

On this first full weekend of October, there are a number of matters which are deserving of your attention as we continue our observance of the **Eucharistic Revival (in Year Two, the Year of the Parish)**. The first is an event which, I hope, will take place at Saint Margaret depending on the number of people who commit.

On Saturday, November 18th, we are holding a Day of Recollection in the church. It begins at 1:00 PM and finishes with the celebration of Holy Mass at 5:00 PM. The Day of Recollection is being led by Fr. Roger Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River in Massachusetts. He is currently the Chaplain at Columbia University in New York City.

I have asked all parishioners to give serious consideration to participating. Our preacher for the Day is a designated preacher of the **Eucharistic Revival** and he comes to us with experience in many different parts of the Lord's vineyard. I ask you to let me know that you will attend by calling the pastoral center and leaving a message for me. We need **50 people. Be one of those 50! Or more if possible.**

Please see the sign in the vestibule of the church and in the pastoral center announcing the event. There is no fee involved. Come because you want to deepen your devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

On the next day on the calendar, the 19th, we close out the **75th Anniversary** of the Parish of Saint Margaret. The day starts with Mass at 11:00 AM. Please note the time. On that Sunday, there are just two Masses – 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM – in our schedule. There is **no** Mass at 10:00 AM and **no** Mass at 12 noon.

Following Mass, there is a luncheon at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point starting at 1:00 PM. Tickets for the luncheon go on sale next weekend **before** and **after** all Masses in the vestibule of the church, and during the week in the pastoral center during regular business hours.

We continue to work on our journal which chronicles our parish history and what is going on now at Saint Margaret. We are grateful to those of you who took ads in the journal or placed remembrances of family members there too. It is not too late to get an ad or remembrance in under the wire. We are about to close the door on journal submissions in a few days.

Later in this month, on Monday the 23rd, we open the **2024 Mass Book for announced Mass Intentions**. There is no limit on the number of Mass Intentions you may request. All of our Masses – on the weekend and during the week – have Intentions. That would be **9 Masses** every week which have Intentions. Family members and friends may be remembered on their birth-days and anniversaries of death, for instance.

During October, the Church marks **Mission Sunday**. This year it comes on the fourth weekend of the month (the 21st and 22nd). We have a Mission Sunday every year to remind ourselves of the responsibility we all have through Baptism to bring others to Christ as we were brought to the Lord. This work is as old as the Gospel itself. Let us all do our part then to support the missionary work we have in front of us.

The month of October prompts us to think of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the Mother of God, she is present in Cana at the wedding feast as her Son begins His public ministry. She famously says on the occasion, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5) This remark is made in reference to her Son and the waiters who are there when the wine runs out. Our Lady can make this comment because she herself did whatever her Son directed her to do – with due regard for filial obedience of course. Our Blessed Mother was only teaching others what she did in relation to the Word in the Annunciation. (cf. Lk 1:38) The obedience of the Mother of God brought us Our Savior. Thus, among the virtues, we cannot underestimate obedience - for by opening up her heart to the Word, the Holy Spirit overshadowed the holy woman of Nazareth. (cf. Lk 1:35) We are bearers of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit too. May we dispose ourselves obediently to God's will as did Our Mother before us.

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Monday the 9th is a civil holiday, Columbus Day, and the pastoral center is closed. It will re-open on Tuesday the 10th at 9:00 AM.

Until the next time.

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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.

"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



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Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom
Click here for link
Meeting ID: 811 9648 1100
Passcode: 20EWp7
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Email Ihonkanen@drv.org
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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.



Tickets for the 75th Anniversary Luncheon at Majestic Gardens on November 19th will go on sale next weekend. Members of the 75th Anniversary Committee will be in the vestibule of the Church before and after all masses. Tickets will also be available in the Pastorial Center during regular business hours.



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

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



Altar Server Training

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

10/10/23.

All Altar servers, please plan to attend.



Baptisms

Jackson Lucas Needham

Jack Thomas Prevosto

Olivia Michelle Rodriguez



Wedding Banns

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

&

Vito Anthony Demola II, Good Shephard both St. Margaret of Scotland

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.



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.

Sunday, Oct 08, 2023

To the greater good!

Our country's second poet laureate, Richard Wilbur (1921-2017), fought in the Second World War. It convinced him that writing verse was serious business: "One does not use poetry ... to organize oneself and the world, until one's world somehow gets out of hand." Wilbur explained: "I feel that the universe is full of glorious energy ... and that the ultimate character of things is comely and good. I am perfectly aware that I say this in the teeth of all sorts of contrary evidence, and that I must be basing it partly on temperament and partly on faith." Believe in the ultimate goodness, regardless of any evidence to the contrary!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philipians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139). *"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious ... think about these things."*

Monday, Oct 09, 2023

Going the distance for faith

In the third century, Saint Denis evangelized the country that would come to be France (then called Gaul), and he is thought to have been the first bishop of Paris (then called Lutetia). He was so successful at making converts that the Roman governor beheaded him on the highest hill in the city, now known as Montmartre. It was said he picked up his head and kept preaching while walking many miles before reaching his burial site in a town later named after him. He is the patron saint of France and one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Call on him for a missionary zeal that just won't quit.

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind."*

Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023

Don't shortchange charity

In 2021, Pope Francis used today, World Mental Health Day, to pray for those "affected by mental disorders and also the victims, often young, of suicide." This June, Francis mentioned teen suicide again, decrying a "culture that leads young people to think that they are 'losers.'" Francis also emphasized the basic human right to medical care and social services—so critical for mental health—but he also pointed to us individual Christians, who in our "haste" don't often stop long enough to care for each other. "It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian"—according to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan—"is to become personally involved." His advice? Learn from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who said, "charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.'"*

Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023

A shrine for the ages

In America's "first city," St. Augustine, Florida, many Catholics today will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of La Leche, dedicated to a Marian apparition first recognized during the time of the Spanish colonial empire. The devotion, depicting Mary nursing the infant child Jesus, traveled with settlers to Florida in the 16th century, and a shrine to her was built at Mission Nombre de Dios in the

new colony of St. Augustine. The shrine is the oldest in the United States, having received canonical coronation in 2021, and is a popular pilgrimage site for those seeking intercession related to a pregnancy. Maybe today is the day for you to offer a special prayer for someone in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name."*

Thursday, Oct 12, 2023

Come as you are

Christians whose personalities would never be called pious or meek might take heart in Caryl Houselander (1901-54), whose death we commemorate today. She smoked, drank, and was said to have a sharp tongue. But people were drawn to her for good counsel, and Houselander's spiritual writing persists. A sample: "Love is most likely to spring from another's need for us, and the fact of spending ourselves for another always generates new life in us." With your own God-given personality, warts and all, take a step today toward building the Kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find."*

Friday, Oct 13, 2023

The devil doesn't have a prayer

In an interview in *Exorcists against Satan* by Italian journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona, Pope Francis was asked about the devil. "It is possible that I get on the Devil's nerves," he said, "because I try to follow the Lord and do what the Gospel says. And that annoys him. At the same time, he is certainly happy when I commit some sin. He seeks man's failure, but he has no chance if there is prayer." It is a great mystery that God should permit diabolical activity, says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "but we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him" (CCC 395). Take the simple steps of daily prayer and good works to keep the devil at bay.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?"*

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023

Redeeming qualities

There was a profound division in the church during the third-century pontificate of Callistus I. The pope believed and taught that even the most serious sins like murder and adultery could be absolved in a sincere confession. His position scandalized many church leaders in Rome who didn't agree. They believed that some sins were too serious to be forgiven, and they accused Callistus of laxity and sympathizing with heretics. Eventually Callistus prevailed and Confession became the healing sacrament for all sin, even the most serious. Thank our merciful God for guiding the church toward an ethic of redemption.

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.



At this time the need is great but our resources are low. We thank you for any contribution you can make.

A very special THANK YOU to all!



Next weekend ,October 14th and 15th ,the Nights of Columbus will be distributing bags after all masses, along with a list of items needed by the food pantry as part of theiAnnual Fall Food Drive. The following week, October 21st and 22nd, the Knights will be in front of the church and pastoral center before and after all masses to collect the food. All food items collected will be given out as part of our Annual Thanksgiv-ing Food Distribution.