

# 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.



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As we have just started the month of May and we mark the Fifth Sunday of Easter, I want to recap some news items for parishioners. So, here goes.

A week from now (May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>), there will be on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> two **First Holy Communion Masses** at Saint Margaret (11:30 AM and 1:30 PM). As this is the period of the **Eucharistic Revival (2022-2025)** in our nation, we recall how Catholic children who have reached the age of discretion are admitted to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. It is good to acknowledge the preparation for First Holy Communion which occurs in families (attire, parties, etc.). It is even more important to recall that the Holy Eucharist is not a periodic event in the life of a Catholic. It is a weekly encounter with Jesus, Our Lord and Savior; He has given to us His Body and Blood until the end of time.

We need the Holy Eucharist to be the disciples of Christ. It's that plain to understand. No discipleship worth its name can exclude the Holy Eucharist. And, thus, I call upon the parents of our First Holy Communicants to bring your children to church **every Sunday**. This is not the Pastor's rule but God's law and the precept of the Church.

And parents can do this the very next day, too. Because on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, there is the opportunity to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion with the parishioners of Saint Margaret. I ask the parents of the First Holy Communion Class for 2023 to bring your son or daughter to the 12 noon Mass and sit together. I ask the First Holy Communicants to wear their First Holy Communion attire that the parishioners of Saint Margaret may see you.

At the conclusion of Mass on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin on the grounds of the church** (outdoors, weather permitting or indoors if there is inclement weather). Follow the directions of the priests and the ushers as we make our way to the statue of Our Lady and show our devotion to her.

I extend an invitation to all parishioners to join us for the May Crowning. Even if you don't attend the 12 noon Mass, please come and participate in the Marian procession we will have.

As you know, the second Sunday in May is **Mother's Day**. We will honor mothers at all our weekend liturgies with a blessing at the end of Mass. We also recall that we can remember our mothers in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; indeed, that is the best way to remember our earthly mothers – to unite them by name to the Lord's death and Resurrection.

Parishioners who receive envelopes in the mail can fill out these same Mother's Day envelopes and place them in the offertory baskets at Mass. Mothers are remembered in a **Novena of Masses at Saint Margaret**.

Those parishioners who do not use envelopes can obtain envelopes in the church. They are available in the vestibule and in the ushers' room. Don't miss out on this special way to remember your mother – living or deceased.

We continue to prepare for the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you haven't let us know you are coming to the **Mass at 11:00 AM (a special time) and will join us for the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament and the Reception, you may still do so**.

The members of the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** may not be in the vestibule any longer, but you can still make your reservation to be with us and gratefully remember our parish. Please contact the parish office by phone or in person to still participate in this joyous occasion.

We are making our way to the Solemnity of Pentecost at the end of this month. At the 12 noon Mass on May 28<sup>th</sup>, three adult Catholics will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. More will be said about this in future bulletin editions.

I also intend to get back to my reflections on *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. In the meantime, please see the bulletin boards in the church which have flyers on an event in October related to the **Eucharistic Revival**.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## Lectors

Lectors who missed the meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> in the church (during which we taped lectors reading publicly) are requested to come for their own taping on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please mark the date and time on your schedule now.



## Ministries

We ask all those who participate in liturgical ministries and apostolates at Saint Margaret to be present for the reception on the grounds of the church when photographs will be taken for the parish's **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** journal. The journal will be published later in the year but the reception on June 11<sup>th</sup> is the only time photographs will be taken.



## Mother's Day May Crowning

We will be honoring the Blessed Mother after the 12:00 noon Mass on **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children and their families are invited to come and join as the parish processes to crown our Statue of Mary to thank God for the gift of such a loving Mother.

## Our Lady of the Island Shrine Fatima Day

Our Lady of Fatima Day will be held on **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 10:30 AM with a at 11:00 AM Rosary, followed by Mass & Conference ~ ending at 3 PM with Chanting of the Litany of the Bleses Virgin Mary.  
258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. For info call 631-325-0661



## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration  
and prayers.

**FIRST THURSDAYS**  
**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**



### Congratulations Honor Roll Students

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll students from



#### St. Anthony's High School, Huntington

Nelson Beausoleil, Tiffany Bosch, Valerie Bosch, Sarah Breuer, Caily Ging, Cassandra Hussey, Sean McMillin, Deanna Miklitsch, Daniel Sawicki, Aelish Symonds, Donovan Symonds, Gabriela Troche

*We commend their efforts to excel!*

### Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

*Come join to sing and praise!*  
**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

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



### 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.



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Questions? call

Chuck & Maria Reiss (631) 486-8607

Long Island Application Couple



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.

### 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.



## Sunday, May 07, 2023

### Appointed to the task

We see them in some of our parishes standing near the presider at Mass: men dressed sort of like priests but with a diagonal or odd-looking stole. What are deacons for, we may wonder? Deacons assist priests in visiting the sick and provide service in the parish community. They can preach, witness marriages, perform Baptisms, and preside at funeral services outside of Mass. While they're ordained clergy, they may also be married and serve without pay. The permanent diaconate is a special call for those "filled with the Spirit and wisdom." Know someone who fits this description? Encourage him to apply.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52).

*"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task."*

## Monday, May 08, 2023

### Sanctity can't be rushed

Of the approximately 10,000 canonized saints, there are only 11 from the United States, and only three of those were U.S.-born. Of course, part of the reason is that the United States is a relatively young country. Give it time, Blessed Teresa Demjanovich would likely say, because she believed her calling was to remind everyone that they are called, regardless of vocation, to be a saint. Born in New Jersey in 1901, Demjanovich is one of a growing list of American candidates for sainthood and the first to be beatified on American soil. She was a Sister of Charity for only two years before dying at the age of 26. Take to heart her message that everyone is called to a life of holiness and aspire to join her on that list.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). *"We will come to him and make our dwelling with him."*

## Tuesday, May 09, 2023

### Advantage from adversity

On this day in 328, 30-year-old Saint Athanasius was elected the new bishop of Alexandria. If that seems young, it was. Even though he helped win the day at the Council of Nicea—taking on Arius and others who denied Christ's full divinity—his elevation as bishop instigated years of struggle with political and ecclesial foes. At issue: Athanasius' stubborn refusal to water down anything in the Nicene Creed. Thus, in the 45 years Athanasius served as bishop, he was exiled a total of five times, 17 years in all. May Athanasius provide a lesson for us all about turning adversity into advantage. While in exile, he did much writing—including a definitive biography of Saint Anthony that would influence other future saints, including Augustine.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."*

## Wednesday, May 10, 2023

### A mighty pen

On this day in 1990 the famed Southern writer Walker Percy died, one of the clarion voices of reason in the troubled climate of his day. He lived through Jim Crow, being born near the height of it, and wrote with the power of his deep Catholic faith to issues of the day. A graduate of medical school, Percy would in the end become

one who probed minds and hearts with the pen—including his own. He famously said, "A fine writer's thoughtful analysis of his own trials and errors is valuable indeed." May we emulate his admirable introspection.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). *"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."*

## Thursday, May 11, 2023

### Rejoice and be glad!

Doesn't everyone seek a bit of joy? Jesus tells his disciples, "Remain in my love ... so that ... your joy may be complete." Our tradition uplifts those who are joyful even amid setbacks. The concept of the Paschal Mystery points to resurrection—joy—hidden in even the darkest times. Pope Francis often encourages church leaders to show some joy, and he reminds the faithful that God "created us because he wants us to be happy." Jesus' first miracle enabled wedding guests to drink wine and celebrate. Does your faith in God bring you joy? Let others see it.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). *"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."*

## Friday, May 12, 2023

### Here's to good friends

Saint Teresa of Ávila had a deep understanding of the value of friendship, not only with God but with one another. "What a great favor God does to those he places in the company of good people," she wisely wrote. Negative people can actually affect your well-being on every level: spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. Numerous studies conclude that surrounding yourself with good people boosts self-esteem, helps you bear stress and grief more effectively, encourages healthy behavior, and increases your chances for a longer and happier life. Your time is a valuable—and limited—resource. Surround yourself with friends and associates who will do you good. Then return the favor.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). *"I have called you friends."*

## Saturday, May 13, 2023

### Holy East and West

When's the last time you called a priest "Swami" instead of "Father"? If the priest was today's commemorative, Benedictine Father Bede Griffiths, you would be correct using the title. Griffiths (1906-93), a British-born priest, was sent to India in 1955 to establish a Benedictine monastery. There he studied Indian spirituality and incorporated into the monastery cultural elements of a Hindu ashram. He became known to his congregants as Swami Dayananda, a name that means "bliss of compassion." Watch a three-minute trailer of the film documentary of Father Bede's life and teaching, *A Human Search*.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). *"Because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you."*

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



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# Faith Formation

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**JULY 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**  
9:15 AM - 12:30 PM  
Registration Open



4 yr. old & up — entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Potty trained & have been  
separated from parent in the past.



**FIRST 100 CHILDREN !**  
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We are in need of adult volunteers. Please call to let us know if you're able to assist us.  
Must be VIRTUS certified (not sure, ask us). Teen Helpers ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up  
Call Jackie Mirenda ~ 732-3131 x131—[jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com)

# 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: **Hearty Soups, Quart Storage Bags, Laundry Detergent**



## 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

Raffle info - [www.holyangelsregional.org](http://www.holyangelsregional.org) ~ Questions please email: [Deena74@optonline.net](mailto:Deena74@optonline.net)



## Tomorrow's Hope Foundation

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation Gala Tomorrow's Hope Foundation will host its 18th Annual Stars for Students Gala on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m. at RXR Plaza in Uniondale. Proceeds from the event will help provide tuition assistance to students in need attending Long Island's Catholic elementary schools. The Stars for Students Gala is the Foundation's signature event in celebration of Catholic elementary education on Long Island and its champions. This year, Tomorrow's Hope is honoring Michael Maturo, President of RXR, Crisler Quick, President & Founder of The Finance Department and the Honorable Peter Quick, Mayor of Mill Neck for their steadfast support of the Tomorrow's Hope mission. Please consider supporting the Tomorrow's Hope Gala by purchasing a sponsorship or ticket to attend the event by visiting the website at [www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org](http://www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org).

*Today's Children are Tomorrow's Hope.*