

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

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By the time we almost get to the end of the month (the 28th), our observance of Easter will be concluded for this year. On the 28th, we mark the Solemnity of Pentecost and it will have been 50 days reveling in the joy of the Lord's Resurrection. We need all that time to take in and reflect on the victory of Christ over the perennial enemies of sin and death. How precious then is the gift of time for eternity is at stake after Jesus' defeat of sin and death!

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter – just a few days after the Solemnity of the Ascension. We are living with the tension of Jesus' apparent absence to the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate as He is called in the Fourth Gospel. With the Spirit's assistance, the Church grows exponentially and today is found just about all over the world. As we say in the Nicene Creed every week, the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

I intend to summarize a few matters with this column and then return briefly to the reflections on *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*.

The first is an announcement that we will return to having what we know as the Offertory Procession at weekend Masses on June 10th and 11th when we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. As you know, the Church has used an Offertory Procession at Mass wherein the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar for their consecration by the priest.

So, with the spread of COVID-19 less and less proximate now, we will restore the Offertory Procession in a few weeks. I ask the ushers at all four of our weekend Masses to bear this in mind so that the good order of the Liturgy may be maintained.

On Saturday the 13th, we had First Holy Communion Masses at Saint Margaret – two of them. The children who received their First Holy Communion numbered 63 this year. We congratulate them and their parents.

The next day, on Sunday the 14th, following the 12 noon Mass, we had our annual May Crowning at the grotto of our parish. As we did last year, we invited our First Holy Communion Class to be with us for the Mass and procession from our church to the grotto as we sang Marian hymns and crowned the statue of Our Lady. We had 7 First Holy Communicants with us.

We have needed the **Eucharistic Revival** for a long time, and how I wish the **Eucharistic Revival** began decades ago and how I wish it would continue for a few more decades. Whatever its length of time, which is three years according to the plan developed for us, we need to use that time as well as we can.

In the document *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, the Bishops quote St. Teresa of Calcutta who said famously: "Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church won't let you but because your heart won't let you."

From the time we were first introduced to the Holy Eucharist at the age of discretion (7 years old) and made our First Holy Communion until we die, it is a matter of formation for the heart according to the saint of the slums. Formation always comes down to habits. We know this because of things totally unrelated to the Holy Eucharist. For instance, we wind up taking good care of personal health because we have regular patterns of eating and sleeping, work and leisure, exercise and mental stimulation. Those who take these endeavors seriously are, on balance, more likely to live longer and enjoy more satisfying lives than those who are careless in the areas cited above.

We are the habits which form us – not just physically but spiritually. As we eat and sleep at regular intervals, as we work diligently and recreate according to a schedule, and see that we work out our bodies and challenge ourselves intellectually, we become well and stay well – barring, of course, the things over which we have no control. When we pray regularly, when we go to church regularly (for Catholics every week), when we participate conscientiously in the Church's sacramental life, we are more likely to be in love with Christ and cherish His Church.

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.



St. Margaret's Celebrates the Crowning of Mary with our First Holy Communion Children



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.**

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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.

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.



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.



NATIONAL 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



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Sunday, May 21, 2023

Consume media with care

He couldn't have foreseen the technological advances the 21st century would bring. Yet in 1967, Pope Paul VI appreciated the need for a World Communications Day. He established the Sunday before Pentecost as an annual reflection on the opportunities and challenges of presenting the gospel message to a global society. The press, movies, radio, and television all commanded great attention in his generation. The internet and cell phones exponentially increase the range today. What are we saying and absorbing through all this media? Be a discerning steward of words and images.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a (59). *"The words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them."*

Monday, May 22, 2023

Support vulnerable women

Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of abused wives because she herself was one. She endured years of verbal and physical abuse from her husband, and after he was murdered by a feuding family member, Rita became a nun. Read the U.S. Catholic Bishops' statement against domestic violence. On the USCCB website, you can also find downloadable "When I Call for Help" resource cards in English and Spanish that list signs of an abusive relationship and include the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. These are ideal for parish pamphlet racks, for placing in parish restrooms, and to raise awareness about domestic abuse. We owe it to Saint Rita to act.

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Peace I leave with you

Twenty-five years ago today, citizens on both sides of the Northern Ireland conflict agreed—by referendum—to honor the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, ending nearly 30 years of bloodshed that took the lives of more than 3,500 Catholics and Protestants. For his dogged commitment to the work of peace and reconciliation, Catholic politician John Hume was named co-recipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. Hume, who also received both the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Award—the only person ever to receive all three peace awards—said, "Bloodshed for political change prevents the only change that truly matters: in the human heart." Pray for peace today, and consider reading the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter *The Challenge of Peace*, which turned 40 this month.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *"They know that everything you gave me is from you."*

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us

Today marks the sad one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Let us pray for the 21 people who died that day, including 19 children. Let us pray for their families. Let us pray for anyone who would ever entertain

even the slightest thought of causing such devastation. Today is also the feast of Mary, Help of Christians—a good day to pray for an end to gun violence. Consider this prayer to Mary, which begins: "Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation, and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One."*

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Marching in unison

A doctor, a pope, and a mystic walked into a bar... no, actually, today's trio of saints all lived at different times but landed on the same day in the liturgical calendar. Although the number of saints far outstrips the number of days in the year, each saint is assigned a date to be honored, usually the day of their death. Many saints remain obscure, but the many books, articles, traditions, and websites devoted to saints ensures that somewhere the faithful are taking note. That's the point, to be inspired by saints to be saintly in our own lives in our own way.

MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; GREGORY VII, POPE; MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, RELIGIOUS MYSTIC

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"Father ... I made known to them your name."*

Friday, May 26, 2023

The saint with an inclusive perspective

We sometimes have a difficult time holding together opposites and contradictions. Either joy *or* sorrow, good *or* bad. But what would it be like to replace *either/or* with the humble conjunction *and*? *And* serves to connect things, to show relationship. Saint Philip Neri exemplifies someone who embraced the *and*. He was deeply committed to individual prayer devotions *and* to experiencing God at the heart of community. He encouraged people to faith and joy *and* to persevering in a struggling church. What *either/or* is becoming a *both/and* for you?

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"And when [Jesus] had said this, he said to him, 'Follow me.'"*

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Hang in there

There are times in our lives when, facing adversity, we are tempted to throw in the towel, turn back, give up. Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Rome in 596 to evangelize Anglo Saxons in England, turned back after hearing of the dangers ahead. Persuaded by Pope Gregory to persevere, Augustine completed the mission. Though progress was slow and setbacks occurred, Augustine's steadfastness paid off, and he is rightfully called the "Apostle to England." Stay the course!

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *"There are also many other things that Jesus did."*

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
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Call Jackie Mirenda ~ 732-3131 x131—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: **Quart Baggies, Hearty Soups, Laundry Detergent**

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Catholic Daughters of America ~ Line Dancing

The Catholic Daughters will be hosting a Country Line Dancing Fundraiser at The Assumption of the B.V.M Church,

Saturday June 3rd at 7 PM ~ No Experience Necessary!



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Call Jennifer at 516-909-9589—Reservations by May 20th ~ 33 Crown Acres Rd. Centereach



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. 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 support the Tomorrow's Hope Gala by purchasing a sponsorship or ticket by visiting the website at www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org. *Today's Children are Tomorrow's Hope.*



Holy Angels Summer Jam Fundraiser

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