

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

January 7, 2024

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday—(Monday through Friday 9:00 AM

Sunday—8:00 AM, 10:00AM and 12 Noon

Confessions

Saturday—4:00—4:45 PM in the church or by appointment



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This weekend, the Church marks the Solemnity of the Epiphany, sometimes referred to as the Feast of the Three Kings. The episode is found in the Gospel of Saint Matthew wherein the Magi are described as coming from “the east.” The geographic characterization is not unimportant. It is a way of telling us that the Incarnation of the Word is an event having universal significance. The Christ Child is indeed for everyone. There is nothing “provincial” in the Son of God taking on flesh and saving us from sin and death. The Gospel is intended for all who are born of a woman. Faith though is not automatic. Like the Three Wise Men, we have to search for and find the One Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

On Monday, the 8th of January, we close out the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Lord’s Baptism. In most years, this Feast is celebrated on a Sunday but it is a weekday this year. And, thus, we move rather quickly from the Infancy through the Hidden Life to the Public Ministry of Jesus. It is the Public Ministry of Christ which dominates the liturgical calendar up until the Passion coming late in the Lenten Season. Let us endeavor then to follow the Lord everywhere the evangelists take us, and in all the various encounters the Son of Man has before laying down His life for us.

I take up some space and time now to comment on a few other matters which are deserving of our attention. I have in mind the **Lessons and Carols** we had a few weeks ago, the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** and our concentration on the **Eucharistic Revival**.

For the third time in as many years, we had a **Lessons and Carols** back on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 17th). We started earlier in the afternoon (2:30 PM instead of 4:00 PM) to use better the daylight we have in the afternoon. The turnout was better this last time but not by a huge margin. We also had the presence of children in the parish who belong to our Children’s Choir. There was a reception in the auditorium following the event, as we have had in the two prior years. I will evaluate this late Advent exercise with the parish staff and I may comment again on this matter in the bulletin.

A topic which I don’t think I have commented on before is the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. This is an annual event of very long duration. It gets less and less attention in parish life because fewer and fewer Catholics participate in it. We have 88 parishioners (individuals and families) who made pledges last year and either paid their pledges or have only begun to pay their pledges. This is a very low participation rate and we are nowhere near our parish goal. Until we reach that goal, we are ineligible for a parish rebate. Many parishes in the diocese are in the position we are in regarding the **Appeal**. In the “old days,” every parish ran its own part of the Appeal. It is run now completely by the diocese because we, like so many other parishes, don’t have volunteers to publicize the Appeal and do the work to solicit donations from their peers. Still, I ask those who have made pledges to finish paying them off. The deadline is the end of January.

Lastly, I want to make some remarks about our on-going participation in the **Eucharistic Revival**. We have done some good things to date and I would like to continue what we have started. I would like though to add something to what we have established. And it is this: I want a weekly period of Eucharistic Adoration in our schedule. What I have in mind is a period of time on the weekend whereby the Blessed Sacrament can be **exposed** and **reposed** before a weekend Mass. So, beginning the last Saturday of this month and going forward, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed just before 4:00 PM until 4:45 PM. The priest who hears confessions at 4:00 PM will place the Holy Eucharist in the monstrance and place the monstrance on the altar. The goal is to have parishioners who attend the 5:00 PM Mass come to **adore the Blessed Sacrament before Mass is offered. While the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and until it is reposed, there will be taped religious music playing in the background. We ask all to maintain a proper decorum during this period. If you want to talk, please do so in the vestibule.**

Obviously, the adoration will take place while confessions are heard. Penitents will likely find this a good environment because assigned penances can be fulfilled in the Presence of Jesus. There is also the opportunity to have a heightened awareness of the Eucharist before Mass starts. This results in a greater focus and a greater reverence on the Lord Himself during Mass.

This new practice will commence on the last Saturday of this month – that is, January 27th. It is not experimental in nature. It is expected that we will have this as a permanent feature in our schedule with only minor variations for the proper observance of Holy Saturday.

Let me close by asking all of our parishioners to make time in their schedules for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Even if we were not having a **Eucharistic Revival**, I would still encourage all those who belong to Saint Margaret to make your life of piety specifically and intentionally Eucharistic.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule

March for Life 2024

What You Can Do Locally

Although Roe v. Wade has been overturned, the battle to protect all human life continues, especially at the state level. Even if you are not heading to Washington, D.C. this year for the annual March for Life, there are many ways you can help to build a culture of life where it matters most—in our own communities.

- Organize or attend a **Holy Hour**, a group **Rosary**, or a special **Mass** for Life
- Be a **public Witness** (e.g. pray at an abortion facility, host a baby shower)
- Visit your **elected Representatives** (e.g. to urge support for making the Hyde Amendment permanent, rescinding FDA approval of RU-486, and protecting consciences of faithful citizens)
- Participate in **“Marching 101”** on January 18th (a Pro-life advocacy workshop with virtual and in-person registration)

Contact us for more ideas or to let us know what you’re doing!



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FILIPINO MASS

Sunday, January 14th

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.”*

2023 Tax Statements

Please call the Parish Center if you would like a copy of your 2023 tax statement. Dial 631-732-3131 ext. 133. Leave a message with your name, address, phone number, and your envelope number (if available). The statement will be mailed to you.

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 _____



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.

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



Bible Study Group

Bible Study group meets 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 631-682-8711.

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.



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

Christmas Flowers

Special Intentions & Memorials

Mr. & Mrs. Accardi	The Fitzgerald Family	Charles Quinn
Candy & Dave Adams	Ms. Kathleen Fitzpatrick	The Raia Family
Mary Aretakis	Michael Flaccomio	Anna Rice
The Armbruster's	John Fleischhauer	John Rizzolo
The Ballantine Famil	Serafina Francis	Maria G.Roehrig
The Barravecchio Family	Neil & Jennifer Gangitano	The Roucoulet's
The Basile Family	Mariusz & Grazyna Kolko	Cheryl Santorelli
Suzanne Bause	Mary Gassick	Gricel Schimek
Estelle Beauchamp	Barbara Gottfried	Janet Schubeck
Gary & Elizabeth Berberich	The Hartnett Family	James Sicuranza
The Biasotti Family	Anne & Ed Hayes	Mr. & Mrs.Siopa
Hannah Brady	Marina Hirschhorn	The Spinell's
Mary Ann Bruno	Anita Hoehne	Sandra Thomas
Julie Burtoff	Marianne Hurley	The Wagor's
Anita Cavallero	Deborah Kolomick	The Warnock's
James Champion	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Kreuzer	The Warton's
Mable & Kenny Ching	Maria Leigh	The Wilson's
Joan M. Convery	Grace Lo Grande	Irene Zabbara
Frank Dalba	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Markham	Barbara Zarcone
Frank & Margerit DeAngelo	Maureen Mason	Diane Piraneo
The DiEmidio Family	Jane & Phil Mendolia	The Ferrara Family
Thomas & Astrid DeNunzio	Noreen Morrocco	
Roberta Dola	David & Donna Murch	
John Duffy	Ann Marie Negron	
Joseph & Evelyn Dulovic	Elizabeth Ott	
The Egan Family	Cindy Pillittier	
Marion Fennell	Mr. & Mrs. Pacheco	



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 **Pasta and Sauce, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Tuna and Canned Chicken.***

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

Faith Formation

2024 –Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director

January

1/ 7 -Level 3,4&5
1/14-Level 6&7
1/21-Level 1&2
1/28Level 6&7

March

3/10-Level 1&2
3-17-Level 6&7

May

5/ 5– Level 1&2
5/12-Level 6&7
5/19 Level 3,4,&5

February

2/ 4-Level 3,4&5
2/11-Level 1&2
2//25-Level 6&7

April

4/ 7-Level 2,3,&4
4/14-Level 1&2
4/21-Level 6&7



Save the Date
Friday Jan. 26, 2024

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More information will follow in future bulletins.



Save the Date
St. Margaret's Blood Drive

February 20, 2024

1:00pm—7:00pm