

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 18th
4:00 PM

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December 18, 2022

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Today we mark the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the last candle on our Advent wreath is lit. And, wouldn't you know, we have a long Fourth Week of Advent, too. Let us make the best of what the calendar offers us and savor the last few days of this holy season.

Our focus is on the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the one whom God called to be the Mother of Our Savior and we find her cooperation in Saint Luke's Gospel in the account of the Annunciation. God gave His Son to us and so did the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is absolutely central to the divine plan and her obedience has brought forth the Incarnate Word. History has not been the same since.

The redemptive plan of the Lord goes right through Bethlehem of Judea. In David's city, the Son of God is born in a stable with the angels singing and the shepherds looking on in wonder. The Lord comes at last as an Infant. We rejoice at seeing the Madonna who holds her Infant Son. That closeness of Mother and Son, depicted in art and architecture the world over, serves as an invitation for us to be on intimate terms with the One Who loves us onto the Cross.

We reflect on this Great Mystery in the Holy Eucharist always. May we seek Him in the manger and on the Cross for there we find life – the best kind of life there is – eternal life.

Join us on the Fourth Sunday of Advent for our **Lessons and Carols**. We start at 4:00 PM and there is a reception downstairs immediately following this spiritual exercise. All are cordially welcome. Don't miss this excellent preparation for Christmas!

With Christmas coming soon, we anticipate the start of a new calendar year. On January 1st, we mark the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**. Our schedule of Masses is the same as it is for a typical weekend (Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday the 31st of December, and three Masses on Sunday at 8, 10 and 12 for the first day of the new calendar year). As always, worship with us and petition the Lord of all blessings to fill us with His choicest blessings.

The **Solemnity of the Epiphany (Little Christmas)** is celebrated on Sunday the 8th of January. The very next day we close out the Christmas season with the **Feast of the Lord's Baptism**.

As we come to the end of Advent, I take the opportunity to encourage all of our parishioners to get ready for Christmas by going to **sacramental confession**. On Wednesday the 21st, there are two periods set aside for the Sacrament of Penance. Please review your Christmas schedule which came in the mail or consult the bulletin boards in the church. A last opportunity for sacramental reconciliation before our celebration of Christmas is December 24th from 10:30 until 11:30 AM.

As I said in last week's bulletin, I ask all parishioners to support Saint Margaret financially **generously** and **sacrificially**. As with all families over the last year and more, your parish is subject to inflationary increases with just about all purchases and costs. Give as much to Saint Margaret as you did last year at Christmas and see your way, if possible, to increase that amount this time.

We want to be good stewards of God's gifts at all times. Exercise that stewardship not only with time and talent but with treasure too. We need all of our parishioners to assist us. Please don't let us down. We are counting on you.

In late December and into January, we observe 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



St. Margaret's Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study will begin at 10 AM on Wednesday, January 11th and continue on Wednesdays in the Parish Center.

Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator. Please bring your Bible.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

FIRST THURSDAYS ~ JAN. 5TH, FEB. 2ND
3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church





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!***

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!

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!



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.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"! 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 visit them at <https://wwwmenyli.org/>.

Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

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.

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.

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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.

Christmas Pageant 2022



Oplatek ~ a Polish Christmas Tradition



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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. .



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LESSONS and CAROLS

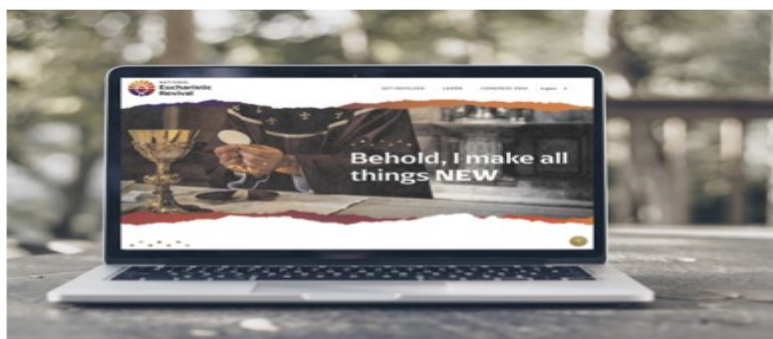
Sunday, December 18th ~ 4:00 PM

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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