

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

January 14, 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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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: As Catholics, we are called to bring others to the Church. Brush up on Church teachings and ask God to help you evangelize.

Sacrificial Giving

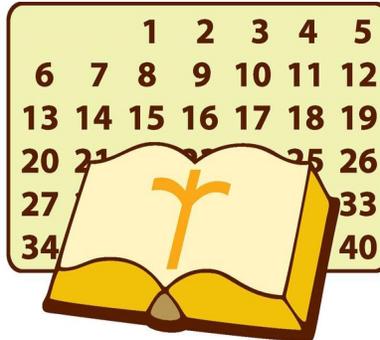
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

January 6/7

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,348.....	153
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,419.....	41
Total Collection	\$8,767	194

Reading for Next Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading.....Jon 3:1-5,10
 Second Reading.....1 Cor 7:29-31
 Gospel.....Mk 1:14-20

Parish Office

Monday Through Thursday ~ 9:00 am – 5:00pm Friday 9am-1pm

(631)732-3131

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

BAPTISMS: Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Call for appointment - x131.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am – 1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

Masses for the Week

Monday January 15th

Edmund Zorn

Tuesday –January 16th

The Living & Deceased Members of the Bishop McDonnell Class of June 1952

Wednesday - January 17th

Gloria Ferraro

Thursday - January 18th

Geraldine Posch

Friday - January 19th

Felipe Antonio Suriel

Saturday - January 20th

5^{pm}

Jane Duncan

Sunday January 21st

8^{am}

Terese Geoghegan

10^{am}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12^{pm}

Carmine Santorelli

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as



Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Terry Persina, Lauren Esposito, Sebastian Williams, Estelle Beauchamp, Alyssa Baisch, Jillian Brown, Virginia Butler, Robert J. Heege, Eric Cohen, Kathleen Weiss, Lorraine Vogel, Steven Vacchio, Laura Durant, Joseph De Aguiar, Sal Restivo, Robert Valletta, Joseph Kiely, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Warne Family, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Christine Mc Cusker, Dominic Percoco, Laura Positano, De Santis Family, Patricia Wowk, Natasha Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, Elizabeth Robitaille, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, Dina Rajotte, Ethel Naso, Valarie and Victor Aurigie, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Logan Baar, Fred Detweiler, Babies Aubrey & Grayson, Linda Pennisi, Jennifer Colon, Peter Rodrigues, Jessica Shaffer, Melissa Kitching, Brooklyn Gonzalez

Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only. Thank you.

Allow me to make a final comment on the parish's **75th Anniversary**. It is only to close the loop on costs and expenses related to the reception back on June 11th (Solemnity of Corpus Christi) and the reception on November 19th (near the liturgical Memorial of Saint Margaret of Scotland). After doing all the calculations, I can report that the parish had a net gain of a little more than \$6,350.00. Once again, thanks to all who participated in these events.

Returning to a familiar topic, that being the **Eucharistic Revival**, I mention that we are in the second year of the three-year observance. Later in this year, mid-July to be exact, there will be a **Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis, Indiana. Catholics from all over the United States will be there for a period of a few days to attend presentations, and above all, to pray together before the Holy Eucharist as the center of all the proceedings. There will be Masses, of course, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – just as we have been holding here at Saint Margaret.

I will attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indiana. Upon returning from it, I will share with you what I found and see what we might put into practice in our parish. But that is still months away at this point.

What we can do now is be attentive to the matter I reported on in last weekend's bulletin. Then, I indicated that we will be inserting a period of **Eucharistic Adoration** into our weekend schedule. It will be on Saturday afternoons beginning at 4:00 PM and going until 4:45 PM. As I said the last time, the priest who is hearing confessions will **expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament**. I invite parishioners to come during that period of time and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. This will be convenient for those who are celebrating the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday afternoon and for those who are attending the 5:00 PM Mass.

This practice will commence on Saturday, January 27th. It is from that point forward a weekly event in our schedule. The only change I anticipate is on Holy Saturday when there will be **no Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament. But that isn't until March 30th. By then, we will have had it in our schedule for two months.

Thus, I encourage you to come and adore the Eucharistic Lord. Please know that there won't be a **Benediction on Saturday afternoons**. **We will only have the simple rite of exposing and reposing the Blessed Sacrament.**

One month from now, we begin our Lenten observance. As we all know, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. As with previous years, there will be multiple opportunities for parishioners to receive ashes. In due course, you may consult the bulletin boards in church for the schedule of Masses and services when ashes are distributed.

Speaking of Lent, we will have a weekly period of Eucharistic Adoration in the evening as we did last year. It will be on Mondays from 7:30 – 9:00 PM. There are five Mondays all together. And each Monday a different topic will be addressed in the preaching in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Again, as we get closer to Lent, please see the bulletin boards for more information.

I am looking to schedule a parish mission. I have not settled on any dates yet; I am looking for a time in the early autumn. When I settle on definitive plans, I will announce the dates and times in the weekly bulletin. Please read this column for details on when that parish mission is scheduled and how you might participate.

While it is still early in the calendar year, I take this opportunity to make known that we will have a time in the Spring when there will be catechesis for adults (those 18 years of age and older) who have **not** celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. We expect that our Diocesan Bishop will once again extend the *indult* for priests to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday.

Over the next couple of weeks or so, adult parishioners may contact the pastoral center and leave word that they wish to celebrate Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. The period of catechesis will be five weeks in length, that is, one night for 90 minutes over five weeks. This period of catechesis will be held during the Easter Season. Again, watch the bulletin for the announced dates of the catechesis.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule

Sacrificial Giving

Following is the sacrificial giving amounts for the month of
December

<i>December 2/3</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	\$8,968	199
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	\$4,042	87

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$13,010	286
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<i>December 9/10</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	\$5,924	164
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	\$7,403	124

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$13,327	288
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<i>December 16/17</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	\$7,230	189
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	\$5,760	85

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$12,990	274
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<i>December 23/24</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	\$7,080	173
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	\$7,710	56

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$14,790	229
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<i>December 30/31</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	\$6,921	154
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	\$4,154	89

<i>Total Collection</i>	\$11,075	243
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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.

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



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.

Family Winter Wingo

Friday Night ~ January 26th @ 7 PM

Auditorium! Bring the Family! Refreshments!
Sign up in the Parish Center.

Proceeds will benefit the St. Margaret Outreach.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to help restock our food pantry.



**\$10 Per Family
\$5 Single
Door Prizes!**

**Raffle Baskets!
\$1 a ticket or
20 for \$10.**



FAMILY NAME _____

of People _____

Tele # _____

Save the Date

St. Margaret's Blood Drive

February 20, 2024

1:00pm—7:00pm



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

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.



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.



Invest time each week to
expand your vocabulary and
deepen your faith.

14 January 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Justice \ˈjə-stəs \

The moral fiber of a religious people that mirrors the God of Justice. More than an expression of fairness or the execution of legal judgment, biblical justice demands that we be straight, true, and righteous in our relationships with God and others.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-justice>

CONTEXT

Justice and revenge are not the same thing. As my father said, **justice** at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

—Bernice King

Without **justice** and love, peace will always be a great illusion.

—Dom Hélder Câmara

It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, **justice**, are like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it.

—Maya Angelou

WHY IT MATTERS

The theme of **justice** is central to scripture. Divine law defines it and the prophets clamor for it. Matthew describes Jesus' mission with Isaiah's proclamation: "I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the [nations]." It is impossible to be the People of God and reject the way of God. To be unconcerned with the work of **justice** is to be indifferent to the divine will and the coming Kingdom.

From *Brothers and Sisters to Us* (USCCB Pastoral Letter on Racism, 1979): Racism and economic oppression are distinct but interrelated forces which dehumanize our society. Movement toward authentic **justice** demands a simultaneous attack on both evils.

RELATED WORDS

Racism | Eco-justice | Just War Theory

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is meant by "just war"?

Just war theory is the body of moral reasoning developed to discern when the primary bias *against* war may shift toward an obligation to protect and defend. . . . In the Early Church, pacifism preceded just war tradition. The alliance of church with state under Constantine ensured that church policy leaned toward supporting the interests of the empire. Fourth-century theologians Ambrose and Augustine developed arguments that could, under limited conditions, make war not only permissible but obligatory in the service of a victimized neighbor.

Just war theory offers eight criteria for engagement. Seven determine whether a conflict is justified, including: just cause, competent authority, last resort, comparative justice, proportionality, right intention, and probability of success. The eighth consideration is reserved for an inevitable engagement and involves right conduct in wartime. In his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis argued that "it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war.' Never again war!" Clearly, it's never enough simply to declare a cause righteous in one's own mind and issue a call to arms.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-just-war>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (JANUARY 15)

A matter of head and heart

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong," the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation and lifelong education of our consciences. You have to be sure that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions!

READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011524.cfm>). "No one pours new wine into old wineskins. . . . Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

FAITH IN ACTION

To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily

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 Shelf Stable Milk, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Fruit, Hearty Soups, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese.

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



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 _____



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