

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM,

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

Confessions:

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

Divine Mercy Sunday



April 16th ~ 3 PM in the Church

Jesus I Trust in You

April 16, 2023

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As we settle into our Easter observance for 2023, I want to cover a few issues before eventually returning to my treatment of *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* which has been my central focus in these bulletin reflections during the **Eucharistic Revival**.

As you know, in this current calendar year we are marking the **75th Anniversary** of Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish. As you also know, we are marking this milestone with two principal celebrations – the first on **June 11th** and the second on **November 19th**. On June 11th, the Church is celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi which should always get our attention because it is a Sunday (here in the USA), and on Sundays we should always think first of the Holy Eucharist. Yes, the precept to attend Mass which is binding on all Catholics unless there exists a legitimate impediment precluding participation. It is especially important now because of the **Eucharistic Revival** which started last year and continues through next year. The Eucharist is the heart and center of all things Catholic, and we want Catholics of all ages to recognize their reliance on this Gift of the Lord for the life-blood of the faith that it is.

For 75 years, the Eucharist has been what has sustained the Parish of Saint Margaret. The Eucharist has made it possible for us to come together, pray together and build up the Body of Christ to which we all belong by virtue of our Baptism. The Eucharist has made it possible for us to know the Word of the Lord, to be fed with the Bread of Life, and to receive what is necessary for carrying out our witness as disciples and missionaries. Without the Eucharist, the Catholic community in Selden and its environs for 75 years would just not be possible. Yes, it's not too much to say that. We would not be who we are without the Eucharist!

On June 11th this year, our regular Mass schedule is altered. Rather than a 10 o'clock Mass and a noon Mass (as we ordinarily have it), there will be a Mass at **11:00 AM**. Following that Mass, there will be a **Procession with the Blessed Sacrament outdoors** (weather permitting). The Procession is followed by a reception on the grounds of the church. The reception will be outdoors (under tents), with plenty of food, drinks, and what the New Testament calls *koinonia*, that is, fellowship.

Already we have extended invitations to parishioners who are involved in ministries and apostolates to be present for this event. We ask **all of our parishioners** to join us for the Mass, the Procession and the reception.

Starting this weekend, we are accepting reservations for the **Corpus Christi celebration**. Members of the 75th Anniversary Committee will be in the vestibule before and after Masses. We ask you to sign up because we need to prepare properly for food and beverage service. All we ask is a very modest \$15.00 to cover the cost for what we are offering that day.

Before we get to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in June, I call your attention to something later this month. And that is the **Exhibit on Eucharistic Miracles which is coming to Saint Margaret. It will be here on April 22nd and 23rd. We invite all parishioners to come and view the Exhibit in the auditorium or basement of the church.**

The best time for viewing the Exhibit is **before or after Mass**. I would ask you to make time to view the Exhibit. It's a great way to take part in the **Eucharistic Revival**. So, in case you missed the series we had on the Holy Eucharist in church during Lent on Monday nights, now would be a great time to avail yourself of this augmentation of our faith in the Lord's Body and Blood.

Speaking of the Lenten series we had on Monday nights in the church, I will say that I am glad we had it. It was an opportunity each week to worship the Eucharistic Lord with **Exposition and Benediction** and hear talks on various aspects of the Lord's Presence to us under the appearance of bread and wine. Attendance was pretty decent, I thought. It was good that the attendance (approximately 30 – 35) held steady over that length of time – no small achievement these days for religious gatherings. I will spend some time over the next few months thinking about what other topics to present next Lent in the effort we are making to raise awareness of the Lord with us always through the Holy Eucharist.

Until next week.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Adult Confirmation Preparation

We invite adult Catholics who have never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation to contact us should they want to be confirmed. Adult Catholics will be confirmed at Pentecost on Sunday, May 28th at the 12 noon Mass in the church. Those wishing to be confirmed **must** contact us now. Catechesis for Confirmation begins after Easter on Monday, April 17th at 7:30 PM in the parish center.



Sunday, Apr 16, 2023

Put disappointments behind

Learn a lesson from the experience of the apostle we've come to know as "doubting Thomas." Insisting that our expectations be met is often the path to disillusionment and heartbreak. The way to peace is another route entirely. As Saint John Chrysostom taught, "So you want peace of heart? Then do not seek health, nor wealth, nor fame, nor power, nor luxury. Seek wisdom in God's sight, stick to the virtues, and nothing will be able to make you sad." Start by cultivating the seven big virtues: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, courage, and justice. And leave disappointment in the rearview mirror.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 (43).

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

Monday, Apr 17, 2023

Reborn and renewed

Are Catholics "born again"? Yes, when we are baptized. In Baptism, we die with Christ, in that all sins are purified, and are reborn as children of God. Once done, it need not and cannot be repeated because by Baptism we are incorporated into Christ, configured to Christ, and sealed forever with the "indelible spiritual mark" of belonging to Christ. Catholics can, however, renew baptismal vows—and often do at Mass, especially during the Easter season, including the Easter Vigil Mass. Cherish this opportunity to restate your promises, profess your faith, and strengthen your commitment to Christ and church once again.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."*

Tuesday, Apr 18, 2023

The high cost of beauty

On this day in 1506, Pope Julius II laid the cornerstone for today's St. Peter's Basilica, initiating the most celebrated architectural project in all of Christendom. The work involved renowned Renaissance artists Raphael and Michelangelo and took 120 years to complete. The result? Ralph Waldo Emerson declared it "an ornament of the earth . . . the sublime of the beautiful." To appreciate its beauty and grandeur, take a virtual tour of St. Peter's Basilica.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). *"The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes."*

Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023

Free advice

From the Book of Exodus to the Book of Acts, biblical literature is filled with stories of God delivering people from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light. And, as the church instructs in its 1984 document on liberation theology, the "most radical form of slavery is slavery to sin." Reflect on God's activity in your own life, especially during times that you were stuck or caught in a

destructive pattern. God created us free and longs to see us free. Whatever fetters might have you tied down or wrestling in the dark at the moment, know that you can turn to God for release. Liberation is what God loves to bring!

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). *"The angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison [and] led them out."*

Thursday, Apr 20, 2023

More than enough to go around

If you grew up in a household marked by scarcity, the "theology of abundance" might be hard to embrace. This concept, popularized by Lutheran theologian Walter Brueggemann, is that God's generosity and abundance are overflowing, and that discipleship means sharing freely of both material and spiritual riches to rid the world of poverty in all its forms. How do you experience God's overflowing generosity? And how are you paying it forward?

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270). *"He does not ration his gift of the Spirit."*

Friday, Apr 21, 2023

Sad face emoji

Behind smiley emojis and Instagram-worthy photos, many people are struggling to make it through the day. With so much heaviness of heart, Easter can seem totally out of place. Yet, the Paschal Mystery reminds us that we need not be struggle-free in order to allow the warmth, light, and new life of Easter to wash over us, if even a little. God welcomes us in just as we are and offers to us abundant love, holding us when we ourselves can hold no more. As we continue this season, what might you allow God to hold for you?

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). *"Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."*

Saturday, Apr 22, 2023

Calming the waters

The Sea of Galilee is said to be prone to sudden, violent storms, with temperature swings and gusty winds provoked by the high mountains that surround it. Whether we understand Jesus walking on the choppy waters literally or figuratively, the message is clear: Jesus is our bridge over troubled waters. Whatever turbulence you might be experiencing, reach out a hand to the many incarnations of Christ in your life—those who will stand by you and stand with you, those who are ready to reach out a steadying hand as you face the storms of life.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). *"The sea was stirred up because a strong wind was blowing."*

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



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Eucharistic Miracles

An exhibit on **Eucharistic Miracles** will be coming to Saint Margaret in late April. Over the weekend of April 22nd/23rd, parishioners will have the opportunity to view the exhibit in the auditorium following parish Masses.

Don't miss it. The exhibit is yet another way to enhance the profile of the **Eucharistic Revival** which began last year and will conclude next year.

The Lord is with us always through the Holy Eucharist; we should be with Him some of the time.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

**FIRST THURSDAYS
MAY 4TH & JUNE 1ST**

3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



Mark the Date

On June 11th, Corpus Christi Sunday, there will be only **two** Masses ~ **8:00 am and 11:00 am.**

The 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon Masses will resume The following weekend.

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.

Lectors

All lectors are asked to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 PM** in the church. There will be a practice of reading liturgical texts at that time with an audio-visual taping of all lectors. Kindly mark your calendars now.



St. Margaret of Scotland Parish

Join us on **JUNE 11th** as we celebrate **CORPUS CHRISTI Mass at 11:00 am** Immediately following **PROCESSION BENEDECTION**

75th Anniversary Reception

Please register to **ATTEND.**

Volunteers will be in the lobby before and after every weekend Mass.

\$15.00 per person





Memorial Easter Flowers



Memorials

<i>Dennis Naso</i>	<i>Anthony Pillittier</i>	<i>Dcn. Phil Paolicelli</i>
<i>Carmela & Arthur Ciuffo</i>	<i>Lawrence & Florence Donlon</i>	<i>Vincent Laurentino</i>
<i>Norman Gottfried</i>	<i>Steven Doriand</i>	<i>Kimberlynn Bertolino</i>
<i>Veronica Pillittier</i>	<i>Henry (Harry) Aretakis</i>	<i>Mary, Wilbert Paul, Wilbert Phillip Clark</i>
<i>Michael Reynolds</i>	<i>Robert M. Aretakis</i>	<i>Marc Monico</i>
<i>Helen & Anthony Litka</i>	<i>Robert G. Aretakis</i>	<i>Michele Lo Grande Bongiorno</i>
<i>Guariglia & Marino Families</i>	<i>Tranfaglia & Silvestro Families</i>	<i>Michael & Lorraine Lo Grande</i>
<i>Lauren Fennell</i>	<i>Capt. Vincent Fowler NYPD</i>	<i>Joan & Vincent Kelly</i>
<i>Frank & Clara Davino</i>	<i>Ramona Fowler</i>	<i>Rosemarie Leto</i>
<i>Musto & Biasotti Families</i>	<i>James, Peter & Concetta DeNunzio</i>	<i>Anthony & Geraldine Temperini</i>
<i>Anthony Marrocco</i>	<i>Nelinda Negron</i>	<i>Frank & Maria Lo Grande</i>
<i>Louise A. Dalba</i>	<i>Peter Rice</i>	<i>Kitty & Thomas Baffa</i>
<i>Walter Hoehne</i>	<i>Gerard Leigh</i>	<i>Carmine Santorelli</i>
<i>Philip & Madeline Lo Bosco</i>	<i>Eddie Bolden</i>	<i>Alfred Saracino</i>
<i>Neil J. & Paul J. Zarcone</i>	<i>Eugene, Patrick, Kathleen & James Wynne</i>	<i>Patricia Lunetta</i>
<i>Babies Paul & Danielle Beauchamp</i>	<i>Joseph & Anne Prementine</i>	<i>Mrs. A. Bertolino</i>
<i>Richard Beauchamp Sr.</i>	<i>Amy Grace Quaranta</i>	<i>Mrs. Micheli</i>
<i>Anna & Angelo Petti</i>	<i>Brady Family</i>	<i>Elizabeth & Robert Rees</i>
<i>Stephen Gassick</i>	<i>Thomas & Gloria Wharton</i>	<i>Emil & Emilia Zambardi</i>
<i>Thomas & Arlene Droskoski</i>	<i>Thomas Catalano & Family</i>	<i>Joseph, Ritchie, Jane & Judy Plummer</i>
<i>Laura, Leonard, Ersilia Tumminello</i>	<i>Antonia, Giovanni, Lela, Romana Nelli</i>	<i>Shirley, Sheila, Edith, Albert</i>
<i>Carmela & Frank Gallegro</i>	<i>Maria, Ramona & Jose A. Dominguez</i>	<i>Michael Manda & Theresa Marcello</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kroczyński</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Judson Paddock</i>	<i>Adolf & Adam Szymonowski</i>
<i>The Sipprell Family</i>	<i>Thomas O'Donnell & Family</i>	<i>Teresa Szymonowska</i>
<i>Christopher, Corey, Mom & Dad</i>	<i>Chris & Jasmine</i>	<i>Angelique C. & Melsens JB Jasmin</i>
<i>Donald Francis</i>	<i>Grace, Frank & Michael De Gregorio</i>	<i>Dorothy Sicuronza & Amelia Menaszkes</i>
<i>Evelyn & Don Snyder</i>	<i>Rose Caracappa</i>	<i>Harold & Gerrie Simonetti</i>
<i>Gloria & Nicholas Ferraro</i>	<i>Rankin & De Angelo Family</i>	<i>Andrew & Regina Stanick</i>
<i>John & Virginia Fleming</i>	<i>Nieue, Aniceto & Toma De Leon</i>	<i>Herbert & Julia Holtz</i>
<i>Grace Flynn & Josephine Brown</i>	<i>Beatrice & Dave Adams</i>	<i>Alfredo, Rivera & Jose A Maguiua</i>
<i>Andrew McTaggart</i>	<i>Edmund Borawski & Eugeniusz Jankowski</i>	<i>Henry Cheshire</i>
<i>John & Gloria</i>	<i>Gustave & Norma Zeis</i>	<i>Earl Miller</i>
<i>Rose De Saro</i>	<i>William Heimink</i>	<i>Connie & Edward Lopez</i>
<i>Elmer</i>	<i>Special Intentions Angela & Alicia</i>	<i>Lou Burtoff</i>

Faith Formation

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School



Theme ~ Stellar Jesus Light shines!
July 10-14 ~ 9:15 am-12:30 pm

Ages 4 yrs old to 6th grade ~ Fee \$35 per child
Volunteers Needed! Adults & Students grade 6 and up.
High Schoolers welcome.



Registration open! Limited to first 100 children.
Any question ~ Jackie Mirenda at 631-732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com

Parish Social Ministry

Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION

The *Knights of Columbus* are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry.



Bags will be distributed on **April 29/30 at all Masses**, and
on **May 6/7 at all Masses**, they will be in front of the
church to receive your donations.



Food Collection

Please assist them and us as you can.
If anyone is able to help Outreach on **May 6/7**
please leave her a message at 631-732-3131 x119.

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: **Hearty Soups, Cookies, Rice Meals & Canned Peas**

A very special THANK YOU to all!



Heart of the Island Council Knights of Columbus

Join a virtual presentation by Jim Effner, President of P2P Group on

Whole Life Insurance as Part of your Retirement Plan

April 26th, 7:30 PM

Register at the following link: ~ <https://tinyurl.com/kofceffnerApril26>



All Parishioners are welcome.