

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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As the new school year continues to take shape for parents and their children, I want to highlight a few matters which are deserving of our attention now and in the weeks to come.

Enrichment Evenings: They begin soon; in fact, they are right around the corner. There are **five** of them altogether and the first one is Monday night the 19th. They continue on the 26th of this month (the second session) and then three Monday nights in October (the 3rd, the 17th and the 24th). The sessions all start at 7:30 PM promptly and the location is the basement level of the parish center. We finish up at 9:00 PM each night.

The sessions are intended for our **catechists** who work with the youngsters of our parish in faith formation. But **any parishioner** may attend. We will cover the following topics: faith, Christology, Church, the sacraments and Christian morality. If you cannot attend all five, come for as many sessions as you are able.

Each session will also include some treatment of the **Eucharistic Revival** which is just getting going in our parish. The Eucharistic Revival is long overdue, and it has the endorsement of the Bishops of our nation – all of them in the fifty states of our country, and in every diocese too. We need to unite around the altar and the pulpit of our churches where Christ is unfailingly there with His Word and His Sacrament. Join us as we seek to be more committed than ever to the Blessed Sacrament – the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

Twenty Minutes with the Director/Pastor: New this year in our parish is the linkage of catechesis and liturgy for those enrolled in **Faith Formation**. We ask our parents and their children to attend these Sunday morning sessions at **9:40 AM in the church basement**. Following the brief session, we attend the 10:00 AM Mass with the other worshippers from our parish.

I ask all the families who have children enrolled in religion classes to join us in the effort we are making to establish and develop a **true church-going culture. The preeminent way our faith is handed on from generation to generation is through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.**

Mass Intentions: As you know, Masses at Saint Margaret have what we call Mass Intentions, and that would be persons who are remembered at the altar and whose names are mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful. All of our weekend Masses have Intentions as does our daily Mass at 9:00 AM Monday through Friday.

I encourage you to consider a deceased loved one (relative or friend) on the occasion of that person's death or some other important date (e.g. birthday) and arrange for the Divine Liturgy to be offered at the parish office during regular business hours. Mass Intentions are not only for the deceased; nevertheless, most of the Intentions are in fact for those who have died.

The very best way to help a deceased relative or friend is to assist in having him or her be counted among the saints in heaven. That is what the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass does for those who are no longer with us on earth. We refer to that spiritual gift as a fruit of the Mass. If our greatest joy is to be with the Lord without end, then it makes sense that we avail ourselves of the means that will bring that desired outcome to fruition.

Mission Cooperative Appeal: Next weekend, September 24th and 25th, has been designated as the time for the Claretian Missionaries of East Nigeria to preach the annual appeal. Fr. Eugene will be here at Saint Margaret to conduct that appeal.

I ask you to remember the Church's missions in your prayers and to support those same missions financially with the treasure portion of your stewardship.

October 2nd: This year because it is a Sunday, we do not mark the Memorial of the Guardian Angels at the Liturgy. Instead, it is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also Respect Life Sunday. I encourage you to remember the unborn children whose lives have been taken through abortion since its legalization by the Supreme Court in 1973. As you know, the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs* a few months ago reversed *Roe*, and abortion remains now a matter for the States to decide through their legislative bodies. We continue to be grateful for the Supreme Court outcome in *Dobbs*. But we cannot become complacent. The pro-life cause always needs your support, especially in a State like New York. Learn about how you can help in the various *Life Centers* which are located here on Long Island.

Besides the assistance to be rendered to women who are faced with unplanned pregnancies, we need also to win many others to our side so that the culture of life may take a deeper hold in our society. In this area, we still have a very long way to go. And so, I encourage you to participate in something called **Stand Up for Life** which is held every first Sunday in October. **Stand Up for Life** is a prayerful, public witness to the sanctity of unborn life. Pro-life men and women gather in places on Long Island where there is high visibility because of constant vehicular traffic. One of those places is Route 110 in Melville.

This prayerful, public witness begins at 2:00 PM and concludes at 3:30 PM – rain or shine! Consider going by yourself or with a group. I will be there.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Wedding Banns

Banns II: Crystal Alessi & Christopher Payea,
both St. Margaret of Scotland



Prayers for our military

*Jaime Ottenwalder, US Navy
Anthony Anglikowski, US Navy
Ivan Slawsky, US Army*

"We pledge to persevere in prayer,
fasting and witnessing to the
sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the
U.S. Supreme Court Decision in
Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022



Rosary for Life



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Every Friday - 3:00 PM

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St. Margaret's Bereavement Ministry

*"Who we have once enjoyed and deeply loved, we can never lose, for all that we love deeply
becomes a part of us." ~ Helen Keller*



You need not travel this journey alone...

If you are 4 to 6 months or more past the loss of your loved one, consider joining with others who are on the same pilgrimage to hope, acceptance and a new life. Meetings will be held in the Parish Center beginning on

Thursday, September 22nd with a choice of either an 11 AM or 2 PM session.

For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053, prior to this date.

From the Pastor's Desk

On the first Sunday of October, the 2nd, the annual **Stand Up for Life** witness will be held in a few locations on Long Island. It commences at 2:00 PM and concludes at 3:30 PM. It consists of a peaceful and prayerful presence at a conspicuous public place so that as many Long Islanders can see the pro-life message as possible. Please consider going and participating. Msgr. Batule goes to the **Stand Up for Life** witness in Melville along Rt. 110 on the eastern side of the road. He invites you to join him there.

If you are an adult who has considered **becoming a Catholic** or know of an adult who wants to become a Catholic, please keep in mind that we accept candidates for conversion. The traditional starting time for those who are interested in becoming a Catholic is the early autumn as the school years opens.

Let us know of your interest by calling the parish center at your earliest convenience.

Adult Catholics who never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so are asked to notify us. A few months ago, we had a group of adult Catholics celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemnity of Pentecost (June 5th).

We plan on doing the same for 2023. Following Easter in the next calendar year, the group will begin meeting to receive catechesis.

Kindly advise us if you want to join us. Please call on the phone or come in person to the parish center.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.



FIRST THURSDAYS

*OCT. 6TH, NOV. 3RD, DEC. 1ST
3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church*

Information about the deadlines for filing claims based on the Adult Survivors Act—part of the Diocese's chapter 11 case can be found on the following link to the Diocese bankruptcy website. Forms that are to be used can be found here also.

<https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>.

Faith Formation

Registration ~ September 2022

Please mail or drop off your registration at the Parish Center for placement.

Are you new to the Parish? You may email Jackie at jmirenda@saintmargaret.com or x131 with any concerns or questions.



PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF YOUR ORIENTATION DAY

LEVEL 3— Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm

LEVEL 4 & 5—Tuesday, Sept 13 at 6 pm

LEVEL 6—Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 pm

LEVEL 7—Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm

Catechists Needed!

Who will share the Faith with our youngest parishioners?

We have youngsters in need of a Catechist. Help prepare our youth for the future by sharing your Faith with them once a month. Contact the Faith Formation Office for information at 631-732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com

Sunday, Sep 18, 2022

Tell the greatest stories ever

On this Catechetical Sunday, we lift up those who give instruction as religion teachers, homilists, RCIA directors, spiritual writers, and retreat leaders. Catechism doesn't have to be dull. Fantasy writer George McDonald made spiritual realities come alive. His stories inspired C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mark Twain, and J.M. Barrie to do the same. Want better leadership in government, businesses, parishes? Look for good storytellers. As Pope Francis said in his 2020 address to communicators, "Each of us knows different stories that have the fragrance of the Gospel, that have borne witness to the Love that transforms life. These stories cry out to be shared!"

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (135). *"I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered . . . for kings and for all in authority."*

Monday, Sep 19, 2022

See the miracles in everyday life

Little is known about the life of Januarius, a bishop and martyr who died in the year 305, but he's famous for a miracle that continues to happen all these centuries later. Three times a year in the cathedral in Naples, Italy, the faithful gather to witness a sample of his blood, kept in sealed glass, liquify and even bubble. There is no definitive explanation, and the blood cannot be studied since the vial is not allowed to be opened out of fear of permanent damage. Sound incredible? Some say yes. But does it even compare to the extraordinary tenets of your faith? Now that's something much more consequential to marvel—every day of the year.

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light."*

Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022

Companions on the journey

South Korea has one of the largest Catholic populations in all of Asia. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn—the first Korean priest—played a role. As did Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, a lay Catholic born of a martyr who was martyred himself. In fact, the birth of the Korean church is a laypeople's triumph. Pope John Paul II stressed this fact during his 1984 canonization of Tae-gŏn, Ha-sang, and 101 other martyrs: "Even though the Christians in the first half century had only two priests from China to assist them for a time, they deepened their unity in Christ through prayer and fraternal love. . . . The splendid flowering of the Church in Korea today is indeed the fruit of the heroic witness of the Martyrs." We, too, are called to be companions to the martyrs in building up the Body of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 21, 2022

Even tax collectors need a patron

Though we don't know much about the apostle Matthew—even whether he was the actual author of the gospel that bears his name—we do know that he was a tax collector. And because of

this, he was *persona non grata* in the Jewish community. It was the occupying Romans who demanded those taxes, so Matthew and his fellow taxmen were seen as collaborators. From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus laid out the invitation to break out of righteous categories and see beyond narrow prejudices. A reminder for us to do the same.

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

Thursday, Sep 22, 2022

Celebrate Earth, our common home

Many Catholics are still getting used to the Season of Creation, which spans the period from September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation) to October 4 (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). Initiated in 1989 and embraced by Catholics in 2015, this ecumenical season is meant to celebrate care for our common home. Leaders encourage the faithful to pray and take action to honor and preserve our planet. With more than a week left of the season, there's time to celebrate in your own style: be it a prayerful outdoor time, an environmental letter to a legislator, or a look at the ecology encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Seasonofcreation.org offers even more ideas.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"But Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"*

Friday, Sep 23, 2022

Scripture makes Billboard's Top 10

We don't often see Bible songs hit the pop music charts. But a song by singer-songwriter and social activist Pete Seeger did just that. Written in the late 1950s, the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" would explode to international popularity in 1965 when recorded by the Byrds. Not bad for lyrics written well over 2,000 years ago! The song is based on the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Not every popular use of the Bible turns out well, but Seeger's did, perhaps because he left the verses largely intact. Consider other scripture passages that are music to your ears.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens."*

Saturday, Sep 24, 2022

The clock is ticking

The Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno is quoted as having said the entire gospel came down to this phrase: "Wake up!" That's something we can all keep in mind and take to heart when we find ourselves simply going through the motions, sleepwalking through the day. The Benedictines put it another way: "Keep death ever before you." Now that's a wake-up call if there ever was one! Do something good, kind, generous—and do it today, while there is still time!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Pay attention to what I am telling you."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Parish Outreach

Food Pantry Needs

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.

We are in need of: White Bread, Jars of Juice, Hearty Soups, Crackers, Shelf Stable Milk, Laundry Detergent

A very special THANK YOU to all!



October Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Each month, the *Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program* selects a nonprofit organization local to each store to benefit from the sale of **specialty marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets.**

For the month of October 2022, St. Margaret of Scotland Food Pantry is the selected organization...so, plant some seeds and support the Food Pantry!

Get excited to purchase some gorgeous bouquets at STOP & SHOP ~ 425 Portion Rd. in Lake Ronkonkoma.



A Celebration of Saint Padre Pio

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Garrison NY will be hosting a celebration on **Saturday, Sept. 24th ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Mass in Italian at 11:00 am in Our Lady of Atonement Chapel followed by the Blessing of our new statue of St. Padre Pio.

There is time to explore the grounds, Stations of the Cross, and light candles.

Picnic grounds and tables available for your food or use our food trucks. Religious store on site.

For info ~ Deacon Tom Rich at trich@atonementfriars.org

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education. ~ Open House Schedule

September 2022

Sat., Sept 24 - 10 am - 1 pm - St. Anthony's HS

Sun., Sept. 25 - 2 pm - 4:30 pm - St. Mary's College Prep HS

October 2022

Sat., Oct. 1 - 10 am - 2 pm - Chaminade HS
10 am - 1 pm - Kellenberg Memorial HS
11 am - 2 pm - Sacred Heart Academy

Sun., Oct. 2 - 10 am - 1 pm - Our Lady of Mercy Academy
1 pm - 4 pm - St. Dominic High School

Sat., Oct. 15 - 10 am - 1 pm - Holy Trinity HS

Sun., Oct. 16 - 10 am - 1 pm - St. John the Baptist HS

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Go to www.TACHSINFO.COM
Registration Deadline ~ October 27, 2022
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Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend. No one is turned away for lack of funds.