

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.

Third Sunday of Advent



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We light the third candle on the Advent wreath today. Its color is different from the others. Why is that?

To answer that question, we refer to Scripture, in particular the New Testament. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians, the apostle writes: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice." (Gal 4:4) It was the Introit for Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent every year. We have since referred to the Third Sunday of Advent as *Gaudete Sunday*, coming from the Latin word "*gaudium*," which means joy. We rejoice at the nearness of the Lord's coming today.

The color for *Gaudete Sunday* is rose. And, thus, the priest may wear a rose-colored chasuble today in honor of the Lord's nearness to us in His birth. The Messiah's birth brings Divinity to earth and makes it possible for us to go to heaven. Joy is the proper response to this gift of redemption and it fills our hearts when we celebrate the Lord's Nativity – this year and every year!

Joy fills our hearts too when we participate in **Lessons and Carols** on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 18th). Join us in the church at 4:00 PM for this wonderful spiritual exercise. It consists of readings from Sacred Scripture and hymns characteristic of awaiting the Messiah's arrival and being grateful for His coming in the fulness of time. This second edition of **Lessons and Carols** at Saint Margaret will go about one hour.

There is a reception immediately following **Lessons and Carols** in the church basement. Kindly join with us and other parishioners for a collation or gathering as we all begin our last preparations for Christmas.

By now, parishioners should have received the Christmas schedule in the mail. Please make a note of it as it has changed slightly since last year. There will be a single Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 24th. It will be in the church. There is **no** Mass in the church basement at 4:00 PM.

As always, I ask that parishioners be **generous** in their gift to Saint Margaret for Christmas. We do not have other sources of income to pay salaries and bills of various kinds. The bills are not easy for us to absorb – coming as they do all the time for repairs and replacements. Our budget is lean and we have no idea how much snow we will get this winter. So, please help us as best you can. We are always grateful for your financial assistance.

With Christmas coming soon, we also anticipate the start of a new calendar year. On January 1st, we mark the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**. Our schedule then is not any different from our regular weekend schedule. Masses are all at their regular times. Join us at Mass as we look to heaven for blessings to help us as we make our earthly pilgrimage to heaven. What better way to be earthly pilgrims than to follow the way of the Blessed Mother in her discipleship of the Lord.

That pushes the **Solemnity of the Epiphany** to the 8th of January. And then the Christmas season comes to an end on the 9th of January with the **Feast of the Lord's Baptism**.

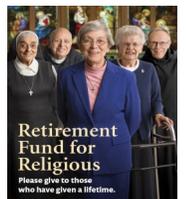
Over the course of a couple of weeks, we mark some important liturgical feasts and solemnities. Plan to be with us in church as we offer our best in prayer to the Lord of all creation, and let us sing out to Him with melodious voices. Praised be Jesus Christ! Both now and forever.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Retired Religious

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our Faith" Show your thanks for the prayerful service of the elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Your gift this weekend provides care, medicine and more. Please be generous.



Baptisms

Alexandra Ava Dargenson



Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!

Sunday, December 11th

Rosary ~ 2:00 PM

Mass ~ 2:30 PM



Parish Social Ministry



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

*St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations of **NEW** toys for children & teens in need this Christmas Season.*



Please keep in mind we can always use

NEW Socks, Underwear, Hats, Gloves & Scarves!

*Nail Polish Sets
Board Games
Pajama Pants
Books/Toys*

*New Kids' Blankets
Art / Craft Supplies
Bath & Body Works
Educational Games*

*\$10 / \$25 Walmart or Target Gift Cards
Fast Food Gift Cards for Teens
Men/Women Size Clothing for Teens*

PLEASE BRING UNWAPPED TO PARISH CENTER BY DECEMBER 13TH. THANK YOU!



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: Snacks, Cookies, Juice Boxes, Shelf Stable Milk, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste
*A very special **THANK YOU** to all!*

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!

BABY DIAPERS

Has your child changed diaper size? We will gladly accept **all children's sizes**. Please package them tightly in a strong bag and drop them off at the Parish Center. Thank you!



Women First Pregnancy Options

Did you know we serve all families of Long Island? All services are FREE: Pregnancy Test Kits, Sonograms when necessary, Crisis Intervention Consults, Material aids and more. . Go to www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org for locations and phone numbers. Confidential and compassionate.



New Parishioner?

Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____

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.

Multiple Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities

For a full list of jobs F/T and P/T, go to www.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBS. You can respond by mail, email, or fax. The website will assist you.



RETROUVAILLE

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
 Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?
 Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. **It is not a marriage retreat, nor counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. It is a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect and build a healthy, happier stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.**

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming date of January 27th, please call 1-800-470-2230 you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. ~

website www.helpourmarriage.org.

Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend. No one is turned away for lack of funds.



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. .



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 info go to livingwaterstherapy.org.

Catholic Charities TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a "NO fee for service" program.



Lunch with Santa



Sponsored by the
Knight of Columbus





LESSONS *and* CAROLS

Sunday, December 18th ~ 4:00 PM

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 !



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