



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday - (Mon through Fri) 9:00 AM

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

Confessions

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the church or by appointment

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75th Anniversary Year



*"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they may also be consecrated in truth." – John 17: 17-19*

Here we go with another round-up of issues, all of them related to Saint Margaret Parish, in the middle of the summer of 2023.

The **baby bottle campaign** which began on the first weekend of July comes to an end this weekend. We thank you for your support. Please return your baby bottle with the money you put into it. You can give your baby bottle to one of the ushers upon arriving at church or upon leaving church. The **Life Center** will arrange for the pick-up of all the bottles which are returned to St. Margaret. We will keep you apprised of how much the parishioners of St. Margaret contributed when we hear back from the **Life Center**.

The **2024 Mass Book** opens on **Monday, October 23rd at 9:00 AM**. We encourage you to reserve Mass Intentions for the next calendar year. You can do that by coming to the parish center in person starting the fourth Monday in October when the office is open for business. More will be said on this matter as we get closer to the date when we actually open the book.

Our annual **Evening of Recollection and Meeting with Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM. We begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church and conclude with Benediction at 8:00 PM. The meeting takes place in the parish center building on the lower level. All Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors are asked to attend.

Our observance of the **75th Anniversary of Saint Margaret** continues. The **second phase** is about to open up. In the second phase, we are putting together a **journal**. That journal will be published by Pilot Communications located in Massachusetts. The journal's content will be drawn partially from photography produced at our celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi back on Sunday, June 11th.

Of the photos taken last month, you will also see many of them in the bulletin over the months ahead. We have used an initial set on the front of the newly revised front page of the bulletin. We will rotate in more of the photos every couple of weeks.

In the **third phase** of our anniversary observance, there will be a Sunday Mass close to when the Church honors Saint Margaret of Scotland in the liturgical calendar. The date is **November 19th** and the time is **11:00 AM**. Following the Mass, there is a luncheon at a catering facility in Rocky Point. Please follow the bulletin for more details. Also, you will see signs in the vestibule about the **third phase**.

On the day before the close of the **75th Anniversary** (Saturday, November 18th) there is a **Day of Recollection**. The retreat day will be led by Fr. Roger Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River in Massachusetts. Again, please follow the bulletin for more details.

From time to time, we receive calls about what are called **sponsor certificate forms**. These would be papers distributed through parishes to those designated as a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation. In some cases, the Baptism or Confirmation is here at Saint Margaret; in other cases, the Baptism or Confirmation is celebrated at another Catholic parish.

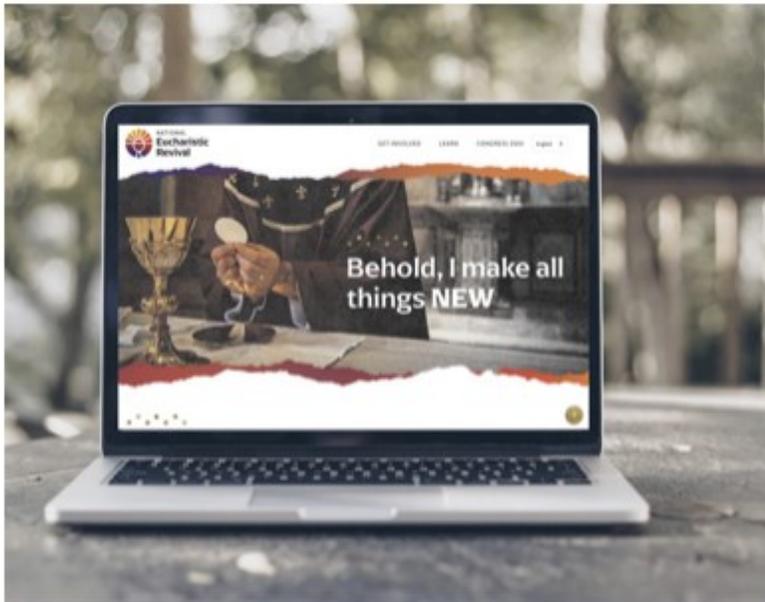
The forms **require the signature of a parish priest and the parish seal. This is for the purpose of authenticating the selection of the godparent or sponsor. Forms are not to be dropped off and picked up later. The forms are to be presented in person to the priest (not anyone else, either). It is best to get an appointment with the priest in advance. All are asked to cooperate with the procedure in place.**

As I have indicated before, we will resume the **ringing of the bells** at Masses offered at Saint Margaret **following Labor Day**. And that would apply to weekend Masses **and** daily Masses. This practice calls our attention to the Presence of the Lord whenever Mass is celebrated. As I explained already, the bells are rung three times during the Eucharistic Prayer or Canon of the Mass.

We are called to pray the Mass **reverently** each and every time. The restoration of the ringing of the bells helps us to be aware that Christ's Presence is why we go to Mass in the first place. Being conscious of that Presence is the start of how we **revere** that Presence.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



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Wedding Banns

Banns III: Christina Romano, Notra Dame Parish
&
Michael Gangitano, St.. Margaret of Scotland



Baptisms

Delaney Kay Dixon

Catholic Charities TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a "NO fee for service" program.



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.



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 Karen Norris in the parish center during regular business hours.

Mark your calendar ~ 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 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>

"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, June 24, 2022



Rosary for Life

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom
Click here for link
Meeting ID: 811 9648 1100
Passcode: 20EWp7
Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

Email Ihonkanen@drvc.org
if you would like the link sent to you each month.



www.drvc.life.org



Sunday, Jul 23, 2023**God's kind of justice**

Our exercise of justice can be remarkably heartless. Too often we confuse justice with judgment, imagining justice is only served by lowering the boom on the offending party. The writer of the book of Wisdom describes God's justice as both mighty and clement: that is, powerful and merciful at the same time. Among the loveliest recommendations in the Old Testament is this: "Those who are just must be kind." Written 50 years before the time of Jesus, Wisdom demonstrates why Jesus came to heal, forgive, and rescue—not destroy, condemn, and disown. Make kindness your partner in justice.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43 (106). *"And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind."*

Monday, Jul 24, 2023**Unburden yourself**

With so many things to do, places to go, and people to see, how could the average busy person these days possibly relate to contemplative hermits? Maybe the holy example of hermits, like Sharbel Makhlūf, is exactly what our hectic times need to help us detach from all that consumes us. This 19th-century Lebanese saint was a shepherd-turned-priest who later became a monk and then a hermit. After his death, miracles were attributed to his intercession. At his beatification in 1965, Pope Paul VI said: "May he make us understand, in a world largely fascinated by wealth and comfort, the paramount value of poverty, penance and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God."

MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLŪF, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). *"She came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon."*

Tuesday, Jul 25, 2023**Walk this way**

Annually an estimated 350,000 pilgrims walk the Camino de Santiago—the Way of Saint James. The Camino has a series of medieval routes, but the French Way is most popular. On foot it takes 30 days, crossing foothills of the Pyrenees and many fields, towns, and villages before traversing Galicia. Each route leads to the city of Santiago de Compostela with its magnificent cathedral, believed to be the final resting place of Saint James the Greater, who brought Christianity to Spain. Pope Callixtus II declared in 1122: "The city of Compostela, through the support of Blessed James, has been made sacred for the faithful and a help for those coming to it." Visit the American Pilgrims website to be inspired.

FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605). *"The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."*

Wednesday, Jul 26, 2023**Honor your ancestors**

Though we only know of Joachim and Anne from early Christian writings, not biblical texts, it is logical to give a place of prominence to those who, after all, were Jesus' grandparents. It is said they struggled greatly to give birth until God, seeing their holiness, granted them the supreme privilege of parenting Mary, the mother

of God. In the Orthodox Church of America, they carry a title of great respect: Holy Ancestors of God. Think of the sacrifices your own grandparents likely made in raising your parents. Let your life honor them.

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9 (397). *"And he spoke to them at length in parables."*

Thursday, Jul 27, 2023**Help build a church with a conscience**

Many Catholics take for granted the existence of a robust Catholic social service network. But back in the early 20th century, that was not the case. Poverty was common and social work was emerging as a profession. The social-concerns encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (1891) and Father William J. Kerby, co-founder of what became Catholic Charities USA, were two important influences that helped develop social consciousness among U.S. Catholics. Thanks to Kerby, who died on this date in 1936, and other activists and thinkers, the American church now includes many anti-poverty efforts. What can you do to further this critical social legacy?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17 (398). *"Prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it."*

Friday, Jul 28, 2023**Blessed are those who hear the word**

Blessed Charlie Stanley Rother is on the path to sainthood, a surprise for many who knew him as a rather shy and grumpy lad. Stanley grew up in Oklahoma. He was skilled at farming and could fix practically anything. He also felt called to the priesthood. After ordination, another calling came, this time, to go to Guatemala. There, Stanley used his gifts as he lived and worked among the people. With them, he too faced the terror of the raging Guatemalan civil war. He was martyred on July 28, 1981. Befriend Blessed Stanley and ask him to accompany you as you listen for God's calling.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399). *"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."*

Saturday, Jul 29, 2023**Even the savior of the world needs friends**

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus held a privileged place in Jesus' heart. As a wandering preacher who had "no place to lay his head," Jesus knew he always had a place to call home in visiting his three dear friends. Each gifted him in a special way, as the 2021 decree combining their veneration from the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacraments points out: "Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words, and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death." Cherish and nurture your dearest friendships; they are a treasure through thick and thin.

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS, FRIENDS OF JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8 (400); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). *"Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died]."*

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



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Faith Formation

Registration ~ September 2023

Letters have been mailed for your child's Faith Formation Registration.

Please mail or drop off at the Parish Center by **August 21st**..
We will be available for registration and questions.

You may email Jackie at jmirenda@saintmargaret.com or x131.



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: *Instant Potatoes, Canned Stews, Shelf Stable Milk, Crackers, Cookies*

A very special THANK YOU to all!



Back to School

Supplies that are needed:

Store Gift Cards, backpacks, binders, marble notebooks, loose leaf paper, crayons, folders, index cards, washable colored markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers, rulers, tissue boxes, pens, baby wipes.

Please drop off by August 17th to Parish Center.
Thank you for all you do!



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

St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Thank you so much to all who donated at our blood drive. We were able to collect 40 pints of blood which will save 120 people's lives at a very challenging time. **Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and all volunteers..**



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