

Right about now, we are starting to get some beautiful coloring in the trees which dot our properties and public spaces. It is a reminder that Autumn in the northeast part of our country is a beautiful time of year. Let us enjoy the season before it has come and gone. As we watch the changing of the colors, I want to mention some things which are important to us in the parish.

In a few days, the Church in the United States celebrates a Holy Day of Obligation. On Wednesday, November 1st, we celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints**. Masses are at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Join with us as we pray to be counted among the elect in the Kingdom for all eternity.

The next day (November 2nd), we mark **All Souls Day**. We have an opportunity to mark our mortality not morbidly but with confidence in God's mercy. It is appropriate to remember deceased loved ones on this day in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Envelopes for remembering those relatives were sent through the regular mail. Please use these envelopes by filling them out and returning them to us in the collection basket at Sunday Masses or dropping them in the box for this purpose in the vestibule of the church.

We have in our schedule a Novena of Masses at Saint Margaret at which time your relatives are remembered. Please see the weekly bulletin for those Mass times. Remembering our loved ones at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to help them reach the perfect delight of God's Presence for all eternity.

All Souls Day is an apt time to think about the Catholic doctrine of purgatory. Yes, we still believe in purgatory even if we don't hear very much about it these days. Purgatory, as its name suggests, is purification, when we get ready for the perfect delight of God's Presence for all eternity. The prayers and sacrifices of the living do indeed assist our brothers and sisters who have made the journey back to the Lord.

Throughout the year and not just on All Souls Day, there is the opportunity to remember deceased relatives by reserving an announced Mass on the occasion of a relative's birthday or date of death. To reserve an announced Mass Intention, you can see one of our staff members at the pastoral center during regular business hours.

We are moving closer and closer to the last commemorative act of our **75th Anniversary** as a parish. It is being held on Sunday, November 19th. Mass will be offered at **11:00 AM** in the church. Note the different time for this Mass. The only other Mass on November 19th is at **8:00 AM**. We do not have Masses at 10:00 AM and 12 noon on Sunday, November 19th.²

Following the Mass at 11:00 AM is a luncheon at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point beginning at 1:00 PM. A ticket is necessary for admittance. Tickets have been available the last two weekends in the vestibule of the church; they remain available this weekend for the last time in the church. Tickets are also available in the pastoral center during regular business hours up until Wednesday, November 15th.

We continue to advertise for the **Day of Recollection** being offered on Saturday, November 18th in the church. The recollection presentations are being offered by Fr. Roger Landry who is currently the Catholic Chaplain at Columbia University in New York City.

I have said repeatedly that we want to have **50** people in attendance. Many have contacted me to alert me they will indeed be there. Still, we are short by about **20** at this point. As I have commented several times in church before the daily Mass at 9:00 AM, please invite members of your family and friends to attend with you. I do not want an embarrassing turnout. The occasion is far too important, so please recruit more people to attend with you.

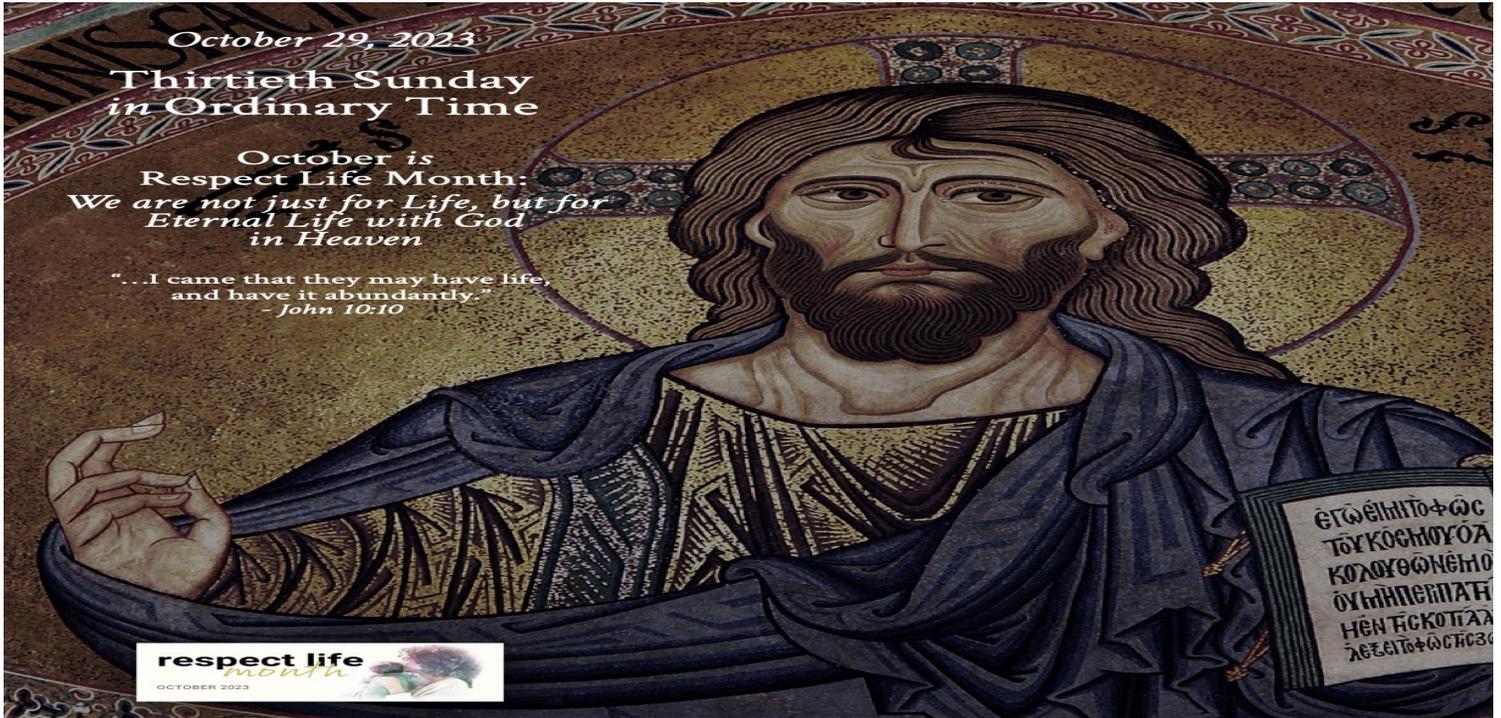
As I have made clear already, the Day of Recollection is in conjunction with our observance of the **Eucharistic Revival**. To love the Eucharist, we must hear about It and be present to It. I call upon catechists, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, musicians and vocalists in our choir, Knights of Columbus and other sodalities to talk up the Day of Recollection and by all means attend it.

Lastly, the next seasonal **Holy Hour** is Monday, December 4th at 7:00 PM in the church. Mark your calendars to pray before the Holy Eucharist in the company of fellow parishioners.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor



"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"
 - Pope St. John Paul II

Learn more



Faith Formation

2023/2024 Schedule

20 Minutes with the Pastor/Director

October 1st – Levels 1 & 2

October 8th – Level 8
 & 5

October 15th – Levels 6 & 7
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October 22nd – Levels 3, 4, & 5

October 29th – Levels 1 & 2

December 3rd – Levels 6 & 7

December 10th – Levels 3, 4 & 5
 & 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

**Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament**

*For your personal adoration
 and prayers.*

**FIRST THURSDAY
 THURSDAY NOV. 2ND**

3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church

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.



St. Margaret's Bible Study

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





St. Margaret of Scotland's 75th Anniversary

Tickets are currently on sale for the principle celebration of the parish's 75th Anniversary. There will be a luncheon held at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point on Sunday November 19th between the hours of 1pm and 5pm. Tickets are \$70 and will be sold before and after all masses this weekend. Tickets are also available in the parish center during regular business hours.



We ask parishioners and churchgoers at Saint Margaret to check the bulletin boards in church if they are unsure when Second Collections are taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. We do not make announcements during the Church's liturgies about second collections.



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 631-682-8711.



Calling all Children! Christmas Play Saturday December 9th at 1pm

The children of Saint Margaret's parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends and all of our parishioners.

Speaking parts (3rd grade & up) ~

Rehearsals are 6—7pm

November 3, 7, 9, 15, 17, 21,

December 1, 4,

Dress Rehearsal December 7

Cast Party to Follow Pageant

Sunday, Oct 29, 2023

Look beyond our differences

Healing serious division is challenging. The deeper the breach, the tougher the reconciliation. Since 1567, mainline Protestant denominations have celebrated Reformation Day on this Sunday. Yet in 2016, Pope Francis also acknowledged this observance, reaching out to the head of the Lutheran Church to state: "With gratitude we acknowledge that the Reformation helped give a greater centrality to sacred Scripture in the Church's life." Catholic-Lutheran dialogue continues to express the gifts of the Reformation and to seek forgiveness for division perpetuated by Christians from both traditions. Our witness is stronger together. Collaborate across the aisle.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40 (148). "For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth.... in every place your faith in God has gone forth."

Monday, Oct 30, 2023

Healing on tap

When you read the gospels, you can't help but be amazed by how much of Jesus' public ministry was devoted to healing the sick, whether in body, mind, or soul. The church continues Christ's healing ministry as central to its works in myriad ways. Pope Benedict XVI said, "Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christian faith in general." In fact, he said, Christianity is a "religion of healing." What troubles your body and spirit? Bring it to Jesus to be restored to health and wholeness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). "He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God."

Tuesday, Oct 31, 2023

Death be not proud

From the Irish we get ancient Celtic elements of Samhain, the idea of a veil separating the living from the dead becoming so thin that it's permeable. From Mexico, we get Día de los Muertos: visiting loved ones' graves, awaiting a festive reunion as the separation between life and death momentarily dissolves. For Halloween, treat-seeking kids dress as devils, vampires, and zombies—traversing yards bedecked with tombstones and skeletons. Or, if we've attended Catholic schools, the focus is more heavenly, with costumes of saints and angels. However we observe this Eve of All Saints, our Catholic belief about the "last things" comes with an assurance that we are meant to return to the one who loved us into existence. "At the evening of life," says Saint John of the Cross, "we shall be judged on our love."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."

Wednesday, Nov 01, 2023

See the saints in living color

Today as the church celebrates All Saints, parishes and websites around the globe will feature an image of 15th-century Dominican Friar Fra Angelico's *The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs*. This much-loved painting was originally part of an altarpiece in the Church of San Domenico near Florence. Most of the hallowed figures in the painting look toward Christ. They appear in long rows and represent important male and female

biblical figures, martyrs, and saints, including Saint John the Baptist in the top row, wearing a camel-hair tunic and holding a wooden cross. He looks directly at the viewer and points the way to Christ—exactly his role in salvation history. Christian art is a great tool for learning about the saints, Christian symbolism, and Catholic theology, and the paintings and frescoes of Fra Angelico are a good place to start.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."

Thursday, Nov 02, 2023

A work in progress

The notion of "purgatory" is really quite simple and true to human experience. All of life is a process, and our best efforts can lead to progress but never perfection in this lifetime. What makes today special is that we can all participate in that process with our dearly departed, by our prayers, our good and generous deeds, and at Mass. Lend a helping hand today to those who are further along in the process. And may we all meet again one day, and, in the meantime we pray, "May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day."

Friday, Nov 03, 2023

The struggle continues

On September 30, 1962 riots broke out at the University of Mississippi as James Meredith, accompanied by U.S. marshals, walked to campus to register for classes. Many fought to keep him out, but justice prevailed. Meredith would become the first black student at Ole Miss. Today, the nearby church of St. John the Evangelist honors this memory with a stained-glass window of Martin de Porres facing the street where Meredith began his walk to the university. De Porres, too, had experienced racism and was barred from becoming a priest in 17th-century Peru because of the color of his skin. Saint Martin de Porres, pray for us on the long march of equality.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). "My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness."

Saturday, Nov 04, 2023

Be an instrument of change

During his first homily as pope in 2013, Pope Francis quoted Léon Bloy, a 20th-century French novelist who was known for his passionate defense of the faith. In 1904 he became friends with Raïssa Maritain, a poet, philosopher, and Hasidic Jew. She was so influenced by Bloy that she, along with her well-known husband Jacques, and her sister Vera, converted to Catholicism, with Bloy as sponsor. The "three Maritains" as they were known, took their place at the center of a circle of French Catholic intellectuals. Raïssa died on this day in 1960. What kind of influence might you have on those searching for a faith to believe in?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). "The one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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



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Faith Formation

The Following Children received the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 19,2023. Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski was the presiding Bishop. Let us welcome them as fully initiated members into the church and give them our congratulations and continues prayers.



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| <u>Zoe A.</u> | <u>Gabriella D.</u> | <u>Christopher J.</u> | <u>Gabriela S.</u> |
| <u>Maya A.</u> | <u>Dylan D</u> | <u>Jaelynn K.</u> | <u>Olivia S.</u> |
| <u>Gianna B.</u> | <u>Kieran D</u> | <u>Julianna K.</u> | <u>Ella S.</u> |
| <u>Alexis B.</u> | <u>Mckenna D.</u> | <u>Ethan L.</u> | <u>Anthony S.</u> |
| <u>Dyllon B.</u> | <u>Cristian F.</u> | <u>Anthony L</u> | <u>Migie T.</u> |
| <u>Anthony B.</u> | <u>Tyler F.</u> | <u>Daniel M.</u> | <u>Michael T.</u> |
| <u>Keirsten B.</u> | <u>Tyler G.</u> | <u>Jayden O.</u> | <u>John V.</u> |
| <u>Gianna B.</u> | <u>Lillian G.</u> | <u>Giuliana P.</u> | <u>Emma V.</u> |
| <u>Lucas B.</u> | <u>Aiden G.</u> | <u>Kael P.</u> | |
| <u>Tyler B.</u> | <u>Clayton G.</u> | <u>Sophia P.</u> | |
| <u>Maraih C.</u> | <u>Justin H.</u> | <u>Anastasia R.</u> | |
| <u>Gianna C.</u> | <u>Alisa I</u> | <u>Jacob R.</u> | |

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 **Toothpaste, Shelf Stable Milk , Hearty Soups Cereal, Shampoo and Spaghetti Sauce.***

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



Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION

*A very special **THANK YOU** to the **Knights of Columbus** for hosting another successful fall food drive. They collected **2,156 pounds of food** and an assortment of gift cards.*