

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

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

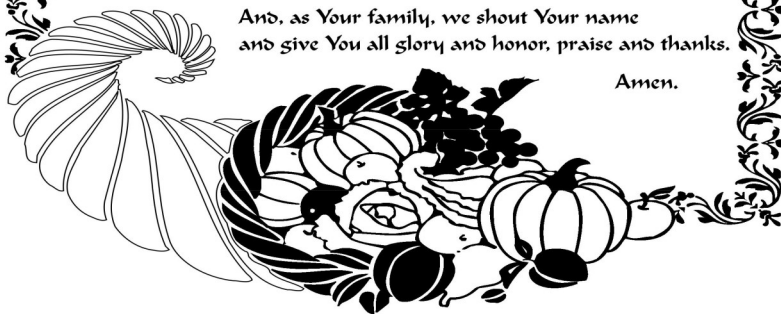
Confessions:

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

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are gathered here as Your family. Oh Lord,
As a family of faith and love,
we give You thanks.
As Your guests at the table of life,
we are grateful that You have set a place for us.
As Your children,
we strive to follow You in all we do.
As servants to Your will,
we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding and mercy.
As Your stewards,
we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds
and accept our responsibilities in Your service.
As Your heirs,
we are humbled by the bounty You have given us,
for each beat of our heart and each breath that we draw,
is ours only through Your grace.

And, as Your family, we shout Your name
and give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.
Amen.



November 20, 2022

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A word cloud with the word 'GIVING' as the largest and most central term. Other prominent words include 'FAITH', 'BLESSING', 'GIFT', 'SHARING', 'OFFERING', 'GROWING', and 'GIVE'. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with some appearing in different colors like blue, red, and green. The background is a light, textured grey.

This week, in Thanksgiving for all God has done for you, do something for someone else. Perhaps help out with the cleaning after Thanksgiving dinner, or serve at a food pantry

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.

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,135	171
Mailed Envelopes	\$5,417	71
Total Collection	\$11,552	242

First Sunday of Advent

Gospel.....Mt 24: 37-44

*Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of*



*Thomas
O'Donnell*

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

9^{am}

Thomas O'Donnell

Elizabeth Reimer

5 pm

Antoinette Borrelli

8 am

10 am

Lili Strong

12 pm

Robbie Curran

Thomas Muratore

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THEM
ALL

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.

Here we are at the third weekend of November (19th and 20th) and Thanksgiving Day (24th) is but a few days away now. Before getting to Thanksgiving Day a little later in my column, let me mention a few events which we all should note.

On Sunday night the 20th, there is the annual **ecumenical prayer service** with a Thanksgiving theme. It begins at 7:00 PM in our church. We will gather with the ministers and members of other religions a few days in advance of the national holiday and pray in gratitude for all the gifts God has bestowed on us and how we should use those gifts for God's glory. There is a **reception** following the prayer service in the church basement. All are welcome to join us.

On **Thanksgiving Day**, there is **Mass at 9:00 AM** in the church. All are cordially invited to join with us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our choir will be with us, so please come and increase the volume of our songs of gratitude. There isn't a better way to show our gratitude to God than by sharing in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Come join us!

A few days after Thanksgiving, the Church marks the **beginning of Advent**. The **First Sunday of Advent is November 27th**. Advent is a beautiful and holy season but fewer and fewer people pay attention to it now than in the past. Don't be part of the group which is inattentive to Advent. Make a stand for Advent by getting and using Advent wreaths at home; the same holds for Advent calendars too.

We need time to appreciate the Christmas mystery and that is why Advent is so important. Advent is time. It is the *time* we have to recognize that God has redeemed *all of time* by sending us His Son *in time*.

The first weekday of Advent, the 28th, there is a **Holy Hour in church from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**. We ask all parishioners to consider joining us for this spiritual exercise. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and there will be Benediction at the close of the hour. To enter into the Advent spirit, there isn't a better way than by coming into the Lord's Presence and knowing His peace. The Holy Hour is also a way for us to witness to the **Eucharistic Revival** which we hope and pray is taking place in our midst.

The last Holy Hour we had in the evening was back in September. We will continue to use the Holy Hours to build a deeper Eucharistic piety and devotion in our parish. Without that deeper Eucharistic piety and devotion, our Catholic identity will be more and more in jeopardy. So, please plan to be with us; it's just one hour of your time.

On **December 8th**, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and falls this year on a Thursday. There is Mass in the morning at 9:00 AM and in the evening at 7:00 PM.

Later in Advent, we will have our second edition of **Lessons and Carols**. It is being offered this year on **Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 PM**, in the church. Our choir will lead us in the carols portion of the service. The rite also includes readings from Scripture. There is a reception in the church auditorium immediately following this spiritual exercise. Mark your calendar and make a point of joining us.

I can announce at this time that our Lenten observance in 2023 will be influenced by the **Eucharistic Revival**. **Each week of the next Lent, there will be an evening dedicated to a Eucharistic theme. It will be on Monday nights starting at 7:30 PM**. Continue to watch the bulletin for more details.

As I indicated above, this month has Thanksgiving Day in it. The holiday is rooted in the history of our nation, dating to the 17th century (1620 and 1621). Pilgrims had come to the New World (on the Mayflower) in search of a place where they could practice their religion without interference and according to the dictates of their consciences. Having survived the first harsh winter, the Pilgrims met up with Native Americans (those who were indigenous to North America) and had a feast together. You can read all about it in a volume called *Mort's Relation*. The principal author is William Bradford, the first governor of the English settlement at Plymouth.

President Washington and President Lincoln both made proclamations about Thanksgiving Day, the latter declaring it a national holiday to be observed on the fourth Thursday of the eleventh month of the year. We are happy for the example given to us long ago of sharing food, friendship and community which is at the heart of the holiday.

We are also like the pilgrims of old, making our way to a promised land according to a faith. As Catholics, we do that in a parish setting. And, thus, it is right to offer words of thanks to those who help us all during the year make our pilgrimage to the Lord in the Parish of Saint Margaret. We give thanks for: our priests, our deacons, our choir, our musicians, our catechists, our ushers, our lectors, our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, our altar servers, and all of the employees of the parish who assist us in the office, and with matters related to catechesis and the care of our property. We give thanks too for those who are involved in apostolates and ministries like Pre-Cana and Consolation. To those who serve in all other capacities, we express our gratitude to them.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

The Parish Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!



Parish Social Ministry

Thank You Newfield High School!

Our Parish Outreach thanks **Newfield High School** for their generous gift of over 50 cases of food for our Thanksgiving and Christmas needs. The donation included 20 turkeys too! All of our Selden families in need will be blessed this season. Thank you all!



Thank You St. Margaret of Scotland Parishioners for your generous donations during our Thanksgiving Drive.



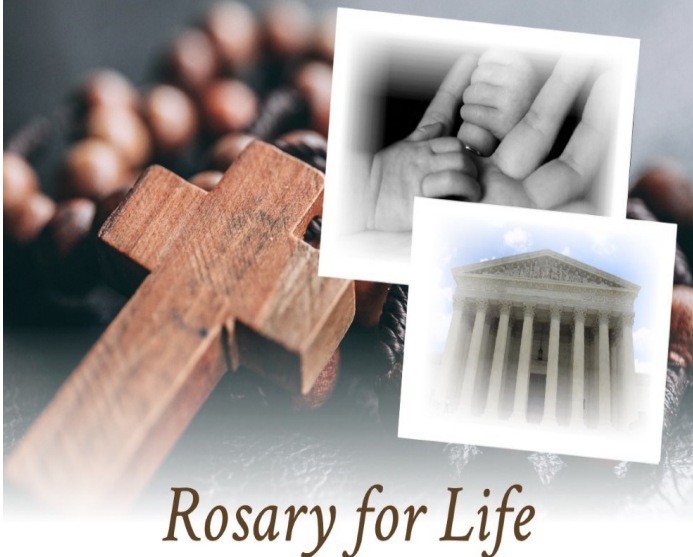
WASH UP KITS NEEDS

HAVE YOU TRAVELED LATELY? Outreach is in need of small shampoo, soap, & lotions to put in our wash up kits for the homeless. Please drop off these items at the parish center. Thank you!



"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

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom
Click here for link
Meeting ID: 856 4708 7922
Passcode: 677757
Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

Email dcrean@drvc.org
if you would like the link sent to you each month.



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Volunteers Needed

If you are able to assist the parish with any of the items below, please call Julie at x133 with your name and phone number. Thank you!



- Light church sprucing up ~ weekly / monthly
 - Hospitality set up ~ Auditorium
 - Carpentry or Plumbing Expertise
- Ministry of Hope ~ Funeral Home prayer service
 - Holiday Church Decorating Team
 - Faith Formation Monitor

Please prayerfully consider any of the above to help our Parish.

Living Waters Wholistic Healing

Therapeutic Catholic Counseling dedicated to healing the whole individual with a an integrated approach to the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual. For more information go to livingwaterstherapy.org.

Catholic Gifts

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

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Sunday, November 20th 7:00 PM.

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

Hospitality to follow



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*For your personal adoration
and prayers.*

FIRST THURSDAYS

**DEC. 1ST, JAN. 5TH, FEB. 2ND
3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church**



Faith Formation



You are Invited to our 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 Party to follow immediately after Pageant.



Congratulations!

*Our Parish and Diocese recognizes our faithful Catechists who have served for years.
Thank you to all who dedicate their time and talents to our Parish Family and our young ones.
God Bless you!*





COFFEE with JESUS

Advent Reflections

From the comfort of your home,
with a cup of coffee and ZOOM connection,
join **Bishop Andrzej** at 10:00 am
on Friday mornings during the Advent Season:

December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022

for Advent Scripture Reflections

...WORD made FLESH...

This is a great opportunity to prepare and
nourish your mind, spirit and heart
in anticipation of Christmas.



To register for **Coffee with Jesus**

please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or

email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will receive the
ZOOM information prior to each session.

Lunch With Santa

Take your family picture with Santa & enjoy lunch with friends and family.

Adults \$13 per person, / children 5-12 yrs. old \$6 4 yrs. & younger - free. Call the Parish Center 732-3131 or 917-365-7546 to register.

Sponsored by Heart of the Island K of C



Sat. ~ Dec. 3rd 12 ~ 3 PM
AUDITORIUM

Annual Christmas Craft Fair

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Ronkonkoma is holding their Fair on Sunday, Dec. 4th 9-4 in the Parish Hall. Christmas shopping crafts baked goods, raffles refreshments.



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.

Oplatek – A Polish Christmas Tradition

One of the highlights of Christmas festivities in Poland is the Oplatek (pronounced "o-PWAA-tek"). The Oplatek 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 oplatek, people exchange wishes for a blessed Christmas and good health and prosperity. After all those present have broken and shared the Oplatek, good food and Christmas car-ols (in Polish and English) are enjoyed.



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

We will meet in the auditorium on Saturday, **December 10th 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 4th. Call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x133 or Henryk Chelminski at 631-693-9310. Email: HENRYKCHEL@GMAIL.COM.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 18th ~ 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 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 !



"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

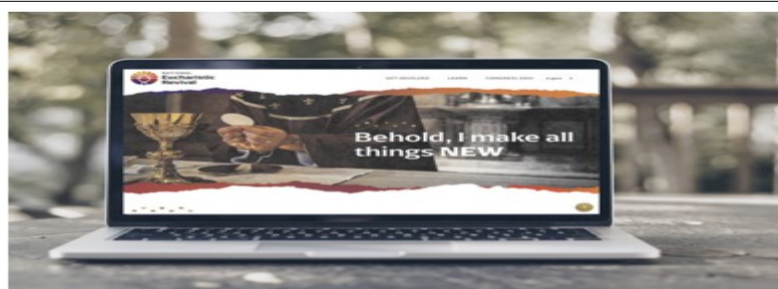
8:30 AM - Depart from Smithtown Senior Center, 420 Middle Country, Smithtown

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.



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Revival**

A three-year initiative to inspire and prepare the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

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www.eucharisticrevival.org



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