





As the Church prays for the dead this month, we continue to point to what the living are doing to show their faith in the Lord and how we practice the works of mercy.

We continue to make last minute preparations for the closing commemoration of the parish's **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Please see the bulletin boards in church regarding the schedule for Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Mass schedule for that day is altered and there is one fewer Mass than usual.

Bishop Robert Coyle is the celebrant of the Mass at 11:00 AM on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to take part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Some will go off to the luncheon at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point following the Mass. The reception there will last until 5:00 PM.

Tickets for the luncheon are still available through Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. They are available at the pastoral center during regular business hours.

We are holding an Afternoon of Recollection on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the church. It begins at 1:00 PM. Please be punctual. The preacher for the afternoon, Fr. Roger Landry, will offer reflections on the Holy Eucharist as we continue to mark the **Eucharistic Revival** underway in our country. Confessions are heard at 4:00 PM, which is part of the Afternoon of Recollection. The same holds for Mass at 5:00 PM – it, too, is part of the Afternoon of Recollection.

We are still looking to have as many people as possible participate in the Afternoon of Recollection. Invite your family members and friends to the event. We want the biggest turnout possible.

A couple of days after we close out the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, our country observes **Thanksgiving Day**. As it is a national holiday and most people are not working, I ask that you set aside time to attend Mass at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For the third time, we are offering **Lessons and Carols** in Advent. It will be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. The event is about one hour in length. It will be followed by a reception in the auditorium (church basement).

I ask all of our parishioners to attend. We changed the time from 4:00 PM to 2:30 PM – so that those who attend do not have to contend with darkness. The last two years but a handful of people took part. We would like to see many more parishioners attend this event. It is intended as a preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

We begin our **Advent** observance on December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. This means that the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be on December 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a relatively short Advent in comparison with other years. I encourage all parishioners to make the best of this abbreviated season of hope. For those who are able, please come to Mass during the week at 9:00 AM. Get yourself an Advent calendar and use it at home.

I stress the importance of Advent, as for years now the culture at large has been emphasizing “the holidays.” Indeed, more people wish others “happy holidays” than “Merry Christmas” today. There comes a time when we have to insist – repeatedly too – that religious events are deserving of their place and recognition in a culture formed from the Judeo-Christian inheritance of the West. Do your part to honor what we have received. Be not embarrassed to identify with the ethos that is ours as Catholic Christians.

We have another **Holy Hour** on the first Monday night of December. That would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the last month of the calendar year. It begins at 7:00 PM. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for an hour on the altar. We pray in silence but there is also preaching on the Word too. We conclude our time with the Lord by using the esteemed and holy practice of Benediction.

On the first Sunday of this month – the 5<sup>th</sup> – several of our **parishioners were honored** for their voluntarism in service to Saint Margaret Parish. They are: Patricia Kreuzer, Elise and Tom Volpe, Dawn Reahl, and Dan and Joanne Williams. The event took place within a prayer service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Patchogue. We thank them for the time they have given to serve the Lord and His Body right here at Saint Margaret.

Let us finish up the Season of Ordinary Time, these last couple of Sundays in November, with an examination of conscience, especially as it is related to the last things of faith – death, judgment, heaven and hell.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

*Following is the corrected sacrificial giving Amounts for the month of October.*

## Sacrificial Giving

### October 7/8

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,872.....	169
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,437.....	64

**Total Collection      \$11,309                      233**

### October 14/15

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$7,152.....	172
Mailed Envelopes	\$7,317.....	88

**Total Collection      \$14,469                      260**

### October 21/22

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,485.....	168
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,779.....	58

**Total Collection      \$10,264                      226**

### October 28/29

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$5,688.....	154
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,849.....	70

**Total Collection      \$8,537                      224**

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

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_

We ask parishioners and church-goers 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.



The church is open at 8:30 AM Monday through Friday. We encourage parishioners and other church-goers to come early for Mass.

The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among those so inclined.



## Baptisms

Nathaniel Leroyal Bailey

Benjamin Paul McCourt

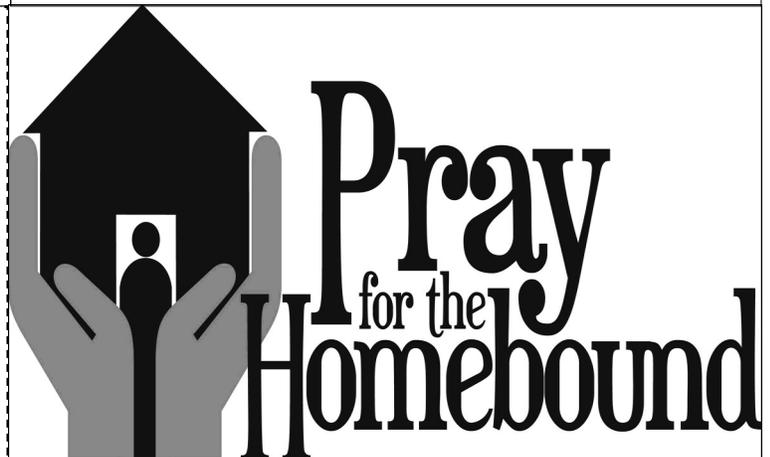
Paul Jax Orlando

## 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.





## St. Margaret of Scotland's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Tickets are currently on sale for the principal 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 can be purchased at the parish center.



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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



## 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Nov 12, 2023

### Last things

November's a good time to consider our responsibilities to those who depend on us and may be nearing the end of life. (Or perhaps we're getting long in years ourselves.) We know our social obligations: Write a will, make our medical preferences known to doctors and family members. But Catholics have other duties too. Offering forgiveness and being forgiven are vital issues at the end of life—and every year of life. We have to ensure the sacraments are available to the elderly and the sick. How vigils, funerals, and burials are conducted matters to us. Reflect on these things now.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 (154). *"Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'"*

## Monday, Nov 13, 2023

### The underestimated shall be esteemed

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was born Maria Francesca in Italy in 1850, the youngest of 13 children. She was small and had poor health. Because of her frailty, she was rejected by the religious community she wanted to join. She founded her own order and dreamed of becoming a missionary to the Far East like the saint whose name she took. But the pope sent her west instead, to the United States—and she founded 67 missionary institutions to serve the sick and poor from New York to Chicago to Los Angeles. Nine years after her death, her religious institute, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, became missionaries in China. Don't underestimate the power of God or yourself!

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 (491). *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

## Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023

### Put your hope in order

As we inch toward Advent, it's good to revisit the theme of hope. Consider this, from Pope Francis two years ago today, for the World Day of the Poor: "The hope born of the Gospel has nothing to do with a passive expectation that things may be better tomorrow, but with making God's promise of salvation concrete today.... Christian hope is not the naïve, even adolescent, optimism of those who hope that things may change [and] in the meantime go on with life; it has to do with building daily, by concrete gestures, the kingdom of love, justice, and fraternity that Jesus inaugurated." Or as Italian Bishop Don Tonio Bello would say, "We cannot be content to hope. We have to organize hope." How will you organize hope today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10 (492). *"Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love."*

## Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023

### Live a life of great service

The great Dominican friar Albertus Magnus died on this day in 1280, after a long life of dedication to the church as a scholar, scientist, and briefly the bishop of Regensburg. He shunned excess and was known as a mediator—which, in his day, was a complicated matter, given the ongoing Crusades. We, too, live in

an age of war, economic inequality, and general spiritual laxity. We owe it to ourselves to look to the German Dominican for inspiration to live a more rigorous life of spiritual seeking, so as to find lasting solutions to the problems of our day.

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (493). *"For those who keep the holy precepts hallowed shall be found holy, and those learned in them will have ready a response."*

## Thursday, Nov 16, 2023

### Extraordinary sacrifice in ordinary clothing

It's easy to think that martyrs were people completely different from us, but Christian courage doesn't always have a cinematic face. Father Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J., five other Jesuits, and their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered in El Salvador. Ellacuría and his fellow Jesuits had publicly defended human rights and ministered to poor people in spite of intense government repression. May their dedication to justice inspire us to do our part in creating a more just world order that protects those who speak truth to power.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25 (494). *"For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."*

## Friday, Nov 17, 2023

### A delicate matter

The Catholic Church identifies well over a dozen saints as patrons of lacemaking, lace workers, and related textile workers. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is among these patrons who possibly became associated with lacemaking as it is a craft often seen as "immaculate" and virtuous, much like the saints themselves. But lacemakers and other artisan workers also often sat on the edge of poverty. These were the people who benefitted from the kind deeds of the likes of Saint Elizabeth, who roamed the streets near her castle passing out alms for the poor and tending to the sick. Take a moment to consider the artisans and craftspeople of our own time who could benefit from your patronage.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). *"For from the greatness and the beauty of created things their original author, by analogy, is seen."*

## Saturday, Nov 18, 2023

### Let freedom ring

In 1818, when Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne came from France to the United States, she was dismayed that slavery still operated "in the land of the free." Yet, when she opened foundations in Louisiana, the sisters were given slaves along with their households. In 1830 she accepted a slave in lieu of a tuition payment. She insisted that slaves in the household be treated well, arguing, "They have the same soul as we; they have been redeemed by the same blood and received into the same Church," but, like all of us, she was clearly enmeshed in social structures in need of redemption. Work for a society that truly is free at last.

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 (496). *"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"*

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



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On Sunday November 5th, 2023 Tom and Elise Volpe, and Patricia Kreuzer were awarded the St. John XXIII Award. This award honors those who have contributed twenty-five years of outstanding volunteer service in catechetical ministry.



## Faith Formation

### 2023/2024 Minutes with the Pastor/Director

<u>Date</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Level</u>
11/26——1&2	1/21——1&2	3/10——1&2	5/5——1&2
12/ 3——6&7	1/28——6&7	3/17——6&7	5/12——6&7
12/10——3,4&5	2/4——3,4&5	4/ 7——2,3&4	5/19——3,4&5
12/17——1&2	2/11——1&2	4/14——1&2	
1/7——6&7	2/25——6&7	4/21——6&7	
1/14——3,4&5	3/3——3,4&5	4/28——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 **Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Shampoo, Toilet Paper and Grape Jelly***

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