God is predicated on trust because faith deals with what cannot be seen. The Letter to the Hebrews makes this clear when it offers us the classic definition of faith: confident assurance about the things we hope for, and conviction about the things we do not see. (Heb 11:1) How hard it is for us to see. Saint Paul says as much when he writes that now we see as if through a glass darkly. (cf. 1 Cor. 13:12) We do not yet see face-to-face (cf. 1 Cor. 13:12) That perfect vision comes later for us with eternal life. In the earthly sojourn we are making right now, we have to trust that there is a plan for us personally, that it can be discerned and that it brings freedom and joy.

*A contemplative spirit.* With Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea, the evangelist records how "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Lk 2:19) So much had happened in Mary's life – the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Birth of Jesus – all in a short period of time that it required some time to sort out and process as it were. We cannot do that well if all we do is attend to the next practical task in front of us and the one after that. Discipleship always entails a marvelous awe at what God has accomplished and how we participate personally in that creation and unfolding.

*Loving the Church.* Mary awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit with the apostles in the upper room. (cf. Acts 1:14) There is no Church without Christ and there is no Christ without Mary. The one who trusted and believed, the one who contemplated the great works of God is herself a type or pattern of the Church. One cannot just love the Head without at the same time love the Body too. As Pope Saint John the XXIII said in an encyclical by the same name, the Church is our Mother and Teacher. Mary is our mother too (cf. Jn 19:27) and she teaches us to love where Christ dwells until the end of time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## Installation Mass for Msgr. Batule

*When a priest is assigned as Pastor of a parish, he is asked to have a Mass of Installation. This is a public acknowledgment of his willingness to accept the needed responsibilities and of his parishioners' willingness to welcome him and assist him in those tasks. Msgr. Batule's Installation will be on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the 12 noon Mass.*

*Fr. Patrick Riegger, the Dean of our No. Brookhaven Deanery, will be part of the ceremony.*

*All are invited to come. Light refreshments will follow in the auditorium.*

## Parish Updates

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Church celebrates All Saints, which is ordinarily a Holy Day of Obligation. Since it is a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass does not apply. However, we encourage all of our parishioners to join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church commemorates All Souls Day. We remember deceased relatives and friends and pray for their eternal repose with God. We encourage you to remember your loved ones by attending Mass at 9:00 AM. We also encourage you to enroll your deceased relatives and friends in our All Souls Novena of Masses. Envelopes for this purpose were sent to those parishioners who support our parish using donation envelopes. Additional envelopes are available from the ushers.



### Wedding Banns

**Banns II:** Karolina Jarmolowicz & Justin Hinte, both St. Margaret of Scotland



### Baptisms

Juliette Angelina McGrath

### Mass Book for 2022

The **Mass Book for 2022 is open.** 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.

## Faith Formation



### Calling all Children! Christmas Play

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 3 PM**



The children of Saint Margaret's parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends and all of our parishioners.

**Speaking parts (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up) ~ Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> & Monday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 6 - 7 PM in the Church**

**All interested Children ~ Friday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 6~7 PM in the Church. Angels must be 4 years and older.**

**Rehearsals ~ 6 - 7 PM in the Church. ~ Nov. 12, 16, 19, 30 & Dec. 3**

**Dress Rehearsal Friday, Dec. 10 @ 5:30-7:00 PM**



### 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 marriage 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.

**October 30/31 at all Masses**, the Knights 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!**

### 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/>.



### St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Save the Date!  
Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>



### 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.

### 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).



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



### 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.

## Sunday, Oct 24, 2021 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Adopt an attitude of gratitude

Here's an intriguing take on a familiar commission: Thankful people become missionaries. "To be 'in a state of mission' is a reflection of gratitude," Pope Francis declares on this World Mission Sunday. Yet this "state of mission" belongs to the whole church, not just to those brave souls who pack up and go off to foreign lands. Jesus commissions his friends to take the Good News wherever we go. Grateful folks do this cheerfully. How can we keep from singing, when a song's been placed in our hearts? Pray the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries and live the mission of gratitude. TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 (149)*. "*Immediately [the blind man] received his sight, and followed Jesus on the way.*"

## Monday, Oct 25 Good for what ails you

Research suggests that regular meditation may help reduce blood pressure, digestive problems, anxiety and depression, and insomnia, among other ailments. Prayerful meditation also heals your soul. Catholics have a lot of help at their disposal here—from the Rosary to *Lectio Divina*. "There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly," says the catechism. "But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus." Take the best medicine of all! TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479)*. "*Woman, you are set free of your infirmity.*"

## Tuesday, Oct 26 Care for the caregivers, too

In November 2017 European members of the World Medical Association convened at the Vatican for a conversation on ethical issues surrounding palliative care. Nearby, the International Confederation of Catholic Health Care Institutions was meeting to discuss inequalities in health care. Pope Francis addressed them all: "The categorical imperative is to never abandon the sick." No matter the graveness of the medical condition, "we are called to show love and closeness." Recognizing that "visit the sick" is one of the seven corporal works of mercy, how can you show or send care today—perhaps by supporting Catholic chaplains during this Pastoral Care Week? TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480)*. "*Sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.*"

## Wednesday, Oct 27 Gentle reminder: Pray today

Benedictine monk Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., a pillar of the liturgical movement of the last century, tells the story of picking watercress one day on his monastery's grounds and landing in a swamp. Try as he might he couldn't extricate himself. He was eventually rescued by his fellow monks. He wrote of the incident: "What now bothers me is that during the entire ordeal of about 25 minutes I didn't have a single pious thought! What does that say of my more than 50 years of monastic life? Do I have to start all over again?" Forgetting to pray happens to the best of us. But it is never too late to start. A simple prayer of blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, or praise will suffice. Better yet, start with *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*, "Come, Holy Spirit!" TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481)*. "*The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.*"

## Thursday, Oct 28 FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES Strive for decreasing returns

Saints Simon and Jude have countless images and namesakes, yet we know almost nothing about these apostles whose feast day is today. They were among the 12 apostles, and tradition has it they spread the Good News in Persia. We honor their memory anyway, knowing that for the faithful, "He must increase, and I must decrease," as John the Baptist put it. To be remembered after death as a faithful apostle is not a bad legacy for any Christian! Do one small act today that makes you recognizable as a faithful apostle. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666)*. "*Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God.*"

## Friday, Oct 29 Tender mercies

Depression, anxiety, profound sadness, or grief—these can sometimes make us feel like we're no good or God has abandoned us. But it is at these times especially when God tenderly draws close to us. Though it may be difficult to lift our hearts in prayer when we are suffering, we can pray this prayer for ourselves and one another (attributed to Saint Augustine): "Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for love's sake." Amen! TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483)*. "*I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.*"

## Saturday, Oct 30 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Room to grow

We've all heard that the "humble will be exalted." Sounds nice, but where can we look for examples, for a role model? Look no further than Mary, Mother of God. Saturday is the traditional day of the week to recall Mary's example of exalted humility. Mary was humble enough to "make room" for God—literally, in her womb. She was willing to trust God with everything—her reputation, her envisioned marriage, her very body. Do you trust enough to make room so that God can be born in you? TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484)*. "*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*"





# St. Margaret of Scotland CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Prepaid Orders ONLY ~ **Deadline for orders Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Pickup orders on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

PARISH CENTER ~ 9:00 to 10:30 am

Return form below with your check by Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> made payable to:  
St. Margaret of Scotland. ~ Please print neatly.

CUT HERE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Wreaths	_____	X \$25 = \$	_____
Grave Blankets	_____	X \$45 = \$	_____
Kissing Balls	_____	X \$35 = \$	_____

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All Above are Decorated

### "Holiday Visit to Calverton National Cemetery

Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown is offering a free bus trip to the cemetery on **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

8:15 AM - Depart from Branch FH, 190 E. Main St., Smithtown

8:30 AM- Depart from Smithtown Senior Center, 420 Middle Country, Smithtown

The Bus will make stops at both locations on return. Please arrive 15 minutes before bus departure.

9:30 AM - Arrive at Calverton ~ 1:30 PM Leave Calverton **Must reserve a seat.**

Call Branch FH at 631-724-9500 by Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Coffee, cookies, pizza & cold drinks will be served on the return trip. The bus does have a lavatory.



### Heart of the Island Council-Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. Prospective members call Tom Piderit at 917-365-7546. .



### Molloy College Open House

Fall Open House ~ Sunday, Nov. 7 at 12:00 pm.  
Register at

[WWW.MOLLOY.EDU/ADMISSIONS/OPENHOUSE](http://WWW.MOLLOY.EDU/ADMISSIONS/OPENHOUSE)

### Becoming a Catholic Christian~ RCIA

Do you know a friend or family member who has expressed a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith? Is there someone who has mentioned to you that they are thinking about becoming a Catholic and does not know how to proceed? Are you someone who is reading this yourself and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes," then you are invited to continue your exploration with the members of our RCIA team. RCIA stands for **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

The first stage is called "Inquiry," a time to ask questions and receive answers without any pressure to make a decision. The goal is to help adults move toward a commitment to the Lord and full participation in the Catholic community at their pace. It is meant specifically for adults who are seeking Baptism, or those who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation or Eucharist. For more information, please call the Parish Center (631-732-3131 x 133).

