

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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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

May we learn to trust in Jesus fully and remember that the blind man's faith helped him regain his sight.



Sacrificial Giving

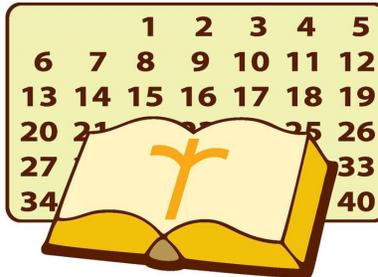
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

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Collected at Mass	5,358	182
Mailed Envelopes	6,440	98
Total Collection	\$ 11,798	280

Readings for Next Sunday

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

- First Reading.....Dn 7: 13-14
- Second ReadingRev 1: 5-8
- Gospel.....Jn 18: 33b-37



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

BAPTISMS: Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment - x131.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am – 1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

Masses for the Week

Monday - November 15th
Special Intentions Jessica Beljour

Tuesday - November 16th
John O’Sullivan

Wednesday - November 17th
Special Intentions John Schlagater

Thursday, - November 18th
Joseph, Anne & George Prementine

Friday - November 19th
Special Intentions Jessica Beljour

Saturday - November 20th
5^{pm}

For All St. Margaret Parishioners

Sunday – November 21st
8^{am}

Jeanine Barreto
Ana Soares

10^{am}
Marie Bugala & Helene Hoehne
Frank G. Pendl Sr.

12^{pm}
Christal Mc Eneaney Colvin
Fred Peabody

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as

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| John Schlagater | Marilyn Vacchio |
| James O’Sullivan | John Roucoulet |
| Logan Baar | Joseph Dulovic |
| John & Patricia Fiscina | Terri Persina |
| Estelle Beauchamp | Alyssa Baisch |
| Lucy & Sarah Behie | Jillian Brown |
| Virginia Butler | Robert J. Heege |
| Eric Cohen | Kathleen Weiss |
| Lorraine Vogel | Steven Vacchio |
| Laura Durant | June Tamillow |
| Frank Guttilla | Robert Valletta |
| Joseph Kiely | Sharon Klyn |
| Warne Family | Michael C. Liotta |
| Anne Logan | Christine Mc Cusker |
| Dominic Percoco | Gina Rosenberg |
| Laura Positano | De Santis Family |
| Patricia Wowk | Natasha Roucoulet |
| James Reynolds Jr. | John Reynolds |
| Eileen O’Sullivan | Joseph Laria |
| Joseph De Aguiar | Kathy Micheli |
| Eppie Larke | |

- Babies Aubrey & Greyson
- Marie & Tony Caruana
- Veronica Sheridan-Cox
- Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
- James & Catherine Reynolds
- Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri

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 the campus of Saint John's University in Queens, New York, there is a building named Saint Albert Hall. One would be forgiven if he thought that Saint Albert was a Vincentian saint since Saint John's is a Vincentian university. But, alas, Saint Albert, sometimes referred to as Saint Albert the Great (Albertus Magnus), was a Dominican and lived a couple of centuries before Saint Vincent de Paul, the founder of the Congregation of the Mission. The question then is why have a building to honor a Dominican on the campus of the Vincentians?

On Monday the 15th, the Church honors the memory of Saint Albert the Great in her liturgy. As mentioned above, Albert was a member of the Order of Saint Dominic. In fact, he was a teacher of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Eventually, he was named a Bishop and served in Regensburg (Germany). He was devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and wrote on this topic and many others with great distinction. And perhaps most importantly of all, Saint Albert the Great is the patron saint of scientists.

For the last year and a half and more, we have heard in our public life incessantly the incantation, "Follow the science." The reference of course is to the practice of public health around COVID-19. We can defeat the pandemic only by following the science, we are told. As we know, following the science doesn't always lead everyone to the same conclusions. Disputes break out into the open not infrequently, and the subsequent recriminations invariably coarsen our public spaces.

The sanctity of Saint Albert the Great is in his love for all knowledge – not just religious knowledge. A master of philosophy and theology, Albert was curious about other fields, including the natural sciences. What drew him to embrace the other spheres of learning was his belief in the unity of knowledge. That belief in the unity of knowledge which Albert possessed was predicated upon his belief in the unity of truth.

Men and women of faith respect intellectual competences and they do not occupy a closed world. Catholics in particular have a high regard for reason, and see in the created world a reasonableness which can be demonstrated scientifically. But science is not our only way to knowing. We hold that faith is a genuine way of knowing too. Indeed, faith expands our vision of the "real" and cautions us that not everything which is "real" can be measured.

There are mysteries of faith which are proposed for our acceptance – mysteries like the Incarnation, the Resurrection and the Eucharist. These mysteries are what we might call truths which surpass our ability to see naturally. We do not see the humanity of Jesus apart from the Divine Word, we do not see the Risen Lord apart from His divine nature, and we do not see the Body and Blood of Christ apart from the substance of the Godhead.

Let us resolve to continue having a respect for science but not to worship it. Perhaps we might take our cue from the three Wise Men who followed a star in the night sky and found the Infant King in Bethlehem. Many depictions of that biblical event show the Wise Men kneeling at the manger. Kneeling suggests adoration, and adoration suggests that we are in the presence of one greater than ourselves.

The Presence of God, Saint Paul tells us in the New Testament, is ascertained by faith. (2 Cor. 5:7) Seeing is indeed believing, but that's because believing opens up a vista for seeing which is always greater than what we can touch and feel.

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 14th at the 12 noon Mass.

Fr. Patrick Reigger, 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 at 1 pm..

Parish Updates and Happenings

 The Parish of Saint Margaret will hold a *Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 PM in the church. We invite all parishioners to join us. The service consists of biblical readings and hymns as we await the birth of Our Savior. The Saint Margaret Music Ministry will lead us in the singing portion of the prayer service. A reception will be held immediately following Lessons and Carols in the church basement.

Again, all parishioners are invited to the reception.

The Mass will be offered on Thanksgiving morning (November 25th) at 9:00 AM in the church. Kindly consider joining us as we give thanks to God for His rich blessings in our lives. Join with fellow parishioners before we all go our separate ways to be with our families the remainder of the day.



A pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Selden on Sunday, November 21st at 7:00 PM. This event brings together the ministers and adherents of the various churches and houses of worship in Selden. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a Holy Hour in the church on Monday, December 6th beginning at 7:30 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the start and there is Benediction at the close of the hour. Msgr. Batule will preside at this Advent devotion. All are invited to attend.



Baptisms

Penelope Rose Spatafora, Isabella Aurora Rodriguez, Jonah River Cullen,
Jaxon John Laterza, Lucas Godzieba

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).



Our Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland gives Congratulations & Thanks to
Deacon Bill Kogler on his 40th Diaconate Anniversary

Sunday, November 21st after the 12 noon Mass
Deadline to respond ~ November 15th



First come first served ~ Limited Seating Light lunch to be served.
We ask that you fill out the form below and indicate the number attending.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ # of Persons in your party. _____

PLEASE notify the office of any updates or changes by NOVEMBER 15th.

You may drop the form off at the Parish Center during hours, place in the collection basket or mail to us to arrive by November 15th. Any questions or concerns, please call the office at 631-732-3131 x133.

Faith Formation

Calling all Children! ~ Christmas Play Sunday, December 12th ~ 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.

There are still some parts open for the play! Come to Rehearsal.

Rehearsals ~ 6 - 7 PM in the Church. ~ Nov. 16, 19 (6:30), 30 & Dec. 3
Dress Rehearsal Friday, Dec. 10 @ 5:30-7:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 12th Day of Show—arrive at 2:15 PM ~ Cast Party to follow immediately after Pageant.

Parish Social Ministry



THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Dinners will be distributed the week of Nov. 15th



St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Please choose items off of our wish list & bring them into the Parish Center during office hours or put in the box in the back of the church. Thank You!
(PLEASE-NO PERISHABLES IN CHURCH!)

Turkey (or voucher)	Corn muffin mix	Canned Fruit
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Cranberry Sauce	Stuffing
Canned Vegetables	Applesauce	Coffee / Tea
<u>Jars of Apple Juice</u>	Shelf Stable Milk	Package Gravy

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Come and sing! Rehearsals for our Children's Chorus in the Parish Center on Saturdays beginning in November. All boys and girls (from 2nd grade and above) are invited to come and sing. Contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 / comatwins@optonline.net for information



"Holiday Visit to Calverton National Cemetery

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

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 21st.

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



St. Frances Cabrini ~ Catholic Daughters Fund Raiser

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #2438 at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Coram is holding their December fundraiser. Many charitable endeavors will benefit. For information on their Calendar Raffle and how you can get an entry, go to their website—sfccoram.org, then go to Home/Bulletin/November14. If you have questions please call 631-882-5798 to speak with Hazel Roberts, their Regent.



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.

Catholic Gifts

Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine, 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. Hours 10-4 weekdays & 10-5 Sat./ Sun. They carry a large variety of religious articles. OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG

Sunday, Nov 14, 2021 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **The poor have a gift for you**

Charity presupposes a giver and a receiver, Pope Francis reminds us this fifth annual World Day of the Poor. This division poses a spiritual danger: tempting the giver to view the poor as a "category" outside our community, to which we may choose to offer our generosity. This perception gratifies the giver and demeans the receiver. Francis observes that "the poor, always and everywhere, evangelize us"—revealing the suffering Christ to us. Charity is occasional and voluntary; mutual sharing, however, is enduring. The real invitation of the poor is this: to share the burden of Christ until we can alleviate it. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32 (158).* "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Monday, Nov 15 MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **Head in the clouds but feet on the ground**

Albert the Great was a Renaissance man—but he lived in the Middle Ages. He was a German theologian, but he also wrote voluminously about botany, zoology, music, astronomy, and law—to name just a few of his studies of interest. He never let his head full of knowledge go to his head, though, and one of the ways this Dominican friar and bishop stayed humble was by only traveling by foot. Are there lifestyle changes you can make or privileges you can shed to keep yourself down-to-earth? TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497).* "When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God."

Tuesday, Nov 16 MEMORIAL OF GERTRUDE, MYSTIC **God's love conquers all**

Orphaned during the Middle Ages, Gertrude the Great grew up in a Benedictine monastery and became a brilliant scholar. Like her teacher, Saint Mechtilde of Helfta, Gertrude also became well-known as a mystic, experiencing—and transcribing—vivid visions of God's boundless love. Let Gertrude's encounters with Divine Love calm any worries today: "Joy and gladness be to thee from that sweetest heart, my one refuge and shelter in my exile, from that heart so full of tender care for me, whose love is so set on me that it cannot rest till it hath received me into itself for evermore." TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498).* "But he could not see him because of the crowd."

Wednesday, Nov 17 MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS **Keep the faith under pressure**

Faithfulness unto death is the great rallying cry of the Christian. Without this in mind, today's saint, Elizabeth of Hungary, might at first seem an odd pairing with the readings about martyrdom and divine retribution. With it, however, we see that Saint Elizabeth's firm resolve to serve the poor, despite being a princess with access to enormous privilege, is precisely the kind of behavior God wishes to see in his children. It is precisely the use of the "talents" to which Jesus referred in the parable from today's gospel. Remember, then, that whenever we die to ourselves and devote our lives to Christian charity, we become common martyrs and fulfill the law of God. TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499).* "He, in his mercy, will give you back both breath and life, because you now disregard yourselves for the sake of his law."

Thursday, Nov 18 MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE **Perseverance please!**

Life can sometimes beat a person down, and when that happens, the beautiful tradition of praying for saints to intercede for us can provide communion and solace. Today's saint, Philippine Duchesne, was a nun who survived the upheaval of the French Revolution and combined both a strong devotion to prayer and a passion for missionary life in the American frontier, with its many hardships. Because perseverance was a major theme in her life, she is a patron saint of perseverance in adversity. Saint Philippine, pray for us TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500).* "If this day you only knew what makes for peace."

Friday, Nov 19 **Act on memory**

Dedications in memory of fields where lives were lost or sacred places defiled have been a mainstay since biblical times. By remembering the horror of death and destruction, we hope to redeem the site and make it holy again. But as Abraham Lincoln stated on this day in 1863 in his *Gettysburg Address*, honoring a Civil War battlefield: "We cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground . . . the living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it." Our role, says Lincoln, is "to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced." It is for us to "highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain." Lincoln's words echo Jesus' call to his disciples to "do this in memory of me." Become the body of Christ. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501).* "The days of the dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness."

Saturday, Nov 20 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **God of the living**

The Bible's Second Book of Maccabees, composed about a hundred years before Christ, introduced the ideas of resurrection from the dead, the intercession of the saints in heaven, and the responsibility of the living to offer prayers and sacrifices for the dead. The Sadducees of today's gospel episode rejected these ideas while Jesus obviously embraced them. Resurrection, praying for the souls in Purgatory, and the intercession of the saints all have become part of what the church believes. Every Saturday we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the greatest saint in heaven, and ask her intercession for the souls of our departed relatives and friends. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502).* "[God] is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."



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