

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.



*Happy
Mother's Day*

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**Holy Day
Ascension Thursday
May 18th
9:00 AM & 7:30 PM**



May 14, 2023

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As we mark the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we also honor our mothers on what is called Mother's Day. Please know that the best way to honor your mother, living or deceased, is to have her remembered in our Mother's Day Novena of Masses which begins today (the 14th). Envelopes for this purpose were mailed to parishioners with the regular set of envelopes in support of Saint Margaret. If you have not returned that envelope, you can do so today in the collection taken up at Mass. If you do not have an envelope for this purpose, you may obtain one in the church – in the vestibule or the ushers' room. There is a box in the vestibule where Mother's Day envelopes may be placed.

We thank our mothers for bearing the gift of life, for giving birth to us and forming us as Catholic Christians by having us baptized and then instructed in the faith. Mothers are utterly central to civilization; indeed, civilizations rise and fall with a motherhood exercised biologically and spiritually. Let us continue to love our mothers unto the happiness of all – now and for all eternity.

On the day we honor our own mothers, we think too of the Mother of Jesus who is also Mother of the Church. Our Lord gave His mother to us from the Cross and, in imitation of the apostle John, we take Our Blessed Mother into our homes – especially the homes of our hearts.

As a way of showing devotion to Our Lady, we will crown her statue on our property after the 12 noon Mass on Mother's Day. All are invited to join us in the short pilgrimage to the grotto. It will be a procession out the main doors of the church, with a left turn and a gathering at the statue. Along the way, we will sing Marian hymns. We will be led by the choir and the 2023 Class of First Communicants. Please give space and time for the procession to form so that it takes place reverently. Even if you don't attend the 12 noon Mass, please join us for the procession and prayers and hymns.

At the end of the month, on May 28th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost. At the 12 noon Mass on that day, three adult Catholics will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their sponsors will be present along with family members too.

For the last several weeks, these three adults have been receiving catechesis in advance of the conferral of the Sacrament. We entrust these adult Catholics to the Holy Spirit even before the Holy Spirit comes to them on May 28th with the gift of sanctifying grace. The Spirit moves us all to a deeper incorporation into the Body of Christ with Confirmation. May these three adults prepare peacefully for the coming of the Advocate.

We are under a month before we mark the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 11th. As you know, there is a different Mass schedule for the day. There is **no** 10:00 AM Mass and **no** 12 noon Mass. There is a Mass at **11:00 AM**. Please note the change.

Following the 11:00 AM Mass, there will be an outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament – weather permitting, of course. In the event of inclement weather, the Procession will be **inside** the church. At the conclusion of the Procession there will be Benediction. At the conclusion of the rites for the Solemnity, there is a Reception on the grounds of the church.

We thank those who have already registered for the Reception. If you want to join us and haven't yet registered, please contact the parish office during regular business hours.

The celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in just the way I outlined gives us an opportunity to mark the **75th Anniversary** of Saint Margaret. It is the first public acknowledgement of the historic occasion. There will be a second one in November – near the Memorial of Saint Margaret of Scotland. Please follow the bulletin for news about the second public acknowledgement. In the meantime, we are undertaking proximate preparations for our first public acknowledgement on June 11th.

Later in the year, we are publishing a journal for the **75th Anniversary** of the parish. Again, please follow the bulletin for more details.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Lectors

Lectors who missed the meeting on April 19th in the church (during which we taped lectors reading publicly) are requested to come for their own taping on Wednesday, June 21st 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 **75th Anniversary** journal. The journal will be published later in the year but the reception on June 11th 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 14th**.

Our 1st 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.



Baptisms

Emma Carolynn Dunn, Canaan Edward Cacioli, Myla Lee Cacioli, Elijah James Sosa, Aubrey Ella Villanueva, Oaklann Raine Negrin, Bryson Phoenix Guagliano



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

FIRST THURSDAYS
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.

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 11th** as we celebrate **CORPUS CHRISTI** Mass at **11:00 am** Immediately following **PROCESSION BENEDICTION**

75th Anniversary Reception

Please register to **ATTEND.**

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

\$15.00 per person



Our Parish Celebrated First Communion ~ May 13

John D.	Onika G.	Jayda J.	Olivia L.	Anthony F.	Nathaniel O.
Emily C.	Peyton D.	Maria P.	David S.	Alexander F.	Michayla M.
Troy R.	Avery R.	Alura S.	Olivia M.	Logan C.	Mackenzie H.
Liliana C.	Farrah F.	Derek B.	Declan D.	Mia G.	Celina L.
Colton S.	Ethan S.	Jonathan C.	Ryan C.	Jaxson S.	Sean Michael F.
Jacob S.	Derek R.	Elaina I.	Annika C.	Thomas L.	Avery B.
Samantha S.	Hannah K.	Andi R.	Alekzander G.	Luca R.	Joseph V.
Jionni R.	Angelo K.	Adeline R.	Camden N.	Lea D.	Thomas M.
Francesca B.	Hayden M.	Joseph C.	Anthony H.	Eisley J.	Joseph T.
Skylar L.	Kayla B.		Kelvyn A.	Kacey B.	Kayani E.
				Kaiya E.	Micaela S.
				Jason H.	Brayden C.



Catholic Communications Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



St. Margaret of Scotland's 75th Anniversary

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 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 11th, 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.

Mark your calendar. 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 anniversary of Saint Margaret.



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Sunday, May 14, 2023

What keeps us faithful

Catholics tend to be leery of words like "testimony" and "witness" when it comes to the business of sharing our faith with others. We may prefer to keep our profession of faith in a more formal key: say, with a group recitation of the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. Many of us may feel ill-equipped to give a defense of the faith in the debate style known as apologetics. Yet each of us should be prepared to give the reason for our hope to anyone who asks. What keeps us faithful? And how does what we believe influence who we're becoming?

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (55). *"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."*

Monday, May 15, 2023

A patron of plentitude

Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, was a peasant farm worker in Spain around the year 1100. There's a theme of abundance surrounding the stories of his miracles. It's said that at times, an angel was seen doing his work while he prayed, and other times, two angels worked beside him, increasing his output. He made water burst from dry earth to quench the thirsty, and there was always enough in his wife's pot of stew to feed however many hungry people he brought home. When he fed starving animals from his bag of wheat, the same bag produced double the expected amount of flour. When you work, and when you give from the fruits of your work, do so with a prayerful, plentiful heart and think, there's always more where that came from!

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE, FARMER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291). *"And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."*

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Love triumphs

Joan of Arc was canonized on this day in 1920—making her the only person in history ever to be both condemned and canonized by the Catholic Church. Her triumph: leading the French army to victory over the British. Her tragedy: being burned at the stake, the power of her faith mistaken for witchcraft. Joan's resolve caused Mark Twain to insist, "She is easily and by far the most extraordinary person the human race has ever produced." The centennial of her canonization caused Pope Benedict XVI to insist the "name of Jesus invoked by this saint in the last instants of her earthly life was like the continual breath of her soul." She "understood that Love embraces all things." Love like Joan today.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). *"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Now I am going to the one who sent me.'"*

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Stop the traffic

Saint Josephine Bakhita, the first black female saint of the modern era, was beatified on this day in 1992, part of a push within the Catholic Church to honor both black Catholics and to signify the horrors of human trafficking. This practice, also known as modern slavery, accounts for the bondage of an estimated 50 million people today, spread over every continent and present in every country. Bakhita herself was kidnapped as a child in Sudan and

later held against her will in Italy before essentially suing for freedom in 1889 and becoming a nun. Her legacy is now global, as she is the patron of all human trafficking survivors. May she inspire us to recognize the silent suffering of so many and work for the freedom of all God's children.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). *"In him we live and move and have our being," as even some of your poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'"*

Thursday, May 18, 2023

A family reunion

Although Americans tend to not do much beyond Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, in some parts of Europe (Germany, most notably), the day involves special festivities. Because the day celebrates Jesus returning to his Father, it is the German Father's Day, usually celebrated with picnics or outings. Take a moment today to return in prayer to your heavenly Creator.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20 (58) or Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294). *"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."*

Friday, May 19, 2023

Lessons in hope

Christians are a hopeful people—an Easter people, if you will. In encouraging young people to hold on to hope, Pope Francis advises: "Dream of a world still not seen, but will certainly come one day. Think of those who sailed oceans, scaled mountains, conquered slavery, or made life better for people on earth." Hope allows us to trust in Christ's promises that his Holy Spirit lives within us, that our lives have purpose, and that we can make a difference. Start small. As Saint Augustine advises: "You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295). *"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice."*

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Preaching to the heart

Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444), a Franciscan priest, lived at a time in Italy when most preachers proclaimed their sermons from the pulpit during the liturgy and to cloistered clerics. Bernardine was among the first to preach to the public. He was so effective a preacher that cynical civil authorities would invite him to their towns because of the money to be made from the large crowds that gathered to hear him. No matter, Bernardine touched hearts and minds in a priceless way. Seek out preaching that feeds your soul.

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give 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

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9:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Registration Open



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Call Jackie Miranda ~ 732-3131 x131—jmirenda@saintmargaret.com

Parish Social Ministry



Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAGs Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Food Pantry. The shelves are in better shape to serve the community this summer! The Knights were able to collect 2033 pounds!

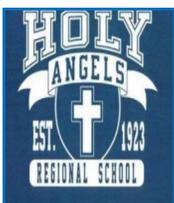


Tomorrow's Hope Foundation



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.

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