

Time, Talent & Treasure

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Sacrificial Giving

September 23/24

Readings for Next Sunday

A 10x10 grid of numbers from 1 to 40, arranged in rows of 10. The numbers are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19; 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26; 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33; 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40. In the foreground, there is a stylized illustration of an open book with a yellow cover and a yellow cross on its pages.

Parish Office

(631)732-3131

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.

Today is Respect Life Sunday in Respect Life month. I invite all of our parishioners to pray for a greater respect for human life from conception until natural death. The violent act which takes more lives than any other in our country is abortion. Join the pro-life movement on Long Island and give witness to the beauty and dignity of every life – no matter how small, no matter how inarticulate. Join the chorus of voices being raised to defend the unborn today.

We are several weeks away from a **Day of Recollection** which has been planned for Saturday, November 18th here at Saint Margaret. The Day is being held in conjunction with our observance of the **Eucharistic Revival**. Our preacher for the Day is Fr. Roger Landry, a designated preacher for the Eucharistic Revival. He is currently the Chaplain at Columbia University.

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I ask you to please let me know if you will attend. I need to know now. And the reason for this is easy. I do not want to bring a priest here for a small group of five or ten people. I need at least **50 people** to commit to a couple of hours on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. If I do not get 50 people who intend to participate, I will cancel the event. You need to let me know now. Thus far, a few parishioners have notified me and said they will be there. But we need many more people to commit and quickly too.

Soon, we will have members of our **75th Anniversary Committee** in the vestibule to accept reservations for our closing event of our parish anniversary on Sunday, November 19th. The closing event starts with a Mass at 11:00 AM (note the different time) and finishes with a luncheon at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point. Signs are already up in the church, the pastoral center and the auditorium.

We are currently putting our journal together to mark our anniversary. If you have not already contributed in the form of a journal ad or remembrance of one kind or another, there is precious little time to do so now. For weeks we have had the journal ad as an insert in our weekly bulletin. Please get your request in now just under the wire.

We had our **Evening of Recollection for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** on September 13th. There were **11 lectors** and **22 extraordinary ministers** who attended. Thank you for coming and praying with us before the Blessed Sacrament.

I ask all of our parishioners to use the scheduled **Holy Hours** in our parish church as a means of deepening union with Christ. Please continue to watch the bulletin for the next time we gather around the Body of Christ so that we can grow in stature and become the Mystical Body of Christ to which we already belong by virtue of our Baptism.

Continuing our adherence to the **Eucharistic Revival** and our mission to form young Catholics in the Catholic faith, we are emphasizing our respect for the Real Presence of Our Lord by **genuflecting** to the tabernacle. I request that our parents who attend **Twenty Minutes** to see that their children are genuflecting in church. I ask that all adults who are physically able to make genuflections too.

We continue to **ring the bells** during the Eucharistic Prayer or Canon of the Mass. We resumed this practice right after Labor Day as, again, another way to call attention to Christ Who is always with us when we pray. Let us all be alert to delight in the Lord's Presence in and through the Mass. Thank you to our lectors for helping us to be attentive to the Lord's nearness to us in the blessedness of the Holy Eucharist.

The **Mass Book for 2024** which contains the announced Mass intentions for the year opens on Monday, October 23rd at 9:00 AM in the pastoral center. I encourage all parishioners to remember deceased relatives and friends and share in the fruits of the Eucharistic Sacrifice in every Catholic church. Dates typical for these remembrances are birthdays and dates of death. There isn't a better way to assist those whom we loved on earth to see them again in the heavenly kingdom by the gift of divine mercy.

Monday, October 9th is a holiday – **Columbus Day**. The pastoral center is closed on that day. It reopens on Tuesday the 10th at 9:00 AM.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

Join 10,000 Catholics to worship at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Mass with New York Bishops
- Confessions
- Great Speakers!
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.

"I cannot stay silent over 30 to 40 million unborn lives cast aside every year through abortion....Abortion is a grave injustice. It can never be a legitimate expression of autonomy and power."

- Pope Francis



Diocese of Rockville Centre
Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics



Respect Life Sunday

Sunday October 1st is Respect Life Sunday. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

"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 lhonkanen@drvclife.org
if you would like the link sent
to you each month.



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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.

If you have not yet submitted a booster form for the 75th Anniversary Journal there is very little time left.. Please come into the parish center or email it to knorris@saintmargaret.com For questions please call the parish center at (631)732-3131.



St. Margaret's Bible Study

Bible Study every Wednesday from 10am to 11am in the parish center. Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator. Please bring your Bible.



Wedding Banns

Banns I: Alexa Grace DeMaria, St. Margaret of Scotland

&

Vito Anthony Demola II, Good Shepherd

St. Margaret of
Scotland Church

81 College Rd.
Selden, NY 11784



"Making Disciples Through Prayer,
Faith Formation & Service"

FILIPINO MASS

Sunday, October 8th

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."*



Altar Server Training

Altar server training will take place in the church on the following Tuesdays at 5:30PM:

10/3/23. and 10/10/23.

All Altar servers, please plan to attend.



Blessing of the Animals

October 4th at 5PM

(animals must be leashed or in carrier)

Meet by the Mary Shrine

Sunday, Oct 01, 2023

Seamless unity

We work best when we work together. A society pulling in opposite directions tears itself apart. The final prayer Jesus offers at the Last Supper is for unity among his friends. Saint Paul likewise implores his communities to be of one heart. Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we soberly confess that we can't both honor the sacred gift of life and allow poverty, injustice, exclusion, and indifference to remain unchallenged. Coincidentally, it's the International Day of Older Persons, in a world where people over 60 outnumber children under 5. Make this world a welcome place for everyone.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136). *"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."*

Monday, Oct 02, 2023

Watching over us

What exactly does the church teach about angels? "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The church venerates angels as servants and messengers of God. And one is particularly looking out for you. But, as Pope Francis says, not just to protect but to prod: "The angels help us; they push us to continue on the journey [of life]." These pure spirits who are in communication with God encourage us to "be not afraid" and take risks. Join the church in welcoming these—and your—special guardians.

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8 (455); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). *"I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

Tuesday, Oct 03, 2023

The Lord loves justice

Mother Theodore Guerin, whose feast is today, was a missionary to the United States who established schools, a pharmacy, and orphanages. But her love of Christ made her denounce injustices, too. She described a slave auction: "These Americans, so proud of their liberty, thus make game of the liberty of others. Poor negroes! I would have wished to buy them all that I might say to them, 'Go! Bless Providence. You are free!'" Her mission continues today with her Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who strive for peace and justice, particularly in the area of racial equality and equity, criminal justice reform, human trafficking, and immigration. Take to heart Mother Guerin's words as you work to transform the world: "Above all things; justice, justice. If any preference may be shown let it be to the poorest or most abandoned."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"Every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall . . . say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"*

Wednesday, Oct 04, 2023

Make mercy your song to all creation

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our

message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."*

Thursday, Oct 05, 2023

Mercy prevails

Saint Faustina Kowalska is one of a long list of saints who held low status but whose intense relationship with God fueled a power that gained attention. A peasant who became a nun assigned low-level jobs, Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus—at first doubted by church authorities—eventually were embraced widely. They are the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday, characterized by an image of Jesus with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. Faustina's focus on God's mercy is a message that helped her native Poland through harrowing years of war and repressive government, and it continues to inspire. Commit yourself to an act of mercy today.

MEMORIAL OF FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). *"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"*

Friday, Oct 06, 2023

Leading indicators

The stories of the founders of religious institutes most often begin with reluctant souls who feel unworthy to accept such an important task. But, luckily for the church and all blessed by their service and legacy, they eventually take up the mantle of leadership. The decision is not without its benefits, according to Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusians: "God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." And, for Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, prayer is key to finding the answers you seek when unsure of next steps: "I suggest that you pray to Our Lord that He assist you and give you the direction you need." Gain strength from the witness of these two great leaders.

MEMORIALS OF BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."*

Saturday, Oct 07, 2023

By any name

Today's celebration has seen a lot of changes over the centuries. It started out as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the Christian defeat of the Turkish army on this date in 1571. A few years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Pope Clement XI in 1716 changed the date to August 5. Pius X changed it back to October 7. John XXIII changed the name to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Then Paul VI changed the name to Our Lady of the Rosary. However you name it, today's Joyful Mysteries invite you to celebrate Christ in your life.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you."*

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 Schedule

20 Minutes with the Pastor/Director

October 1st – Levels 1 & 2
 October 8th – Level 8
 October 15th – Levels 6 & 7
 October 22nd – Levels 3, 4, & 5
 October 29th – Levels 1 & 2

December 3rd – Levels 6 & 7
 December 10th – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 December 17th – Levels 1 & 2

February 4th - Levels 3, 4 & 5
 February 11th – Levels 1 & 2
 February 25th – Levels 6 & 7

April 7th – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 April 14th – Levels 1 & 2
 April 21 – Levels 6 & 7
 April 28th - Levels 3, 4 & 5

November 5th – Levels 6 & 7
 November 12th – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 November 26th – Levels 1 & 2

January 7 – Levels 6 & 7
 January 14th – Levels 3, 4, & 5
 January 21st – Levels 1 & 2
 January 28th – Levels 6 & 7

March 3rd – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 March 10th – Levels 1 & 2
 March 17th - Levels 6 & 7

May 5th - Levels 1 & 2
 May 12th - Levels 6 & 7
 May 19th - Levels 3, 4 & 5



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 **Cookies, Toothpaste, Shelf Stable Milk, Hearty Soups (not condensed), Cereal, Shampoo and Spaghetti Sauce.***

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



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.



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