

The Mass and luncheon marking our parish's **75th Anniversary** will soon be upon us. Remember the date and remember the time: Sunday the 19th (two weeks away now) at **11:00 AM** (note the different time). The celebrant of the Mass is Bishop Robert Coyle, the Vicar for Suffolk County. At **1:00 PM**, the luncheon commences at the Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point.

Please note that there are just three Masses the weekend of November 18th/19th. The Vigil Mass on the 18th at 5:00 PM remains the same; the first Mass on Sunday the 19th is at the usual time of 8:00 AM. There is **no** 10:00 AM Mass and **no** 12 noon Mass on the 19th.

You still have a little more time to get a ticket for the luncheon. You can do that until the Wednesday before the event (the 15th) at the pastoral center during regular business hours.

We are still looking for men and women to join us for the **Day of Recollection** on Saturday, November 18th beginning at 1:00 PM. We have still not reached our desired goal of 50 people. Please invite family members and friends to join us. I don't want the attendance to reflect badly on our parish, so please do your best to find another person to bring with you to the couple of hours we spend praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

We have our annual Mass on **Thanksgiving Day** on Thursday, November 23rd at 9:00 AM. Since it is a national holiday and almost everyone is off from work, I ask that you make an effort to join with us and attend the Mass. It is a most fitting way to start the day of giving thanks.

We begin the season of Advent the first weekend of December (the 2nd and 3rd). The first weekday of Advent we are having another of our **Holy Hours**. All are invited to pray with us on Monday, December 4th at 7:00 PM. The Hour starts with Exposition and concludes with Benediction.

On Tuesday, December 5th, I ask all of the **ushers** from all four weekend Masses to meet with me in the pastoral center at 7:00 PM. The meeting will not last more than 45 minutes.

The last two Advent seasons (2021 and 2022), we have had on the Third Sunday of that holy season what is known as **Lessons and Carols**. Both years, Lessons and Carols began at 4:00 PM. This year, we have moved the time up to **2:30 PM**. The date is Sunday, December 17th. Mark your calendars now.

I would like to see a good attendance, at least a better attendance than we had the last two years. In fact, that is why the time has been moved up this year. We have heard from some that they didn't attend in the past because they did not want to be out in the dark after 5:00 PM. Well, there is no excuse this year to come and get ready spiritually for the Solemnity of Christmas. So, please bring your family or a friend with you to our 3rd edition of **Lessons and Carols**.

Come one, come all. Listen to the liturgical texts of Advent and then hear the hymns characteristic of and then stay for the reception which will be held in the auditorium following **Lessons and Carols**.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule

Pastor

"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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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

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.



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 _____



Pray for the Homebound



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 can be purchased at the parish center.



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, Nov 05, 2023**Vocation 101**

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to *pray* for vocations, *invite* likely candidates to consider them, and *educate* others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12 (151). *"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."*

Monday, Nov 06, 2023**All paths designed to lead to holiness**

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). *"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023**Honor wise council**

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *"We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."*

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023**Act decisively for justice**

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts

who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."*

Thursday, Nov 09, 2023**Let the good times roll**

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

Friday, Nov 10, 2023**You are simply divine**

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *"I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."*

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023**A veteran worthy of his day**

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

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



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Faith Formation

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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

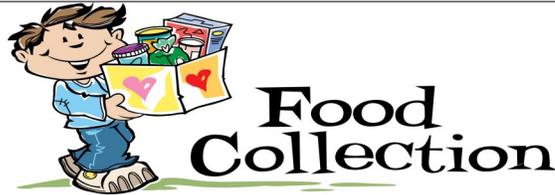
February 4th - Levels 3, 4 & 5
February 11th – Levels 1 & 2
February 25th – Levels 6 & 7

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



Our Parish Outreach is currently collecting food for our Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Please bring any donations to the Parish Center during office hours or bring to the box in the rear of the Church. We are in need of all foods to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Food baskets will be distributed to our Outreach Clients on Wednesday November 15th. If you would like to help with distribution please call the parish center at 631-732-3131

Food Pantry Needs

Donations to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or bring to the box in the rear of the Church.



Pantry Needs

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

A very special THANK YOU to all!