

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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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.



February 12, 2023

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A word cloud with the word 'GIVING' as the largest and most central term. Other prominent words include 'FAITH', 'BLESSING', 'GROWING', 'OFFERING', 'SHARING', and 'GIFT'. Smaller words like 'GROWING', 'OFFERING', 'SHARING', and 'GIFT' are also visible, along with 'BLESSING' and 'FAITH'. The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the central 'GIVING' word.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship : When we study Catholic teaching and read Catholic apologetics or theology, we can better form our consciences. This week, take time to learn more about the Faith through trusted resources like Formed or Catholic.com.

2023	Mail #Env.	Mail Stewardship	Mass #Env.	Mass Stewardship	Total
January 8	75	\$5,850	193	\$7,703	\$13,553
January 15	66	\$4,851	178	\$7,198	\$12,049
January 22	59	\$3,627	195	\$6,635	\$10,262
January 30	57	\$3,241	166	\$5,968	\$ 9,209

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$7,883	187
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,453	68
Total Collection	\$12,336	255

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel.....Mt 5: 38-48

*Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of*



Amy Grace Quaranta

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

Mary & James Mahoney
Bennett Azzara

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, Terry
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, Patricia
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, 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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

FIRST THURSDAYS
MARCH 2ND & APRIL 6TH
3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



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.



Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Come join to sing and praise!
Sunday, February 12th

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

St. Margaret's Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study is held on
Wednesdays at 10 AM
in the Parish Center.

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



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.

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.



To clarify the matter of second collections, the following is offered to the parishioners of Saint Margaret.

Second collections are designated by the Diocese every year. We know when they occur by a **listing** of them and the **envelopes** for them which are mailed to parishioners who support our parish financially. It needs to be stated that designated second collections are **to be taken up at all Masses, in all parishes** in the Diocese.

If you are offering your donation to the parish weekly or monthly and you don't know when the second collections are, please see a listing for them in the ushers' room in the vestibule of the church or the bulletin boards of the church. We are grateful for your support of these second collections. They are not however optional and neither are they income for the parish.

Msgr. Batule



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on Saturday, February 25th from 2 – 10 PM and continue through Sunday, February 26th from 12 – 10 PM. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code

below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.



As we make our way through the weeks of winter, I would like to emphasize a few events which deserve your attention now that we are close to the Lenten season.

- The **Lenten season** starts on Wednesday, February 22nd – less than two weeks away now. Please consult the schedule for the first day of Lent which is up on the bulletin boards of the church and has been printed in the bulletin.
- Our Lenten devotion this year emphasizes the singular place the Holy Eucharist has in the Catholic sensibility and underscores our commitment to the **Eucharistic Revival** underway since last year. On Monday nights of Lent, we will have 90 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration starting at 7:30 PM in the church. On each of the five Monday nights, we will have preaching on a different topic of the Holy Eucharist. Please see the insert in today's bulletin or the bulletin boards of the church. All parishioners are invited to join us. We especially ask that our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and catechists make every effort to be with us.
- We ask you to hold the date of **Sunday, November 19th between 1 and 5 PM** for the principal celebration of the parish's **75th Anniversary**. In the meantime, please continue to follow the bulletin on all things related to the 75th anniversary of Saint Margaret.
- With our celebration of the parish's **75th Anniversary**, we are publishing a journal. If you have any material (e.g. newspaper articles) in your possession related to the founding of Saint Margaret and you would like to loan it to the parish, please see Julie Burtoff in the parish center during regular business hours.
- We are currently collecting materials we think suitable for inclusion in the **journal**. We are going to have photos and text, along with spaces for the identification of boosters and benefactors. Again, please follow the bulletin in the weeks to come for more details.
- Not too get too far ahead of ourselves, I want to announce an event which is related to the anniversary of our parish but also to the **Eucharistic Revival**. And that would be the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 11th this year. The principal Mass that day will be offered at 11:00 AM. It will be followed by an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament off our property. It will conclude with Benediction back in the church.
- To continue our **celebration on the 11th of June**, there will be a reception on the grounds of the parish. Again, please follow the bulletin for more details over the coming months. Right now, all we ask is for you to circle the date on your calendar.
- Back to Lent now. On the Fridays of Lent, we will have **Stations of the Cross** as we did last year. We will pray the Stations in the evening at 7:30 PM in the church. Also, this year we are offering the Stations at 12 noon – presuming of course we have enough parishioners at that hour of the day. If the group at 12 noon is too small, we will request that you pray the Stations on your own or join with the group at 7:30 PM.

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- I am currently working on bringing an exhibit of **Eucharistic Miracles** to Saint Margaret. I am looking to have it here following Easter when there is much less chance of inclement weather. As always, please follow the bulletin for more details.
- Back to Lent again. Here are the rules on **abstinence** and **fasting**. All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound the law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting yourself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

Remember to check the Pastor's Column for all the news you need related to Saint Margaret Parish and how you can participate in all we do here to praise the Lord for his gifts to us, and how we might use those gifts to build up the Body of Christ in this portion of the vineyard.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Ash Wednesday

February 22nd

9:00 AM ~ Mass

12:00 PM ~ Prayer Service

4:00 PM ~ Prayer Service

7:30 PM ~ Mass



Remember you are dust, and unto dust
you shall return.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent ~ 12:00 noon & 7:30 pm



February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7 — 7:30 pm

Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 7th after the
8:30 AM Morning Prayer and after the 3:00 PM Passion.

Holy Saturday will be after the 8:30 Morning Prayer. Easter Sunday you may do private.
Daily Novena will be after morning Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16th ~ 3 PM in the Church



Sunday, Feb 12, 2023**Create a genuine love story**

No one ever said relationships were easy. Commitments, whether in marriage, religious life, or elsewhere, take spiritual insight to discern, patience to maintain, time to mature, and a whole lot of love to keep the engine moving on the tracks. Today's celebration of World Marriage Day is meant to support the development of a culture of life and love within our most fundamental relationships. As Pope Francis declared in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love): "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the church." Take the journey to joy and love. Work to make each relationship life-giving.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76). *"We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age."*

Monday, Feb 13, 2023**Make a petition, not a deal**

It can be tempting, especially when we're desperate, to try to bargain with God: "If you do this one thing for me, I'll quit a bad habit forever and never miss Mass again." But that's not how our relationship with God works. For starters, Jesus told us not to bargain, but to simply ask for what we need (Matthew 7:7-11). God already knows what we need better than we do but wants us to ask anyway, persistently even—because a willingness to be vulnerable and share intimacy are central to any healthy relationship. For that reason, petitionary prayer isn't always easy. Open up with your longings and offer God your trust, rather than a deal.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). *"Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."*

Tuesday, Feb 14, 2023**Speak the language of love**

More than 1,000 years before Vatican II—with its directive to translate the Latin liturgy into the vernacular—two missionary siblings, Cyril and Methodius, got the blessing of their pope to do the same for the Slavic people. In doing so, they created the Cyrillic alphabet. And as Pope John Paul II noted, they impacted not only the "history of the church, but also the civil and the political history of a great part of the European continent. . . . Cyril and Methodius [are] not only the apostles of the Slavic peoples but also the fathers of their culture." On this Valentine's Day, how can you translate love into your vernacular?

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). *"Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?"*

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023**A pioneer priest who broke a color barrier**

On this day in 1880, Augustus Tolton departed the United States on a holy mission: to enter a Catholic seminary as an African American. After several years of trying to become a priest stateside and experiencing rejection due to racism, Tolton's friends and allies successfully arranged for his passage to study at the Urban College in Rome, where he was ordained as the world's first openly African-American Catholic priest in 1886. He would return to his home state of Illinois, eventually settling in Chicago

where he founded the city's first black parish. He died of heat stroke in 1897 at the young age of 43 and has since been on the path to sainthood. In these times of continuing anti-black discrimination, may we look to his witness for hope and sustenance. Venerable Father Tolton, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 22-26 (337). *"My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones."*

Thursday, Feb 16, 2023**Take the path of Saint Francis**

Christian theology has often encouraged human domination over creation. Saint Francis of Assisi had another view, one that has become more prominent in the church as the climate crisis intensifies. Franciscan Sister Rose Dowling expresses one facet of it: "The Earth with which we are so intimate is our primary teacher about who God is and how God wants to relate with us. . . . I see a God who has set into being a creation that continues to grow, evolve, become more conscious, become more complex. I see that as a human I, like the rest of creation, have the potential to grow and become *more* . . ." How will you become more conscious of all of creation today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33 (338). *"Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ.'"*

Friday, Feb 17, 2023**To Mary, in times of sorrow**

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order were 13th-century Florentine cloth merchants who banded together in prayer, solace, and community during politically tumultuous times. From the beginning, the Servites dedicated themselves to Mary, the Sorrowful Mother. Today their mission is to "gather in fraternal communion to be with those suffering and sorrowful." The Servites developed the three most common devotions to Our Lady of Sorrows, namely the Scapular of the Seven Dolours of Mary, the Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows. In the closing prayer of the Rosary chaplet, we say, "Pray for us, O most sorrowful Virgin. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." That is certainly a prayer to remember as we face each day's trials.

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339). *"Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."*

Saturday, Feb 18, 2023**Good to be here**

Were you ever so enamored of something that you just wanted it to last forever? That's what Peter was experiencing on the Mount of Transfiguration. But Jesus and his inner circle had to move on. They had to come down the mountain. There was more that needed to be done, people who needed to be served. In his 1967 encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples), Pope Paul VI wrote, "Genuine progress . . . consists in an economic order designed for the welfare of the human person, where the daily bread that each [one] receives reflects the glow of love and the helping hand of God." Pray that we become enamored by justice and help transfigure the world in Jesus' image!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13 (340). *"Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents."*

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



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Faith Formation



Confirmation Volunteer Update!

Our 1st year Confirmation Candidates created 73 Valentines for the Memory Unit at Oasis Assisted Living.

Our 2nd year Candidates made 131 wash up kits for Pax Christi, 46 Valentines for the Memory unit, 52 Angel wreaths, stuffed 86 Easter eggs for distribution of our younger levels, did prep work for Vacation Bible School- cutting of stars along with organizing our supplies. What a blessing for their busy hands helping!

Vacation Bible School

Theme ~ Stellar Jesus Light shines!
Save the Date!

July 10-14 ~ 9:15 am-12:30 pm

Fee \$35 per child

Volunteers Needed! Adults & Students grade 6 and up. High Schoolers welcome.



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: **Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Saltine Crackers, Toothpaste, Bar Soap and Toilet Paper**
A very special THANK YOU to all!

FACE CLOTHS FOR WASH UP KITS

We are in need of **NEW** face cloths for our wash up kits projects.. Please drop off these items at the parish center. Thank you!



In February, a family-owned and operated business based in the city of Bethlehem (the Holy Land), specializing in the production of olivewood handicrafts, will be at our parish. Their products are of high quality. Their primary concern is their customers' satisfaction and support of the Christian community in the Holy Land. We guarantee the wood's origin as being from the Holy Land and sustainably sourced via the practice of seasonal pruning. **Their sale will be in our auditorium after Masses on February 18th / 19th.**



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.

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 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. OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG

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.