

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church
or by appointment.



Tuesday, November 1st
Mass at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

October 30, 2022

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Let me mention first that we are about to start a new month. It will be eleventh month of the calendar year – November. Besides it being the month of the Thanksgiving holiday (this year on the 24th), it is the month for voting – as in voting for candidates who are vying for public office. So, let me say a few words on this topic at the start of this column.

Election Day is always a Tuesday, and this year Election Day is on the 8th. It is not a presidential year as it was in 2020, but we do vote for those who represent us in Congress and those who lead us in state government. So, the first thing to say on voting is **VOTE**. Voting is a civic responsibility and some have already done so through early voting, a relatively new phenomenon which looks like it is here to stay at this point. Whether you have voted already or not, there is a civic responsibility at issue here. As citizens, we have a stake in what goes on in our country, our state and our community. Your voting franchise is your say in what happens in terms of policy internationally, nationally and locally. Exercise it carefully and judiciously.

Exercising it carefully and judiciously means that we **bring our Catholic faith** with us into the voting booth. Judge wisely by taking into account the principles of Catholicism and applying those principles to the offices and the issues which are pertinent.

Remember that the preeminent issue for Catholics is the sanctity of human life at all its stages, most especially unborn life. We have to do all we can to protect life from the moment of conception, and surely that includes supporting laws which defend children from their elimination *in utero*.

We also, obviously, consider other issues when voting. Judging rightly is what we should always strive for in our political choices regarding the common good. We are well served then in forming our consciences according to a **faith which does justice**. That faith is a Catholic faith.

As you know, our **2024 Mass Book** is **open**. Reserve Mass Intentions at the parish center. Stop by and reserve Mass Intentions for relatives and friends on their birthdays and anniversaries.

Consider Mass Intentions during the week at 9:00 AM where we have seen not a few openings in the last few weeks and more.

On Tuesday the 1st of November, the Church marks the **Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are offered at 9:00 AM and at 7:00 PM.**

The next day, the 2nd, is **All Souls Day**. Mass, as usual, is at 9:00 AM on that day. I encourage you to attend Mass here at Saint Margaret if your circumstances allow.

You are encouraged to remember deceased relatives and friends in our **All Souls Novena of Masses**. Envelopes have been mailed and additional ones can be obtained in church or through an usher. Envelopes can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the parish center during regular business hours.

Saint Margaret will host an **ecumenical prayer service on Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 PM**. Kindly join us as we give thanks to God for all His gifts to us in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday later that week. As usual, we will have Mass on Thanksgiving Day in the morning at 9:00 AM.

Join us in 2023 for more **Evenings of Enrichment**. We will have a series of sessions on the Holy Eucharist in observance of the **Eucharistic Revival** in the next calendar year. Watch the bulletin for more details in the weeks to come.

The Holy Eucharist is exposed in the church for **Adoration** on the First Thursday of the month in the afternoon. Please see the bulletin for more details. We also have periodic **Holy Hours in the evening during the week. Our next one is held early in Advent (November 28th). It goes from 7:00 until 8:00 PM in the church.**

We continue with our **catechetical sessions on Sunday mornings** for the children enrolled in our religious instruction program. We pray with them and their parents at the 10:00 AM Mass following the catechetical session. Please be on time for the catechesis and for Mass.

Not too far off is our annual edition of **Lessons and Carols**. Mark your calendar now for **December 18th at 4:00 PM**. It will feature our choir along with a reception in the church basement immediately following the service.

The Yankees had a disappointing finish and lost four straight games in the American League Division Series to the Houston Astros. But the Giants and Jets continue to raise eyebrows with their winning ways. Go Giants and Jets!

Happy Halloween!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament *For your personal adoration and prayers.*

FIRST THURSDAYS NOV. 3RD, DEC. 1ST ~ 3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



Ecumenical Prayer Service

Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 PM.

Consider this an invitation to join us for the occasion.
Our choir will sing at the service.



Parish Social Ministry



THANKSGIVING WISH LIST

Dinner Fixings will be distributed the week of Nov. 14th



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	\$10 ShopRite Card	Stuffing
Canned Vegetables	Applesauce	Coffee / Tea
Jars of Apple Juice	Shelf Stable Milk	Package Gravy



Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church
Come join to sing and praise!
Sunday, November 13th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM
Mass ~ 2:30 PM



St. Margaret's Bereavement Ministry Through the Holidays

Do you feel as if your traditions, holidays and your life are forever changed due to the loss of a loved one? Are you wondering how you will make it through the festivities that once brightened your life during the holiday season? Or are you wishing they could just pass by leaving you untouched?

Come be a part of St. Margaret's Adult Bereavement Ministry. We are anxious to help you deal with these real personal hurdles.

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center on
Thursdays at 11 AM beginning November 3rd
and run through the end of the year. For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053, prior to this date.

Marriage Prep Requirement

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. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on November 19-20, 2022.

longisland.engagedencounter.com



Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAGS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Food Pantry. The shelves are in better shape to serve the community!



St. Anthony's High School Christmas Craft Fair

Come join us on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10-4.
175 Vendors with free admission!

For info email ~ craftfair@stanthonyshs.org

275 Wolf Hill Rd., Melville NY 11747

Mass Book for 2023

The Mass Book for 2023 is open 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.

St. John the Baptist HS Salute to Service

Thursday, November 10th at 10:00 am

To honor our service men and women we invite you to purchase a 3'x5' American flag to be displayed on the school's front lawn to honor Veteran's Day.

You are welcome to join the ceremony.

Montauk Hgy., West Islip

For info call 631-587-8000 x176 or email

jones@sjbhs.org.

Thank you for your support!



**Daylight Savings
November 6th!**

From the Pastor's Desk

We are in the process of updating our donation records. If you are contributing to the parish using electronic giving and are **not** using donation envelopes sent through the regular mail, please contact the parish office. If you are not using envelopes at all to support the parish, please let us know too. If you are not supporting the parish at all but you do receive envelopes through the regular mail, please let us know as well.

Each month, the envelope company sends envelopes to as many as three times the parishioners who use them. The envelope company in turn charges the parish for all envelopes sent regardless of use or not. We hope to have a much more accurate number of regular envelope users by Christmas time. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Faith Formation

Calling all Children! Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 10th ~ 2:00 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.



Cast Call ~ All are welcome to participate!

There are speaking and non-speaking parts

Rehearsals ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Church. ~ Nov. 4, 9, 16, 18, 22 & Dec. 2

Dress Rehearsal ~ Friday, Dec. 9 @ 6:00-7:00 PM COSTUMES PROVIDED

Saturday, Dec. 10th Day of Show—arrive at 1:30 PM ~ Cast Party to follow immediately after Pageant.

“Holiday Visit to Calverton National Cemetery

Branch Funeral Home in Smithtown is offering a **free bus trip** to the cemetery on **Friday, December 2nd**.

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 Friday, November 25th.

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



HEROES WANTED

Some people work for fame; Others work for fortune; But a special few desire to make life better for their neighbors. Experienced or non-experienced – all are welcome to apply for our Direct Support Professional position to care for developmentally disabled adults who reside in our group homes on Long Island.

Starting salary: \$15.50-16.50/hr. with weekend differential. F/T, P/T evening, and weekend opportunities are available.

Key activities include:

- Transport/safeguard residents on outings
- Coach residents in skills development & administer medications
- Provide person-centered care including personal care as needed



A HS diploma/GED and valid NYS Driver's License are required. Catholic Charities provides paid training, medical/dental benefits, retirement planning, educational assistance, and generous holiday and vacation time for working 28 hours or more per week. Visit www.catholiccharities.cc/careers to learn more about our job opportunities.

TO APPLY: email your resume to jobs@catholiccharities.cc or call us at 516.733.7000

\$2000 Sign-On Bonus* for DSP new hires with work schedules of 28 hrs. or more/wk.

(\$500 received after 6 months' employment; \$1500 after 1 year anniversary)

*Bonus awarded for new hires from August 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022

Sunday, Oct 30, 2022**Small is beautiful**

"I am only one person," we hear people say. "I'm nobody special. I don't have any power over what happens." We can all summon up plenty of reasons why our contribution to creating a more just global society is withheld. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a different perspective. "There are no great things, only small things with great love," she said. "Happy are those." A little man named Zacchaeus once climbed a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Take the small step of lifting your vision just a little higher today and you may encounter love.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 11:22—12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2; Luke 19:1-10 (153). "*Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.*"

Monday, Oct 31, 2022**Hallowed be the Eve**

Given its association with witches, goblins, and the like, it might seem strange that Halloween is actually a Catholic holiday. Halloween, or Hallowe'en, is an abbreviation for "All Hallows Eve," a celebration the night before All Saints' and All Souls' Days (November 1 and 2). Just like on the night before Christmas or before Ash Wednesday, people make merry on October 31—with costumes and parties for kids and adults alike—before the more solemn days to come. Take a cue this week from Mexican culture's festive *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) to pay respects with a joyful heart to those who have gone before us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14 (485). "*When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.*"

Tuesday, Nov 01, 2022**It's the company you keep**

"It is the example of the righteous that we must make our own," instructed Pope Clement of Rome. "Seek the company of the saints, for those who seek their company shall be sanctified." Catholics believe in the communion of saints: all who have attained a place at the heavenly banquet—and from whom we seek inspiration, example, and intercession. They include Saint Francis as well as someone's Uncle Frank, Saint Gertrude the Great along with a great many grandmas. Images of both famous and ordinary saints informed the work of artist John Nava for the stunning Communion of Saints tapestries at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles; let them grace your prayer today.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*"

Wednesday, Nov 02, 2022**Dressing for the dearly departed**

All Souls' Day is celebrated in many different ways, depending on one's culture. Some celebrate the season by dressing up. Others honor *Día de los Muertos* by having feasts at cemeteries, where stories are told and gifts are offered to the ancestors. Some spend

the day with doors and windows wide open as a symbol of welcoming the dearly departed. In all different ways, life is celebrated, the life we shared with loved ones who have died, and the life we continue to share with them and one another in new ways. What will be your All Souls' Day custom today?

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "*The souls of the just are in the hand of God.*"

Thursday, Nov 03, 2022**The struggle for racial justice continues**

In 1947, the Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles sued the state of California to challenge the law that prohibited interracial marriages. At the time laws in 30 states made interracial marriages illegal. The challenge cited Catholic teaching to argue that racism is inherently evil and irrational. The lawsuit succeeded, a step along the long road to racial justice. Peruvian Saint Martin de Porres, born out of wedlock in 1579 to a Spanish nobleman and a formerly enslaved African woman, is patron of mixed-race people and all those seeking racial harmony. Ask Saint Martin to help us keep up the fight for racial justice.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, DOMINICAN BROTHER

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10 (488). "*He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.*"

Friday, Nov 04, 2022**An inspiration in trying times**

Many lessons can be drawn from our experience these difficult years of the epidemic. Foremost among them is that we have to be there for each other. During the 1576-78 Plague of Milan, when many city officials fled the scene, Archbishop Borromeo stayed the course, not only organizing a wide-ranging clerical response to the temporal and spiritual needs of the people, but even selling his own possessions and borrowing funds to care for the many hungry, homeless, and dying souls. Dismissing concerns over infection, he made visitations across the diocese and personally ministered to the sick. What can we do today to honor his memory and serve those in need?

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "*Prepare a full account of your stewardship.*"

Saturday, Nov 05, 2022**Loosen that grip**

Imagine going through an entire day having left your wallet or purse at home, carrying no money of any kind (cash, credit card, or otherwise). Now imagine going through your entire life that way! More than likely, that's how Jesus lived. He had a lot to say about money, especially our relationship to it, but we never read of Jesus carrying any himself. When he's challenged about paying taxes, he asks to be shown a coin in order to respond, so he likely wasn't carrying any of his own. While Jesus did not command us to live without money, he cautioned us to use it ethically and to be careful how tightly we hold it in our hands—and our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "*If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?*"

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



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IN MEMORIAM

We remember those we love but see no more...Especially those who have died since last All Saints Day.

Robert G. Aretakis	John Fiscina	Joseph Lutz	Dcn. Fernando Quinones
Roseller Alba	Susan Fitzgerald	Paula L. Lynch	James F. Reynolds Jr.
Lucy Behie	Ramona Fowler	Joseph Marecki Jr.	Josephine Salamone
Thomas Breul	Charles Gaffney	Michael Masone	Janet Scappaticcio
Rosemarie Cagliuso	Louis Galati	Dean Mauri	John Schlageter
Vincent Canevari	Elizabeth Gallagher-Duddy	Jason F. Mc Cloud	Catherine Shumelda
Luigi Cicillini	Arthur E. J. Giove	Colleen F. Mc Cormack	Barbara Siclari
Rose Cintorino	Mary E. Goris	Rose Micciulli	Resley F. Soirez
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Margaret Connors	Frances Ingoglia	Anthony Monaco	Felipe Suriel
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Thomas Coyle	Charles J. Kick	Irene Papania	Patricia Wagner
Judith Decker	Edward M. Lee	Lisa Ann Perrotta	Joshua Walsh
Vito De Lisi	Katherine Lehmann	Fabienne R. Princivil	Thomas Wilson
Heinz Dreyer			Angela Wurtz



St. Margaret of Scotland

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Prepaid Orders ONLY ~Deadline for orders Nov 14th.



Pickup orders on Saturday, November 26th

PARISH CENTER ~ 9:00 to 10:30 am

**Return form below with your check by Nov. 14th made payable to:
St. Margaret of Scotland. ~ Please print neatly.**

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Name: _____.

Address: _____.

Phone: _____.

Wreaths	_____	X	\$30	=	\$ _____
Grave Blankets	_____	X	\$50	=	\$ _____
Kissing Balls	_____	X	\$40	=	\$ _____

Total \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____.

All Above are Decorated