



# 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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### **Holy Angels Regional Catholic School**

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Jeannine Stewart, Principal

## **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*



## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The annual evening of recollection for the lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion is Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in the church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of the Holy Hour and Benediction at the close of the Holy Hour (8:00PM) A meeting immediately follows the Holy Hour on the lower level of the parish center. We will finish up by 9:00PM.

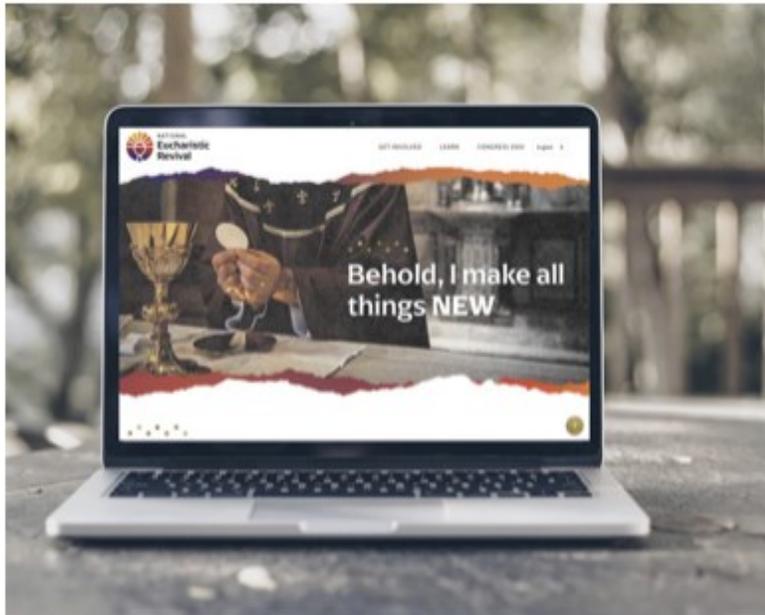
A day of recollection for all parishioners is being offered on Saturday, November 18th in the church. It will begin in the morning and conclude before confessions in the church at 4:00PM that day. Kindly reserve the date and don't miss an opportunity to participate in the Eucharistic revival which has been underway in our country since last year. Fr. Roger Landry is leading the retreat day for us.

The **2024 Mass Book** opens on Monday, October 23rd at 9:00AM in the parish center. Parishioners looking to reserve Mass Intentions for family members and friends may do so at this time. All daily Masses in our schedule and three of the four weekend Masses are open for you to remember living or deceased relatives and friends.



### St. Margaret's Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study will resume on Wednesday September 13 from 10:00AM – 11:00AM and will be held each Wednesday in the Parish Center.



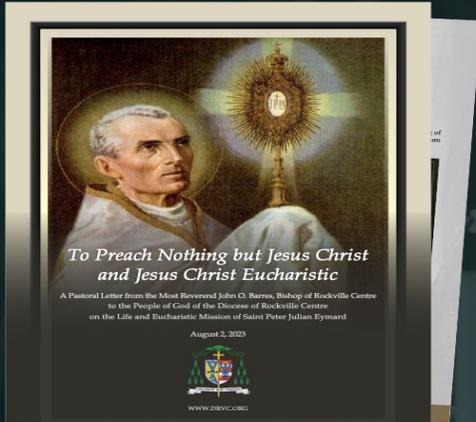
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A three-year initiative to inspire and prepare the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

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**[www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)**





## New Pastoral Letter

Bishop John O. Barres

# To Preach Nothing but Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ Eucharistic

on the Life and Eucharistic Mission of Saint Peter Julian Eymard

# Available online beginning July 31, 2023 at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org)



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*St. Margaret of Scotland Church*  
81 College Rd.  
Selden, NY 11771

**FILIPINO MASS**

*Sunday, August 13th*

Rosary at 02:00 PM  
Mass at 02:30 PM

*"Making Disciples Through Prayer, Faith Formation & Service"*

### 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.

**Catholic Gifts** ~Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine , 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. They carry a large variety of religious articles. [OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG](http://OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG)

**Pray for the Homebound**



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 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.



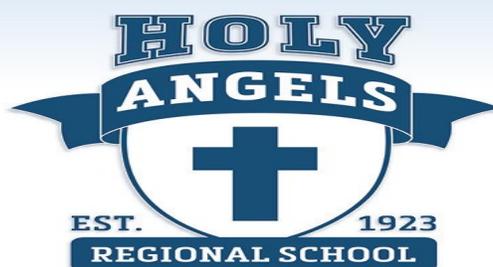
## Alter Server Training

Alter server training will take place in the church on the following Tuesdays at 5:30PM: 9/12/23, 9/19/23, 9/26/23, 10/3/23. and 10/10/23.

**All Alter servers, please plan to attend.**



### A CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY IN PATCHOGUE



Holy Angels is a child-centered, family-sensitive Catholic School. We are dedicated to the development of the whole child: intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, physically, and socially. Our students are challenged to learn, lead, and serve as Jesus taught.



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- ☎ (631) 475 - 0422
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[TomorrowsHopeFoundation.org](http://TomorrowsHopeFoundation.org)



**Sunday, Aug 06, 2023****Improve your vision**

Much of the time, we keep our heads down. We focus on the day ahead or the task at hand. We worry about personal relationships gone awry or the pricey cost of living. Transfigured seeing invites us to lift our gaze higher or to grasp truths under the surface of things. The broader, deeper vision reveals to us how to respond effectively to what we see. Saints in every generation have exercised this prophetic vision, recognizing a social problem and then creatively proposing a response. Pray the daily news—and ask for the guidance of a clarifying vision.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614). *"As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."*

**Monday, Aug 07, 2023****May your faith ripen sweetly**

It's about this time of year that grapes in many parts of the world begin a crucial transformation process the French have named *veraison*. It's when grapes start to ripen and change from green to purple—not always at the same time in the same cluster, making for some beautiful color combinations. Mostly likely because of the timing of his feast day, Pope Sixtus II is the patron saint of grape prosperity. Where are you in the midst of your own *veraison* as a Christian? Pray for cause to celebrate your faith bearing ripe fruit.

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"They all ate and were satisfied."*

**Tuesday, Aug 08, 2023****For want of a better word**

When Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216, he'd been appalled by the rise of the Albigensian heresy, denying the goodness of God's creation. Even more appalling was the lack of informed preaching to inoculate the congregation against it. Dominic threw himself into the kind of witness modeled by the Acts of the Apostles, his new religious community adopting the motto "to praise, to bless, to preach." Not surprisingly, the Dominicans have given us eloquent saints, including Catherine of Siena and Thomas Aquinas—even captivating the world in 1963 with a chart-topping pop song, "Dominique." To quote another Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres: "Everything, even sweeping ... could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). *"Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him; plainly and not in riddles."*

**Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023****The awful truth**

The bombing of Nagasaki, which occurred on this day in 1945, was truly awful in all senses of the word. Splitting the atom to unleash its enormous power put the genius and depravity of humanity on full, awe-inspiring display. Though we have many positive uses for atomic energy, its initial use to increase our

capacity to kill on a massive scale is a moral failure that we have yet to overcome. The war machine rages on. What role will you play in helping humanity move toward the good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). *"We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong."*

**Thursday, Aug 10, 2023****Where's your treasure?**

During the persecution of the Early Church, Saint Lawrence was under a death threat from Emperor Valerian. But his persecutor offered a deal. Lawrence could live if he turned over the treasures of the church. In one of history's most audacious rebukes, Lawrence is said to have gathered the poor and sick and told Valerian: Here is our treasure. For his act of resistance and faith, Lawrence was burned to death. How do you resist injustice? Saint Lawrence, give us courage.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618).

*"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."*

**Friday, Aug 11, 2023****Love takes its toll**

Inspired by her mentor Saint Francis, Saint Clare and the women who eventually joined her to form the Poor Clares had a "radical commitment to corporate poverty." The women lived simply and spent most of their day in prayer and chores. It was a hard life, but one filled with joy for those who chose it—and continue to choose it. Spend time today pondering this pearl of wisdom from Clare: "Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name."

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411).

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

**Saturday, Aug 12, 2023****Youthful endeavors**

According to the United Nations website, half the people on Planet Earth are under 30 years of age. Yet only 2.6 percent of government lawmakers worldwide are under 30. International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12, is designated by the United Nations to draw attention to cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato Si'*, "What kind of world do we want to leave ... to children who are now growing up?" (#160). International Youth Day recognizes everyone's responsibility to hand on a sustainable, free, and secure Earth to the next generation. What's going on in your community to accomplish this goal?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."*

*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 21<sup>st</sup>**..  
We will be available for registration and questions.

You may email Jackie at [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto: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: **Saltines, GrapeJelly, Coffee, Pasta, Shelf Stable Milk , and Bar Soap.**

*A very special THANK YOU to all!*



## Back to School

### Supplies that are needed:

*Store Gift Cards, 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. The most needed item is backpacks.*

**Please drop off by August 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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