

# 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.

## THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES



**On Exhibit in Our Auditorium**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**April 23, 2023**

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## Time, Talent & Treasure

### Stewardship Thought for the Week

**Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship** : Take time this week to compare your prayer life today to what it was a few weeks ago during Lent. Is your prayer life not as strong?

## 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.

### April 1 / 2

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$11,019	250
Mailed Envelopes	\$5,261	82
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$16,280</b>	<b>332</b>

### April 15 / 16

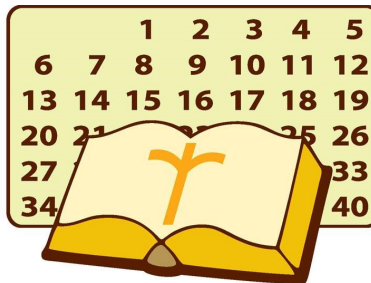
	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,681	181
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,780	61
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$11,461</b>	<b>242</b>

### Readings for Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Second Reading.....1 Pt 2: 20b-45

Gospel.....Jn 10: 1-10



**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Call for appointment - x131.

### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

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

## Masses for the Week

**Monday - April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Joel Zabbara

**Tuesday - April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Joel Zabbara

**Wednesday - April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Ron Murphy

**Thursday - April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Joel Zabbara

**Friday - April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Luigi Assalone

**Saturday - April 29<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>pm</sup>

All St. Margaret Parishioners

**Sunday - April 30<sup>th</sup>**

8<sup>am</sup>

Kimberlynn Bertolino

Mary P. Clark

10<sup>am</sup>

Rose Rizzo

Cynthia Signorelli

12<sup>pm</sup>

Norman Gottfried

Adolphus Christie

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



Betty Ott, 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, Wendian & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, Dina Rajotte, and Marguarite De'Angelo.

*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.*

In the Easter season, we continue to reflect on the Lord's Resurrection and its meaning in our lives now and for all eternity. As we do that, we should be mindful of events and occurrences which are taking place now and in the next few weeks.

First, as you read in last week's column, a celebration in honor of the parish's **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** is about two months away. I am referring to the **Mass at 11:00 AM (a special time for a Sunday given our regular schedule), a procession (outdoors, weather permitting) with the Blessed Sacrament (concluding with Benediction) and then a reception on parish grounds. The date is June 11<sup>th</sup> and the Church marks the Solemnity of Corpus Christi that day.**

All parishioners of Saint Margaret are cordially invited to join us for the Mass, the Procession and the Reception. Starting last weekend and continuing for several more weekends, members of the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** are in the vestibule before and after all weekend Masses to accept reservations. There is a very modest charge of \$15.00 per person to cover the cost of food, beverages and the cost of rentals for things like outdoor tents.

All those who participate in ministries and apostolates are asked to be with us on June 11<sup>th</sup> when there will be a renewal of commitment at the conclusion of Mass. There will also be a photographer on hand who will take pictures which will later be published in the journal for the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the parish.

Second, this weekend there will be an **Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles** on display here at Saint Margaret. The Exhibit can be viewed in the auditorium on the lower level of the church. The best time for the viewing is **before or after** Mass. We are having this event at Saint Margaret as part of our observance of the **Eucharistic Revival** which began last year in our nation and continues through next year.

I invite all of our parishioners to view the Exhibit and then to tell your friends and neighbors about it too. We remember that we must have a consciousness about evangelizing with the Holy Eucharist in mind. That, after all, is the reason for the **Revival** in the first place. That we have not done very much of this evangelizing in the last few decades explains why so many Catholics don't attend Mass and don't believe in the Real Presence.

Third, with the month of May not far off at this point, I call attention to something begun last year and continuing this year. I am referring to the **May Crowning of the outdoor statue of Our Lady on our property**. It is held on the Second Sunday of the month of May, which is Mother's Day. This year, it is May 14<sup>th</sup> and the crowning occurs after the 12 noon Mass.

As always, all parishioners are invited to join us for the May Crowning. We will process from the church after Mass is over to the grotto where the Crowning will take place. During the movement from the church to the grotto, we will sing Marian hymns and one of our First Holy Communicants will place the crown on the head of the statue of Our Lady.

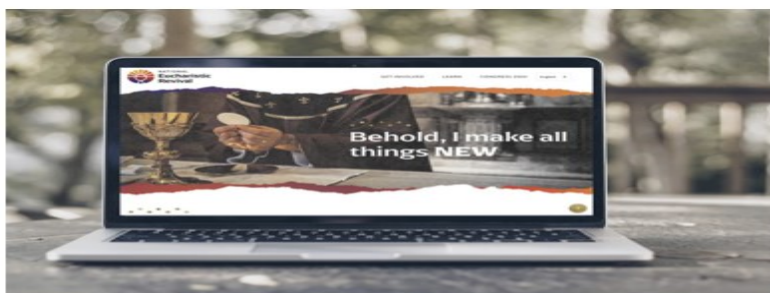
We call upon the parents of this year's First Holy Communion Class to bring your First Holy Communicant to the 12 noon Mass. Seating will be in a reserved section of the church for the First Holy Communicants and their families on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

One last point if I may.

The elevator in the church, as you may know, has not been in use for several months. You will want to know that the elevator, decades old at this point, has been looked at by employees of the company which had been repairing it over all that time. I was informed by the president of the company in writing that the elevator cannot be repaired any more. It has to be replaced. We are currently looking at our options. A replacement of the elevator is indeed a very expensive proposition. I will advise accordingly through the bulletin in the weeks to come. Stay tuned.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



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**Eucharistic  
Revival**

A three-year initiative to inspire and prepare the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Learn more by visiting:**

**[www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)**



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## The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**  
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

**Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**  
Church of St. James, Seaford  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)

Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)



## St. Margaret of Scotland's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

With our celebration of the parish's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are publishing a journal. If you have any material (e.g. newspaper articles) in your possession related to the founding of St. Margaret and you would like to loan it to the parish, please see Julie Burtoff in the parish center during regular business hours.

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mark your calendar.

We ask you to hold the date of

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 5 PM**

for the principal celebration of the parish's 75<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary**. In the meantime, please continue to follow the bulletin on all things related to the anniversary of Saint Margaret.



## Baptisms

Brooke Lynn Lennon  
Nicolina Marie DelPriore  
Kerry Ann Grandino



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.



*Because no marriage is beyond hope...*

A **marriage-saving** program is here in the

New York/Metropolitan Area

**April 21-23, 2023**

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

**Retrouvaille\* can help.**

*To register or for more information:*

**1-800-470-2230**

<https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

[info@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:info@HelpOurMarriage.org)

**Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges**

*It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's 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. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.*

To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:  
[516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org)

## Eucharistic Miracles

An exhibit on **Eucharistic Miracles** will be coming to Saint Margaret in late April. Over this weekend of **April 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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 4<sup>TH</sup> & JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church**



## Mark the Date

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## St. Margaret's Spousal Bereavement

Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their husband or wife. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis and participants need not be St. Margaret's parishioners.

For more information please contact  
Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053



## St. Margaret of Scotland Parish

Join us on  
**JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**  
as we celebrate  
**CORPUS CHRISTI**  
Mass at 11:00 am  
Immediately following  
**PROCESSION**  
**BENEDICTION**

**75<sup>th</sup>**  
**Anniversary Reception**

Please register to  
**ATTEND.**

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

**\$15.00 per person**





**Sunday, Apr 23, 2023****Table manners**

Someone once said we like our heroes dead more than alive. Cesar Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers movement but found himself denounced as a communist and surveilled by the FBI during his lifetime. Only after death was his stature recognized, and he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Encouraged by a priest who fueled him with Catholic social teaching, Chavez was also inspired by the nonviolent resistance of Gandhi. Along with lifelong co-worker Dolores Huerta, Chavez brought national attention to an abused yet fundamental part of our work force. Support farm workers' rights and remember at every table how your food got there.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*

**Monday, Apr 24, 2023****Seek what is hidden**

Benedictine sister, best-selling author, and spiritual guide Macrina Wiederkehr was called a "master of everyday spirituality." She lived with the monastic community of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas and died on this day in 2020 at the age of 80. On this anniversary of her passing, let her words infuse your own everyday spirituality: "Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. . . . Real Presence is everywhere, and those with the hearts of children revel in it."

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."*

**Tuesday, Apr 25, 2023****Mark left his mark**

Mark wasn't a direct disciple of Jesus but was quite active in the Early Church. He was closest to Peter, the latter returning to Mark's mother's house after escaping prison. According to Saint Jerome: "Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, wrote a short gospel at the request of the brethren at Rome embodying what he had heard Peter tell. When Peter had heard this, he approved it and published it to the churches to be read by his authority." Mark's short, action-packed gospel highlights the immediacy of Jesus' actions; Mark also uses the word *eutheos*—Greek for "right away"—more than 40 times. How might the Spirit be tapping you to act with immediacy?

**FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST**

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). *"Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.'"*

**Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023****Don't skip this meal**

The Catholic Church teaches that the "Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." As such, it is essential to feeding our spirit and showing us the way to holiness. The very act of listening to the Word, sharing our gifts, and breaking bread with others during Mass is a foretaste of God's reign, where all are welcome to the table. A U.S. Bishops-sponsored Eucharistic Revival is underway to encourage all to encounter Christ in the Eucharist

and feel healed, converted, and called to spread love of this life-giving experience to others. Learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, which culminates in a 2024 Eucharistic Congress, at [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org).

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Jesus said to the crowds, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.'"*

**Thursday, Apr 27, 2023****The real deal**

Today's gospel has a eucharistic theme, with talk of "living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world." One way the church emphasizes the Eucharist is its insistence on the Real Presence, that is, the core belief that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly are the Body and Blood of Christ. They are not just symbols but, as Saint John Damascene wrote, the "actual deified body of the Lord." If wrestling with that concept makes your head hurt, know that the church also acknowledges this is a "mystery"—something the mind cannot fully grasp. Leave it to the heart to understand.

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). *"The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."*

**Friday, Apr 28, 2023****What's in your wallet?**

Stored in coin wallets, pockets, purses, jewelry boxes, and glove compartments are many hundreds of little beads. Some are held together by string or wire, others fashioned into metal "decade" rings with laminated instructional cards. No matter what form they take, each reminds us of a special prayer of the Catholic Church, the Rosary. Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, known for his love of the Rosary, always made sure to teach people to pray the Rosary in whatever method best helps them enter into the mysteries of the life of Christ. What's your unique way of praying the beads?

**MEMORIAL OF LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST**

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). *"[Ananias] answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'"*

**Saturday, Apr 29, 2023****Stand firm in your calling**

Sometimes in the process of growing up you have to stand your ground with your parents. While they love you and are owed your devotion, they don't *always* know what's best for you. Catherine of Siena had to stand firm against the objections of her parents in order to fulfill her deepest calling, which was to the religious life. A wise choice on her part, and the entire church has benefited enormously as a result. The church has expressed its collective appreciation to her by bestowing the rare title of "doctor of the church" upon her.

**MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, TERTIARY, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"You have the words of eternal life."*

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



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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!*

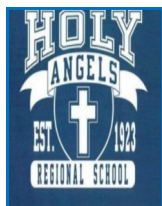


### Food Pantry Needs

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**

*A very special THANK YOU to all!*



### Holy Angels Summer Jam Fundraiser

Please join us to help raise \$ for new chrome books on Friday, June 2nd, 6:00-8:00PM

Tiki Bar & Restaurant, East Patchogue, Live Band, Raffle Baskets and More! ~ \$50 PP – Adults Only

Questions please email: [Deena74@optonline.net](mailto:Deena74@optonline.net)

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

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

All Parishioners are welcome.

