

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.

Pentecost Sunday



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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service: Continue to ask the Holy Spirit to give you guidance in your life. Pentecost Sunday is the perfect day to ask the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to grow closer to Jesus and live a life that shows the world that you are a Christian

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.

May 20/21

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$5,294.....	138
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,944.....	46
Total Collection	\$8,238	184

Readings for Next Sunday The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading.....Ez 34:4b-6, 8-9
Second Reading.....2 Cor 13:11-13
Gospel.....Jn 3:16-18



For the week of May 28th

**Altar Bread &
Wine
in Memory of
Joseph
Riccobono**

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 1st and 3rd 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 - May 29th

Joe Zabbara

Tuesday –May 30th

All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday - May 31st

Norman Gottfried

Thursday - June 1st

Ann Preallo

Friday - June 2nd

Gloria Travis

Saturday - June 3rd

5^{pm}

Frank & Maria Lo Grande

Madeline Perrault

Sunday - June 4th

8^{am}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

10^{am}

Lena Rich

Paul Saliba

12^{pm}

Joseph Baffa

Carmella Russo

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



Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, Margaret Jung, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Terry Persina, Lauren Esposito, Sebastian Williams, Estelle Beauchamp, Alyssa Baisch, 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 & John Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, Dina Rajotte, Ethel Naso, Caroline Aubree, Valarie and Victor Aurigüe, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Gale Quinones, Logan Baar, Detweiler, Aubrey & Grayson.

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.

The Solemnity of Pentecost is celebrated today. We mark that moment in time when the Holy Spirit, in the form of tongues of fire, came to the apostles in the upper room in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit emboldened these men to preach with power the Gospel they had lived with Christ for three years of a public ministry. They went all over after Jesus' ascension to the Father's right hand in glory, and because of their missionary zeal the Faith spread and Christian communities grew and developed.

We are heirs as it were to the apostles who poured out their lives for the mission of the Church. We who have been baptized with the Spirit and confirmed in His strength witness to Christ Who is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, of all things. We witness to the Lord of history by our vocations principally, but also by engaging in apostolates in parishes, including our own right here at Saint Margaret in Selden. Join with us in the witness we give to the God Who created, redeemed and sanctifies us, and offers to us the wonderful and incomparable gift of eternal life.

Let me mention something I had in my last column. It is not new but a restoration, and that would be the Offertory Procession at weekend Masses. Starting the weekend of June 10th/11th, the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine returns to our four weekend Masses. As we did before COVID-19, parishioners will bring forward the gifts for their consecration at the altar by the priest. We ask the ushers to select church-goers before Mass begins for this liturgical act - as they did before the onset of COVID-19.

I ask you to look at the collection total from last weekend which is found in this edition of the parish bulletin. As I have said before, we are unable to meet the expenses of St. Margaret with figures this low. And as I have said repeatedly in the bulletin and in the pulpit, parishioners ought to support Saint Margaret financially **generously** and **sacrificially**. Please do so. We are stewards of time, talent and treasure. Do your best to honor all **three of the aspects of stewardship. Without the third one, treasure, we will not be able to have a place for worship, the sacraments and prayer and instruction - which are how we are Catholic and remain Catholic.**

Let me make some remarks on the **Eucharistic Revival** which I have endeavored to do, going all the way back to last year. As you know, I have been offering commentary on *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, the document of the Bishops of our nation. I will offer some remarks now on the end of that document, which quite nicely, fit in with the Solemnity of Pentecost.

The last few paragraphs of the document have the sub-title *Sent Forth*. As the apostles were sent forth and we are sent forth, there is an important link to the Holy Eucharist. In the text, we find the following: "Jesus is sent by the Father for the salvation of the world. At the very end of the celebration of the Eucharist, we who have received the Body and Blood of Christ have been incorporated more profoundly into his Mystical Body are likewise sent out to proclaim the Good News for the salvation of the world."

The Mass is ended; go in peace, we are told. "To go" is to undertake a mission. We go back to our families, our jobs, and our neighborhoods. And we go to these places renewed and refreshed because we have just shared in the most powerful event in history, the Paschal Mystery, the Lord's dying and rising. Not because it happens repetitively but because it is re-presented each time the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered. As we have been washed clean in Baptism, the Holy Eucharist revives our drooping spirits with the food of everlasting life. Our drooping spirits are due to sin. The Lord Who forgave sinners in his earthly ministry forgives us at the Holy Eucharist of our venial sins during the Penitential Rite of the Mass. We who are forgiven and nourished with the Body and Blood of Our Savior become vital witnesses to those who have need of divine mercy. Our witness is a sign that God's offer of His mercy is for *all of humanity*.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, May 29th
for Memorial Day.



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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration
and prayers.

FIRST THURSDAY
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



Baptisms

Liam Matthew Chepinksas,
Maverick Hayes Esposito,
Eliana Catherine Ross,
Gabriel Michael Santoro, Layla Marie Saporito

Heart of the Island Council Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. Prospective members call Tom Piderit at 917-365-7546. .



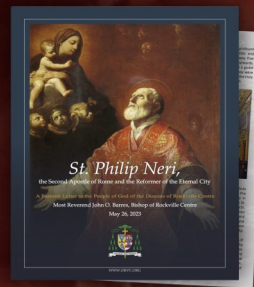
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish

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
weekend Masses.
Tickets available in the
Parish Center.

\$15.00 per person
Limited seating.



New Pastoral Letter
Bishop John O. Barres

St. Philip Neri

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July 29, 2023
St. Anthony's High School

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8th-12th grade (this school year)

Spiritual Talks
Mass
Adoration
Lunch
Sports

For more info/register:
<https://www.campquovadis.com>








St. Margaret of Scotland's 75th Anniversary

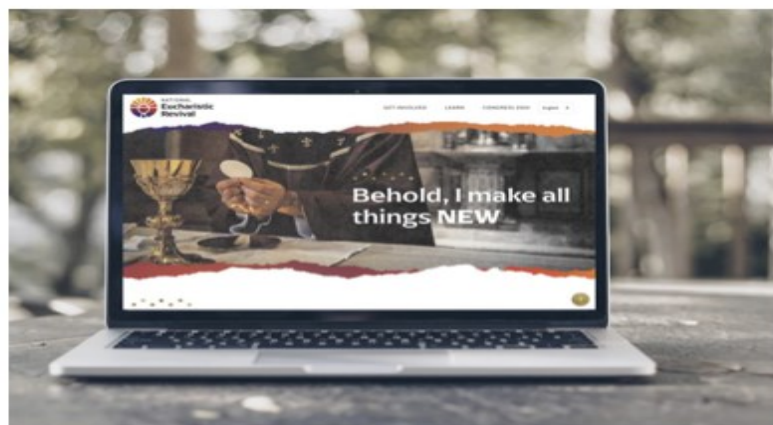
With our celebration of the parish's **75th Anniversary**, we are publishing a journal. If you have any material (e.g. newspaper articles) in your possession related to the founding of St. Margaret and you would like to loan it to the parish, please see Julie Burtoff in the parish center during regular 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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A three-year initiative to inspire and prepare the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

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Sunday, May 28, 2023**I, the Lord of wind and flame**

The Spirit of holiness enters the gathering in driving wind and burning flame. It also comes more gently, as Jesus breathes on his friends and wishes them peace. How can the Spirit be so forceful, yet soft as a breath? The same way love is impassioned in some hours, light as a caress in others. Sometimes our loving presence is required in bold, dynamic, and powerful action. At other times, presence alone is enough: a hand held or silence shared. The more fully immersed in Spirit we are, the more we'll know what to do when the time comes.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 (63). *"There came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind.... Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire."*

Monday, May 29, 2023**Waiting for your call**

"Mother of the Church" is one of Mary's many titles, first appearing in the writings of Saint Ambrose in the fourth century. But it wasn't until 1964 that the title was made official by Pope Paul VI. Pope Francis made this title a movable feast in 2018, placing it the day after Pentecost, as a reminder that Mary was with the disciples as the Holy Spirit descended. As the mother of Jesus, the head of the church, and given to humanity as a mother by Jesus at the foot of the cross, her presence at the event that is known as the "birthday" of the church affirms her role as mother to the church as a whole and to each Christian individually. You can call on Mary.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). *"Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.'"*

Tuesday, May 30, 2023**A Christian's job description**

On this day in 1937, 10 unarmed demonstrators died in the Memorial Day Massacre in Chicago as police opened fire on a parade of workers and their families. Catholic writer Dorothy Day was there. "We look upon our work, our lives, and we say, 'How do these things square with Christian teaching? Can we go on making money at the expense of our brother?'" she would later ask, echoing Catholic social teaching on the dignity of work and workers. "If we wish to follow Christ, we will be workers like Jesus, like Saint Joseph, like Saint Paul. We will think of the dignity of labor, we will respect the worker, will bear our share of responsibility toward making that new social order wherein justice dwelleth."

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (348). *"To refrain from evil pleases the LORD, and to avoid injustice is an atonement."*

Wednesday, May 31, 2023**Mary in living color**

Mary of Nazareth wears many different mantles—literally and figuratively. In images honoring Mary's Immaculate Conception, Mary wears a baby blue cape evoking calmness and purity. As Our Lady of Mercy, Mary protects the people beneath a brilliant bold red cloak. As Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Mary wears a cerulean *tilmahtli* emblazoned with gold stars, rebelling against death and oppression and promising hope and new life. Mary is all

these things: quiet and comforting, strong and protecting, rebellious and lifegiving. As we celebrate the Visitation, let us reflect on the unique ways that Mary has visited us in our own lives.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). *"Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth."*

Thursday, Jun 01, 2023**Suffer for the Kingdom**

Justin Martyr was a significant philosopher and Christian apologist who was not born Christian but experienced a conversion to Christianity. His writings are still published, and one of his better-known sayings—aimed at the Romans who persecuted and killed Christians—is, "You can kill us but you cannot harm us." The blood of many courageous martyrs has strengthened the church. Do you know anyone who has suffered in order to follow Christ? Pray for them today.

MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52 (350). *"So they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.'"*

Friday, Jun 02, 2023**Little known but never forgotten**

Not much is known about the fourth-century martyrs Marcellinus and Peter. Like other martyrs, stories about their faithfulness were remembered more so than hard data about their lives. Such stories were salve to a church suffering under an oppressive Roman empire, and martyrs often became saints by public acclaim. Though lacking the thoroughness of today's canonization process, the Early Church recognized the importance of lifting up unknown martyrs as well as well-known ones. For in them, the people could see a reflection of their own suffering and faithfulness and know that they were not forgotten by the church. What can you do to ensure that the martyrs of our own age are remembered by the church?

MEMORIAL OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26 (351). *"Yet these also were godly; their virtues have not been forgotten."*

Saturday, Jun 03, 2023**You don't need permission to act for justice**

Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in 1963 in response to a "Call for Unity" statement from white clergy of Birmingham criticizing King's nonviolent protests for civil rights, encouraging him to settle things in the courts, not take to the streets. Those in authority do not like folks who don't follow the rules they themselves have established to protect their authority. But faith-filled prophetic leaders, from biblical times down to the present, act on higher authority. The God of justice calls us to question authority.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33 (352). *"By what authority are you doing these things? Or who gave you this authority to do them?"*

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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JULY 10th – 14th

9:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration Open



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



FIRST 100 CHILDREN !

\$35 per child

Register in the Parish Center

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 ~ 7th Grade & Up
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!

Desserts, Beverages, Raffles & Door Prizes!
Tickets \$25 per person, \$12 children under 10.

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



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 ~ Questions please email: Deena74@optonline.net

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.