

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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**June 25, 2023**

## A word cloud where the words are arranged in a circular pattern. The most prominent word is "GIVING" at the top center in large red letters. Other significant words include "FAITH" in blue and black, "BLESSING" in blue, "OFFERING" in orange, and "SHARING" in grey. Smaller words like "gift", "growing", "faithful", "interiors", "share", and "surroundings" are also visible. The background is white with faint grey grid lines.

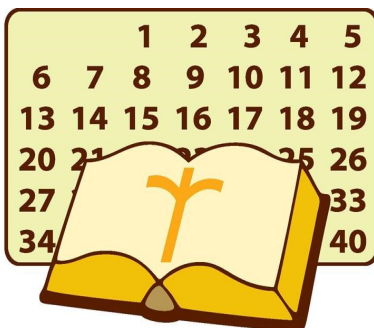
This week invite someone to come to Mass with you. It could be a friend, child, sibling or parent—just make the invite

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.

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,934.....	177
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,846.....	56
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,780</b>	<b>233</b>

## Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading.....2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16  
Second Reading.....Rom 6:3-4,8-11  
Gospel.....Mt 10:37-42



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

## Nicholas Puzio &amp; Edward Breslin

**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 Aurigue, Diana Lyons,  
 James DeVivo, Gale Quinones, Logan Baar,  
 Fred Detweiler, Babies 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.*

At the fourth Sunday in June, we are getting ready for summer vacations, barbecues in the backyard, and a break from the school schedule and routine. It's time to relax a bit and cultivate some of the other parts of a well-rounded life that we just don't have the time for while working or going to school. Perhaps it's reading or going to a baseball game or maybe even gardening – all pursuits which help us to keep sound minds and sound bodies. Give adequate time to these avocations or changes-of-pace lest your health suffer. At the same time, don't forget Mass and your parish. Make time for the Eucharistic Sacrifice here at Saint Margaret or somewhere else "on the road." And, of course, remember to support Saint Margaret financially when you cannot be present for Sunday Mass. Above all, we need always to keep our eyes focused on Christ and His Presence to us in just the way He wanted.

As you know from reading this column regularly, I have been treating the **Eucharistic Revival** since its inception last year. I will continue this practice but after taking a break for a while (July and August) while I treat other matters deserving of our attention. To date, I have sought to present here the content of the document *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. The document was drawn up by the Bishops of the United States outlining the substantive matters pertaining to faith and practice when it comes to the Holy Eucharist. I commented on many of those substantive matters and I think I have covered adequately the material at hand.

Before giving way to some other topics worthy of our attention, let me add a few notes which are related to the Eucharistic Revival. First, there is a **Eucharistic Congress for New York State** which is going to be held in October, from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is at some distance from Long Island (in the Diocese of Albany) and I am not sure at this early juncture just how many Catholics on Long Island will participate. Nevertheless, I will mention any relevant facts about the Congress so that you keep current with the initiatives undertaken to awaken faith and knowledge in the Holy Eucharist.

I will also add here at this early point that our efforts here at Saint Margaret to deepen faith in and enhance knowledge of the Holy Eucharist will include a **Day of Recollection** in November, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, to be precise. It is a Saturday and it will have a morning and afternoon component. I was able to receive a commitment from Fr. Roger Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River in Massachusetts, to lead the Day of Recollection. He is a designated preacher for the Eucharistic Revival – along with a good number of other priests too throughout the United States. At this point, all I ask is that you mark your calendar. In due course, I will reveal more of the details on the Day of Recollection.

The Day of Recollection on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> is the day before the culminating effort being made to mark the parish's **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, there will be a Mass offered at 11:00 AM in the church to close out the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parish. Following the Mass, there is a luncheon at an outside catering facility in Rocky Point. Without getting ahead of the **Anniversary Committee** and its planning, let me similarly ask, as I did above, to mark your calendar. Details will follow in the bulletin and with signs in the church.

We welcome **Karen Norris** as the successor to Julie Burtoff in the parish office. Julie began her retirement a few days ago, and Karen was trained by Julie to do the job of parish secretary. Karen previously had wide experience in the business world, and like Julie, is a parishioner of Saint Margaret. We wish Karen well. I know you will give to her your cooperation for the good order of our parish.

Enjoy the warmth of summer and its occasional cool breezes. As you do, look for opportunities to witness to your Catholic faith. The world has great need of the riches we have through Christ and His Church. The oneness, the holiness, the catholicity, and the apostolicity of Catholicism are remedies for the fractiousness and darkness of the world. May we be bearers of unity and light.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## PROCLAIM THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR PREBORN INFANTS FACE THE TRUTH PRO-LIFE EVENT

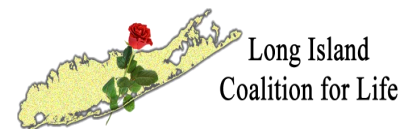
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

LAKE GROVE - Route 347 (near Smith Haven Mall)

Pro-lifers are invited to join this peaceful public outreach.

Signs available (near Staples S/C). Rain or shine.

Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).





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### Deacons -

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Dcn. Biagio Muratore

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Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422  
Jeannine Stewart, Principal



**Phone: (631) 732-3131**

## 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.

## Parish Office

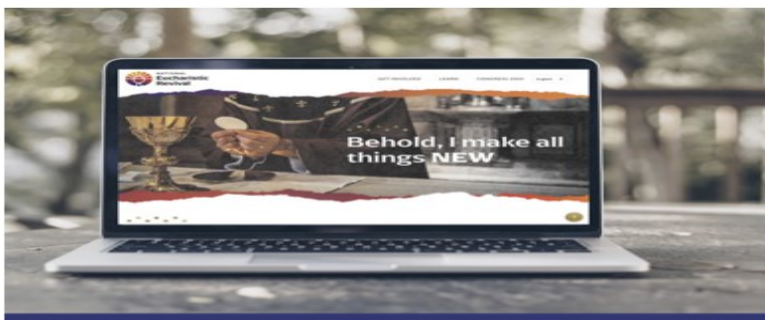
**Monday through Thursday ~ 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Friday ~ 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

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## 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's Blood Drive

**Save the Date!**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**





## 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 Karen Norris in the parish center during regular business hours.

Mark your calendar ~ 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 of Scotland.

**QUO-VADIS**

**WHERE ARE YOU GOING?**

**July 29, 2023**  
St. Anthony's High School

For Students currently enrolled in  
8th-12th grade (this school year)

**Spiritual Talks  
Mass  
Adoration  
Lunch  
Sports**

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

### Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information please visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).



### Reminder

Please drop off any donations to Parish Outreach at the Parish Center during regular business hours. We ask that you do not drop any donations outside.  
Thank you.

### New Parishioner?

#### Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_



### 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



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.



**Sunday, Jun 25, 2023****With justice for all**

Politics is noble, among the highest forms of charity, Pope Paul VI once said. Pope Francis speaks often about the intersection of politics and justice. Yet Francis points out, "Some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice.... This opinion ... expresses a crude and naive trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system." Politics is noble, but regrettably, not all politicians are. Work for justice, both in the system and on the street.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33 (94). *"Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"*

**Monday, Jun 26, 2023****The journey of faith has surprising twists**

French missionary to the United States Simon Bruté, who died on this day in 1839, lived through major upheaval. His father came from a wealthy, aristocratic family. His mother often told him, "You were born to live in opulence." But Bruté later wrote, "God ordered it otherwise." His father died deeply in debt and his affairs in disarray. His mother saved the boy from military service during France's Reign of Terror. Disguised as a baker's assistant, he brought the Eucharist to imprisoned priests. He was eventually ordained, moved to Baltimore to teach, and later became the first bishop of the Diocese of Vincennes, Indiana. Life rarely turns out the way you plan, but if you surrender to God's will for you, you might find your faith takes you on an adventure you never could have imagined.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5 (371). *"The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."*

**Tuesday, Jun 27, 2023****It takes two**

When patriarch Nestorius refused to accept Mary as *Theotokos*—Greek for "God bearer"—it was Cyril of Alexandria who took him on. Nestorius insisted that Mary, as human, could only bear another human—not God—thus disputing the Incarnation. Cyril would insist upon the "hypostatic union" of human and divine in Jesus. Or, as proclaimed by the Council of Ephesus: Jesus is always and ever "one person" with "two natures." But another type of union also stirred Cyril. Use his words as your meditation today: "As two pieces of wax fused together make one, so [the one] who receives Holy Communion is ... united with Christ."

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372). *"How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life."*

**Wednesday, Jun 28, 2023****Room for everyone at the table**

Saint Irenaeus, living a scant 100 years after Jesus, was a staunch defender of orthodoxy and church unity: "The Church, having received this preaching and this faith, although scattered throughout the whole world, yet, as if occupying but one house, carefully preserves it." Yet he also made room for those who, through no choice of their own, lived and died without having heard the Good News: "Christ came not only for those who believed from the time of

Tiberius Caesar, nor did the Father provide only for those who are now, but for absolutely all [persons] from the beginning, who, according to their ability, feared and loved God and lived justly." Focus on loving God and living justly and there will be a place for you at the heavenly feast.

MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20 (373).

*"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them."*

**Thursday, Jun 29, 2023****Let your life be transformed**

It's hard to imagine the development of the church we know today without Saints Peter and Paul. Saint Peter was among the 12 apostles, one with a starring role in the gospels. Saint Paul's spiritual encounter with Jesus transformed him into a tireless Christian evangelizer and likely author of what eventually became half of the New Testament. Peter and Paul were contemporaries who were leaders in the church and both were martyred around the year 64 as a result. Jesus utterly transformed their lives, leading them to build up the fledgling Christian church. What can you do today to help build the church?

SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591). *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."*

**Friday, Jun 30, 2023****Water the seeds that have been planted in you**

The early followers of Jesus found themselves in a strange new world. Sure, it was the same dusty streets and ebb and flow of life they always had known. Yet nothing was the same. The disciples had to navigate a world in which they found life in the risen Christ but also persecution and even death at the hands of those determined to punish and erase Christianity. Today the church remembers these protomartyrs as being "seeds of life," as early Christian author Tertullian noted. Their faith and witness continue to grow the church. What seeds of life have been sown in your faith journey?

MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4 (375). *"Walk in my presence and be blameless."*

**Saturday, Jul 01, 2023****We leave a mixed legacy**

When we think of 1776, we think of Anglo colonists up in arms along the East Coast. But on the other side of what is now the continental United States, a very different process was taking place. Spanish Franciscans led by Junípero Serra were establishing missions along what is now the California coast, then Spanish territory. While the legacy of the missions is a mixed one, and rightfully open to scrutiny, near the end of his life Serra made an arduous trip from the California coast to Mexico City and demanded legislation protecting the indigenous people and the missions from military abuse. The result was the first step toward a bill of rights for Native Americans. It might have been Saint Teresa of Ávila who said, "God writes straight with crooked lines."

MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17 (376). *"Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith."*

*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.



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**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 ~ 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: **Egg Noodles, Pork & Beans, Cereal**

***A very special THANK YOU to all!***

## Life Center of Long Island Fundraiser

On the weekend of **July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonograms, material aid, maternity housing with eligibility requirements? We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.

**(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)**

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.



*Make every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!*