ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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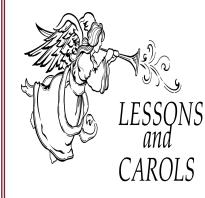
Celebration of the Eucharist

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent





December 18th 4:00 PM

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

December 18, 2022

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Tíme, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship : As we wrap up the Advent season and come closer to Christmas day, use the remaining days of Advent to teach someone (perhaps a friend or child) the meaning of Christmas.

Envelopes

179

263

84

Sacrificial Giving

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.

December 10 / 11

Collected at Mass
Mailed Envelopes
Total Collection

Stewardship \$6,304 \$6,706 **\$13,010**

Readings for Next Sunday Christmas Day	
First ReadingIs 52:7-10 Second ReadingHeb 1:1-6	-

Gospel.....Jn 1: 1-18

For the week of December 18th Altar Bread & Wine in Memory of

William

Mc Gregor

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

BAPTISMS: Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; <u>Or call for appointment - x131</u>.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ **Parish Center:** Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am -1 pm. <u>Or call for appointment - x119.</u>

Masses for the Week

Monday - December 19th Amy Grace Quaranta

Tuesday –December 20th Jeannie Falise

Wednesday - December 21st Walter Hoehne

Thursday - December 22nd John Balles

Friday - December 23rd Patricia Lunetta

Saturday - December 24th 4^{pm}

John Schlageter William & Patricia Goodman 12 MIDNIGHT

Michael Pepkowski Robert Healy Jr., Rose & Modesto Cruz, Rosemary & Joseph Martorano

Sunday - December 25th Christmas Day 8 ^{am}

Harry, Bobby, & Robert M. Aretakis Natalie Nizza 10^{am} All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12 pm

Rose Jianette & Ann Holland Josephine L. Moore

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as



Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, Margaret Jung, John Roucoulet, Logan Baar, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Terri Persina, Estelle Beauchamp, Alyssa Baisch, Eppie Larke, Jillian Brown, Virginia Butler, Robert J. Heege, Eric Cohen, Kathleen Weiss, Lorraine Vogel, Steven Vacchio, Laura Durant, Joseph De Aguiar, Sal Restivo, Robert Valletta, Joseph Kiely, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Warne Family, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Christine Mc Cusker, Dominic Percoco, Gina Rosenberg, Laura Positano, De Santis Family, Particia Wowk, Natasha Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Babies Aubry & Greyson, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri, Melanie Seibel, Baby Niko Sais, Christina Muller, & Dina Rajotte.

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. 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. 5^{TH} , FEB. 2^{ND} 3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



Parish Social Ministry



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!

Thank you!

BABY DIAPERS

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!

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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://wwmenyli.org/.

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

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

Catholic Charities TALBOT HOUSE

Has your child changed diaper size? We will gladly ac-

a strong bag and drop them off at the Parish Center.

cept all children's sizes. Please package them tightly in

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.

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.

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.

The church is open at 8:30 AM Monday through Friday. We encourage parishioners and other church-goers to come early for Mass.

The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among those so inclined.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention married couples & Priests. Are you looking for a great Christmas gift? A weekend away for just you and your spouse to help your good marriage be great!!



Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Every relationship is a journeythe grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply. **Our next weekend experience will be - February 3-5** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington, Long Island. Register at **WWME.org** or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss (631) 486-8607.

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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 Gifts ~Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You

can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine , 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. They carry a large variety of religious articles.

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 21

4:00 - 5:00 PM

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 24

10:30 - 11:30 AM

MASSES

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM (upper church only)

12:00 AM Midnight

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM



Saturday, December 31 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 1

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM



REPROUVAILLE 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. \sim *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



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.



Catholic Health needs Medical Assistants!

Start your career in health care by joining the Medical Assisting Certificate Program at Suffolk Community College in partnership with Catholic Health.

7.5 Month course
Externships at medical offices, ambulatory centers and hospitals
Assistant with applications, interview and job placement



For more information scan the QR code or visit: www.chsli.org/medical-assisting-progra



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Catholic Health will provide tuition reimbursement for all students who commit to three years of employment with the health care system following completion of the course.



We provide our employees with a comprehensiv package, including generous benefits and tuitio along with a dynamic work environment.



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 !

