



# 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*



On Monday, we mark the civil holiday of **Labor Day**. For most American workers, Labor Day is a day off from work. That's one way to honor workers – give them a day off. The other way to honor workers is to let them work. Let us see what work does for us. It not only puts money in our wallets and pocketbooks, it gives us dignity. By working, we have an opportunity to exercise ourselves – physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Yes, I said spiritually. We actually have a spirituality of work. Where do we find this spirituality of work? In something called *Laborem Exercens* (1981). That is the name of an encyclical written by Pope Saint John Paul II. It's available online. And you just might be moved to look at the text there and read a portion of it. So, there you have it - something to do on the civil holiday. Read a portion of *Laborem Exercens*.

As our bulletin has indicated before on other occasions, we are bringing back the **ringing of the bells** during the celebration of Mass. The bells are rung during the Eucharistic Prayer or Canon. They are ring three times. The first is at the invocation of the Holy Spirit (the priest placing his hands over the host and chalice), the second is at the words of institution spoken by the priest over the host, and the third is at the words of institution spoken by the priest over the chalice. The bells are rung lightly and not incessantly. The one to ring the bells for us is the lector at each Mass. Again, the one to ring the bells is the lector at each Mass.

We resume this practice the day after Labor Day – that is, on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. This resumed practice will continue henceforth. And again, why are we doing this? We are in the midst of the **Eucharistic Revival** and we trying as best we can to re-capture the mystery and awe of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist.

Since I last wrote about the **Eucharistic Revival** in this column, I want to mention a second Eucharistic Congress. The first you may recall is the one right here in New York State. It is being held on October 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The site of the Eucharistic Congress is Auriesville, New York, a site made holy by the martyrdom of Jesuit missionaries. The second is the national Eucharistic Congress which is being held next year (2024) in the month of July. The site is Indianapolis, Indiana.

As I mentioned in 2022 from the pulpit, I intend to go to the national Eucharistic Congress. I will keep you aware through this bulletin column of what I find there when I go. Stay tuned, of course. But as I indicated above, the national Eucharistic Congress isn't until next year.

To share in the **Eucharistic Revival** as best we can, I arranged for a priest to come here to Saint Margaret for a Day of Recollection. The priest leading the Day of Recollection is Fr. Roger Landry, who is incardinated in the Diocese of Fall River in Massachusetts. The Day of Recollection is Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. As always, please continue to follow the bulletin for additional details on the Day of Recollection.

We are in Phase II of our observance of the parish's **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. In the second phase, we are putting our journal together. The company producing our journal is Pilot Communications in Massachusetts. We are working with Mr. Michael Strong there. He has a great record of turning out high-quality products for parishes marking anniversaries. And, thus, we look forward to having a classy and impressive record of our life together at St. Margaret.

We ask you to consider taking an ad in our journal. Please follow the bulletin for supporting our parish through the publication of this journal. Join us in holding dear the memories of growing up and becoming holy in the Catholic community we have right here in Selden.

The third phase of our observance is the Mass and luncheon scheduled for Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Mass is at 11:00 AM. The luncheon begins at 1:00 PM. The site of the luncheon in Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point. We ask you to join with us as we close out the 75th anniversary of Saint Margaret of Scotland by attending both the Mass and the luncheon.

Tickets go on sale for the luncheon after the Columbus Day holiday next month. Members of the 75th Anniversary Committee will be in the vestibule of the church **before** and **after** all weekend Masses for three consecutive weekends beginning Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

## 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.

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.

### The Catholic University of America Collection

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Support the collection at: [futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholicstogether.org](http://futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholicstogether.org).

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

**FIRST THURSDAY  
THURSDAY SEPT. 7TH**

*Adoration is the highest act of worship. By sitting quietly before His presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we offer to God what is most personal and pleasing – our time and our hearts. This allows our gracious God to draw us lovingly to Himself. By joining our adoration to prayer and praise, we celebrate that we are the Body of Christ. Come experience the beauty of this holy exchange heart to heart.*

**PM in the Church**



**3:00 - 6:00**



*St. Teresa of Calcutta*  
Feast Day, September 5th

*"We must remember that life begins at home and we must also remember that the future of humanity passes through the family."*

- St. Teresa of Calcutta



## 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.



Please join the St. Margaret family and place an ad in our journal. See the insert for more information. Please call Karen Norris in the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 Ext. 118 if you have any additional questions.



## 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.**

The parish center will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9am.

### 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.

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



### 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 631-672-8711.

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## FILIPINO MASS

Sunday, September 10th

ROSARY AT 2:00 PM

MASS AT 2:30 PM

*"The Filipino Catholic Community in our ministry  
to strengthen our Catholic Faith  
and keep our Culture and Tradition alive."*

## Sunday, Sep 03, 2023

### It's a wonderful life

Our days are engulfed in chaos, conflict, and dispiriting news. Then along comes a director like Frank Capra (1897-1991), churning out what have been called "fantasies of good will," imposing order with his ragged little messiahs who take meaningful stands against king-sized injustices. A self-described "Christmas Catholic," Capra fought his moral battles on the silver screen. He believed each person is "essentially good, a living atom of divinity.... Films must be made to say these things, to counteract the violence and the meanness, to buy time to demobilize the hatreds." Take your stand. Tell a story of hope.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27 (124). *"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."*

## Monday, Sep 04, 2023

### Come aside and rest awhile

In a Prayer for Labor Day, the U.S. bishops invite us to ask God: "Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities." Labor has always held a place of dignity within our faith. Scripture tells us that the laborer is worthy of his hire (1 Tim. 5:18), and many a church document, including *Rerum Novarum*, outline the value of workers and their work: "Justice, therefore, demands that the interests of the working classes should be carefully watched over, so that they who contribute so largely to the advantage of the community may themselves share in the benefits which they create." And, today, in honor of our labor, it's time to take a break.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"Is this not the son of Joseph?"*

## Tuesday, Sep 05, 2023

### The first daughter of charity

It's not every day that a Catholic saint is honored with a United Nations resolution. But then, Mother Teresa is hardly an everyday saint. The U.N. honored the famous nun from Kolkata, known the world over for her hands-on care of the poor, with a resolution in 2013. It declared that on the September 5th anniversary of Mother Teresa's death each year, the world would now observe an International Day of Charity. Let's take her at her word: "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same—with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"All of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness."*

## Wednesday, Sep 06, 2023

### Pray for the persecuted and forgotten

On this day, many Christians of the Eastern tradition celebrate the feast of Saint Donatian and his companions, a group of lesser-known fifth-century martyrs driven out of North Africa by the Arian King Huneric, who persecuted a great many Trinitarians for their faith. Though we may not today face death for our confession, many of our brothers and sisters around the world do, and it is for them that we must pray with the help of Donatian and all who died

for the name of Christ. Even more, we are tasked to help them materially if we can, since—as the Lord says—whatsoever we do for the least of his siblings, we do for him.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the holy ones because of the hope reserved for you in heaven."*

## Thursday, Sep 07, 2023

### School days, Golden Rule days

It's back-to-school season. Learning is foundational to our democracy and also to informed faith. In 2,000 years' time, Christianity has overcome countless heresies (a type of twisting of the belief) and accumulated many saints, martyrs, stories, and traditions. With school back in session, consider sending yourself to "school" to learn more about your own religion. Check out study materials from the U.S. Catholic bishops and [formed.org](http://formed.org), a program both individuals and parishes can use for faith formation. Make a choice to grow in wisdom and understanding.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."*

## Friday, Sep 08, 2023

### A nativity set for the ages

The church officially celebrates three Nativities: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). These events tell us everything we need to know about God, faith, and the path to salvation. Through Jesus' Incarnation, we learn that God is with us—always and everywhere. Through John's witness we come to understand that we are not God—not even close—and we must prepare ourselves to welcome God's great goodness into our lives. And through Mary, we are shown the meaning of true discipleship—how to answer God's call and follow Christ through the joyful, sorrowful, and luminous mysteries of our lives in faith. Celebrate this dynamic trio by living in their light.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). *"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

## Saturday, Sep 09, 2023

### Give us this day some peace

"Racism has been part of the social fabric of America since its European colonization. Whether it be the tragic past of Native Americans, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, or Blacks, the story is one of slavery, peonage, economic exploitation, brutal repression, and cultural neglect." This observation from the 1979 bishops' pastoral *Brothers and Sisters to Us* is why the church in the United States has established today as a "Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities" to promote healing of the racial divides of our nation. Make an honest examination of conscience regarding your thoughts, words, and deeds toward people of other ethnic and racial backgrounds.

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"You once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds."*

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



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# Faith Formation

## 2023/2024 All Level Parent Child Orientation Meetings

- Level 1—September 11th at 6pm
- Level 2 September 18th at 6pm
- Level 3—September 12th at 6pm
- Level 4—September 19th at 6pm
- Level 5 September 19th at 6pm
- Level 6 September 13th at 6:30pm
- Level 7—September 14th at 6:30pm
- Level 8—September 7th at 6:30pm



Workbooks, schedules, and folders will be given to all registered children upon  
Check-in.

Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting for check in and attendance.

## 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, Coffee, Shelf Stable Milk and, Hearty Soups.*

*A very special THANK YOU to all!*



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



### Baptisms

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