



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*

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.

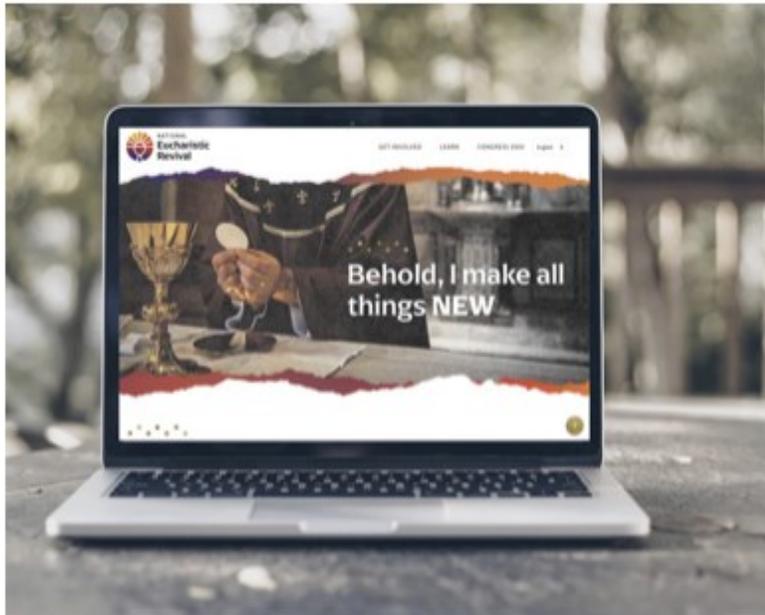
A day of recollection for all parishioners is being offered on Saturday, November 18th in the church. It will begin in the morning and conclude before confessions in the church at 4:00PM that day. Kindly reserve the date and don't miss an opportunity to participate in the Eucharistic revival which has 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.



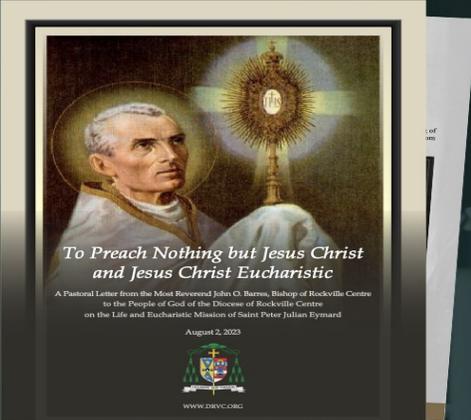
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St. Margaret of Scotland's 75th Anniversary

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

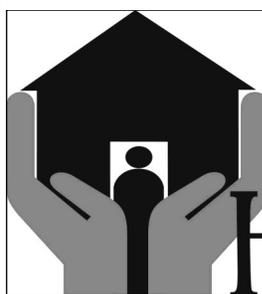
for the principal celebration of the parish's **75th Anniversary**. In the meantime, please continue to follow the bulletin on all things related to the anniversary of Saint Margaret of Scotland.



Altar Server Training

Altar 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 Altar servers, please plan to attend.



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Sunday, Aug 20, 2023

That all may be one

The spirit of division is about being right. The spirit of unity is about embracing Christ. In which direction are we heading? Ecumenism seems an almost quaint idea in the 21st-century church. Other issues seem to have become more critical for many than getting Christians on the same page. Yet a divided church is a scandal to a world that questions our sincerity if we can't even agree on Jesus. Dialogue with others without the need to criticize beliefs or change minds. Create opportunities to pray, study, work, and mission together with local Christians. They will know we are Christians by our love.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28 (118). *"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."*

Monday, Aug 21, 2023

Look beyond the wardrobe

The saying "Clothes make the man" was certainly not true for Pope Pius X. He was born poor, teased at school for his tattered clothes, and sometimes carried his shoes to make them last longer. When he became pope in 1903, remaining as humble as his origins, he said the only thing that had changed about him was the color of his cassock from black to white—a fact he sometimes forgot since he had to be reminded not to wipe his pen on his clothes anymore. Let Pius X remind you to stay true to your authentic self by keeping your life simple.

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 (419). *"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."*

Tuesday, Aug 22, 2023

Eight days a week

The Queenship of Mary doubles as a liturgical bookend, concluding eight full days since celebrating her Assumption. In liturgical language, these eight days form an octave. Most simply, an octave extends the celebration of a church feast from a single day into eight. Historically, Christianity inherited the practice from Judaism, which, for instance, celebrates eight days of Hanukkah and circumcision eight days after a boy's birth—the latter being why many baptismal fonts are octagonal. If a week is seven days, then the eighth day begins a new week—the eighth day signaling the start of something new or renewal, just as Baptism makes a person new or "born again." Honor Mary anew by praying the Salve Regina today.

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). *"For men this is impossible, but for God all things are possible."*

Wednesday, Aug 23, 2023

Go deep

Today is the feast of Rose of Lima, patron of Latin America. You can visit her tomb in the historic center of Lima, Peru, a place teeming with activity. Enter the Dominican monastery where she is buried and leave behind the noise and heat of the street. Descend

a narrow passage; bow your head to clear the low ceiling. You'll emerge into a cool, hushed room with her tomb at the far end. It is a holy place—a place you'd never know if you didn't go deep. How do you get to the deep sacred space within your daily life?

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, TERTIARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). *"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

Thursday, Aug 24, 2023

Pure faith

Tradition has it that Bartholomew was tortured to death for the faith. Scholars believe that he is mentioned in scripture by both his name and by the name Nathaniel. Nathaniel was famously complimented by Jesus for being a true Israelite, with no duplicity. Purity of heart, in fact, is how most holy disciples attain holiness. Through profound connection to God, they avoid guile, duplicity, and other sins that are so easy to fall into when God slides into the background. Saint Bartholomew, help us maintain a clean heart.

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). *"Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, 'Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him.' "*

Friday, Aug 25, 2023

Women will not remain silent!

Do you know all 333 women of the Bible? There are at least that many, writes Catholic commentator Alice Camille, and each is worth getting to know. Visible presence of women in leadership roles has long suffered from hierarchical structures rooted in patriarchal values. The establishment of the biblical canon reflects this as well with women's voices and stories rarely included except in support roles. Stories such as that of Ruth and Naomi that survived the canonical cutting-room floor are a beacon of light and remind us that despite overwhelming suppression of women's voices, they could not be silenced. How are you called to give voice or to amplify suppressed voices today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). *"Ruth said, 'Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you!'"*

Saturday, Aug 26, 2023

A ruling from the bench

Jesus speaks of the scribes and Pharisees sitting on the "chair of Moses." Archeologists have uncovered stone chairs in prominent places in ancient synagogues where such leaders presumably sat as they pronounced on all things related to Jewish Law and Tradition. When it came to fulfilling the spirit of the Law rather than just the letter, Jesus called out the hypocrisy of those who did not practice what they preach. In any field—politics, business, religion—leaders need to be judged not by the eloquence of their words but by the integrity of their actions. That goes for all of us, wherever we take our seat!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). *"The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.... but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice."*

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: **Saltines, GrapeJelly, Coffee, Pasta, Shelf Stable Milk , and Bar Soap, Hearty Soups.**

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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 _____

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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