

# 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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*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

## **November 21, 2021**

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***"In a few days, we mark Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday. Find here the Proclamation that President Lincoln issued in 1863 which authorized the observance."***

**Transcript for President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation from October 3, 1863**

**By the President of the United States A Proclamation**

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

***Abraham Lincoln***

***By the President: William H. Seward. Secretary of State.***

***As we pause and give thanks as a nation in a few days, let us remember those among us who***

- \* call Saint Margaret their spiritual home, pray and worship here, and support our parish
- \* volunteer in various apostolates and liturgical ministries
- \* serve us in different capacities in the parish center
- \* carry out the corporal works of mercy in our community
- \* sing and play instruments in our parish choirs
- \* assist us as ushers and catechists
- \* visit funeral homes and console the grieving
- \* open their homes to engaged couples and prepare them for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
- \* are called to serve as deacons
- \* are called to serve as priests



***May the Lord bless the parishioners of Saint Margaret and give us always grateful hearts. Happy Thanksgiving!***

***Msgr. Batule ~ Pastor***

## Parish Updates and Happenings



The Mass will be offered on Thanksgiving morning (November 25<sup>th</sup>) 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.*



### Lessons and Carols

*Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 St. Margaret Music Ministry will lead us in the singing portion of the prayer service.*

*Hospitality will be held immediately following in the auditorium.*



*All are welcome !*

### Holy Hour

There will be a Holy Hour in the church on Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### Happy Thanksgiving

From all of St. Margaret of Scotland Staff and Clergy

Our Parish Center will be closed on

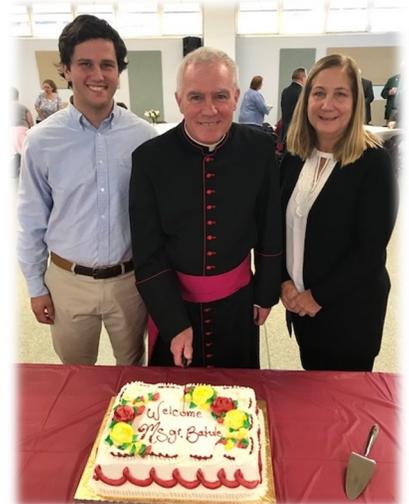
Thursday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

### St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Thank you so much to all who donated at our blood drive. We were able to collect 23 pints of blood which is going to go on to save up to 69 people's lives at a very challenging time.



## Installation of St. Margaret's New Pastor Monsignor Robert J. Batule



## 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.

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

Rehearsals ~ 6 - 7 PM in the Church. ~ Nov. 30 & Dec. 3

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

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

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above) are invited to come and sing. Contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 / [comatwins@optonline.net](mailto: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 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 Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

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



### Oplątek – A Polish Christmas Tradition

One of the highlights of Christmas festivities in Poland is the Oplątek (pronounced “o-PWAA-tek”). The Oplątek is a decorated Christmas wafer, similar to a large white host. Each person receives one, and then invites the others gathered to break a piece off and eat it. While they are breaking one another's oplątek, people exchange wishes for a blessed Christmas and good health and prosperity. After all those present have broken and shared the Oplątek, good food and Christmas car-ols (in Polish and English) are enjoyed.



This year, members of our Polish community will gather for a traditional Oplątek celebration, and they invite all parishioners to join them in this beautiful tradition.

We will meet in the auditorium on Saturday, **December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** If you would like to come, we ask you to do few things: (1) number of people coming & (2) plan on bringing a traditional Christmas dish that can be shared at the potluck meal, (3) consider a monetary donation (\$25 per family) to cover the costs and church offering. Since arrangements take time, we ask that you call or email before December 4<sup>th</sup>. Call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x133 or

Henryk Chelminski at 631-693-9310. Email: [HENRYKCHEL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HENRYKCHEL@GMAIL.COM).

### 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).



## **Sunday, Nov 21, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE A game of 20 questions**

Actually, only 11 questions are exchanged in the fateful interview between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate asks 10, the most famous being, "What is truth?" Equally significant, however, is Pilate's other inquiry, "Are you the King of the Jews?" To which Jesus replies with his own bold interrogation: "Are you saying this on your own or have others told you about me?" It remains a significant inquiry. On this day when the church honors Jesus as King of the Universe, we might ponder the question ourselves: Does Jesus rule our hearts? Or is his authority just something we hear tell about? TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161)*. "Pilate said to Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'"

## **Monday, Nov 22 MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR Sing out your life**

Saint Cecilia is the patron of music and musicians—because as she was wed against her wishes to a nobleman of no particular faith, she sang in her heart to God. (Her husband ended up becoming Christian and both were martyred by the Romans.) Her patronage of music has created an immense legacy as musical institutions all over the world are named after her, and concerts and festivals are held today on her feast day—all because of a sweet, simple, silent song of fidelity to the Lord. You may not be blessed with musical talent, but God loves to hear your heart-song nonetheless. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503)*. "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."

## **Tuesday, Nov 23 MEMORIAL OF COLUMBAN, ABBOT Take the gospel everywhere**

After years of studying scripture in an Irish monastery, Saint Columban sought permission at age 40 to depart for Europe with a boatload of companions. Their mission: to preach the gospel everywhere they went, proclaiming Christ after barbarian invasions collapsed the Western Roman Empire. Pray some of Columban's eloquent words to begin your day: "Lord, may everything we do this day begin with your blessing and continue with your help. May everything we say this day begin with your love and continue with your grace. May everything we plan this day begin with your inspiration and continue with your peace." TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504)*. "The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed."

## **Wednesday, Nov 24 MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

### **Make me an instrument of your peace**

The Catholic church has a long and complex history in Vietnam, going back to the first European missionaries in the 15th century. Over the centuries, church-state intrigue and foreign colonial interests competed with genuine pastoral work, and Catholic missionaries often were caught in the crossfire. The martyrs remembered today suffered during a particularly difficult period when Catholic families were broken apart and some were branded on the forehead with the Vietnamese words for "false religion." Church-state relations have gradually improved in recent decades as wounds from the past heal. May we all learn the lessons history offers, so that our witness may be a reconciling one. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505)*. "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

## **Thursday, Nov 25 MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR; THANKSGIVING DAY Attitude of gratitude**

Truth will out. As we give thanks this day for blessings in our lives, let's treasure the gift of faith, of truth. Little is known of the life of Catherine of Alexandria, whose memorial is today—perhaps not surprising given she was born quite early in Christian history, around 287. Nonetheless, the legends surrounding this early saint demonstrate her persistence in sharing the truth of her faith in Christ. Roman authorities expended great energy in killing those she converted and finally in killing her, but her truth, the Christian gospel, still shines brightly. Let's give thanks for it. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28 (506)*. "When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

## **Friday, Nov 26 NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK The source of our "inspo"**

The Bible has been and continues to be a treasure of inspiration (or "inspo" to the younger set), guiding us through the difficult, ordinary, and joyful moments of everyday life. Instead of tweets, there are verses; instead of hashtags, there are the great biblical themes of creation, love, mercy, and faithfulness. #awesome Even better than tweets and hashtags, however, is the fact that inspo for Christians is not just a feel-good motivation; it is also a real-time experience of God. God *inspires*—"in-spirits"—us. God breathes God's very spirit with us. What does or could this inspo mean for you today? TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507)*. "Know that the Kingdom of God is near."

## **Saturday, Nov 27 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Every day a new challenge**

Seems lately that every day is D-Day: division, disease, disaster. The news can be overwhelming, and the temptation, which Jesus warned against, is to pull the covers over our heads and sleepwalk through life. Call on the courageous example of Mary, who faced challenges few of us can imagine as she carried out her mission and trusted the Word living within her. We share in that mission to bring God into the world. Trust and stay strong in the storm! TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508)*.





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### 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.*

### 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](http://OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG)

### 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.



### 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](http://sfccoram.org), then go to Home/Bulletin/November 14. If you have questions please call 631-882-5798 to speak with Hazel Roberts, their Regent.



### 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.

