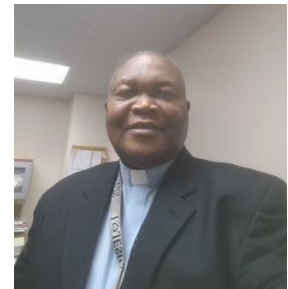
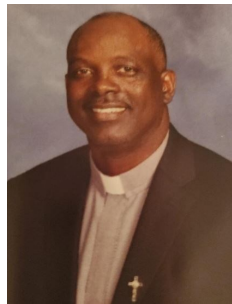


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Father Mike Moran, SMA Deacon Keith Somerville Father Austin Ochu,

Let's touch upon **the notions of earthly and heavenly governance**. Part of our human condition requires that we recognize our need for others; by working with people we unite in strength, and by serving the Lord we understand our values and priorities in life.

First there is human governance. In the first reading from Isaiah we hear how God has anointed Cyrus – the pagan king – as the instrument for Israel's redemption. While the king does not know the Law or the Prophets, he gives the people of Israel a new opportunity by conquering their enemy, Babylon.

This distinction between the pagan King and the people's faith is a helpful guide for us today. We find ourselves living in a culture that has many non-Christian influences. Some are good, some neutral, and others are just-plain-bad! Yet, Isaiah teaches us today to look for what is good and useful, recognizing that God can work through a variety of instruments.

Since we live in this world filled with all these different elements, **we are constantly challenged to discern and choose those options which are good, holy, and true**. It is not always easy! Indeed, we can find ourselves confronted by issues that push and stretch us in a variety of ways.

At St. Margaret's, how do we decide? The gospel today offers a gem from the Lord:

***“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
And to God what belongs to God.”***

We have duties and obligations as members of both heaven and earth. In this world, we have our responsibilities, such as – voting, jury duty, abiding civil laws, serving in local organizations, and actively living as good citizens. And as a people of faith, we are bound to follow the teaching and commandments of Jesus Christ.

So what do we do in a conflict? In the end, we remember that all creation is the Lord's. When pushed to extreme, we follow Christ. God made this world, and one day we will be called out of it. May our example show to others our desire to be good citizens – both on earth, and in heaven.

Prayers,
Deacon Keith

Our Parish

Pastor: Father Austin Ochu
Administrator: Father Mike Moran
Deacon: Deacon Keith Somerville



St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement

"We, the culturally diverse Catholic community of St. Margaret of Scotland in Seat Pleasant MD, are called to live out together our baptismal commitment to the Person and Mission of Jesus Christ. We love God and one another by:

- A life of worship centered on the Word and Eucharist
- A life of Evangelization: sharing, teaching, and the witness of our daily life

A life of service, reaching out to all God's people in their rich diversity, particularly those who are in most need

We accept the Gospel challenge to be in mission in the world around us- to build the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of justice, light and peace among all God's people"

Our Motto: We are all in this together



Congratulation Tyler Philips!

Who was confirmed in the Spirit on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Tyler Phillips completed her initiation in the faith with her Confirmation. This was a beautiful Mass officiated by Auxiliary Bishop Roy Campbell from St. Joseph, Largo. Our parish priests Fr. Austin and Fr. Mike, Deacon Keith, and a visiting priest also helped to make this Confirmation memorable. Tyler's family, relatives, parishioners, and friends came to pray with her and provided support.

Tyler has waited for this day with joyful anticipation. She kept on studying and working with her mom and sponsor despite the effects of COVID-19. May she be filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and use these gifts for building up the church.



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St. Margaret's Folk Group

The St. Margaret's Folk group was formed originally by Gertrude Hebron. In her spirit, they continue to offer Spiritual songs at the 4:00 pm Mass every Saturday under the direction of Joseph Joy. Their music enhances our celebration with the St. Margaret's spirit and the group welcomes any parishioners to join them.

Pictured below from left to right: Joseph Joy, Ophelia Lee, Beverly Glover-Adegbaye, Dorothy Carte, Patti Pflieger and David Gist-Carter





Eucharistic Service From Your Vehicle

Date: October 18th (The 3rd Sunday of October)

Time: 10:00 am

Missing the Eucharist, but are still nervous about coming into the church building? St. Margaret's of Scotland will be offering an outdoor communion service. You will not have to get out of your vehicle. Father will bring Communion to you. We will continue to offer this service on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

We're reminding participants:

- Priest will be wearing a mask
- You are required to wear a mask as well
- Remain in your vehicle
- Do not wear gloves
- Communion will be given in hands only
- Have sanitizer and use it prior to receiving communion from the Priest

Once Priest walks away from your vehicle, you may remove or bring down your mask to take Communion

*Greetings to our visiting priest **Fr. Gustavo Buccilli** who is with the Society of African Missions (SMA) out of Tenafly, NJ! Fr. Gustavo will be around for another 2 weeks assisting Fr. Mike on a number of projects to include redoing the STMOS website. Fr. Gustavo was born in Argentina and has been a priest for 31 years. He also served at Christ the King Catholic Church in Liberia (West Africa).*



Saturday, 10/17

4:00 PM Patty Pflieger

Sunday, 10/18

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard

11:00 AM Al Pearson

Saturday, 10/24

4:00 PM Beverly Glover-

Adegbaye

Sunday, 10/25

8:00 AM Volunteer

11:00 AM Velma Marshall

Saturday, 10/31

4:00 PM Ophelia Lee

Sunday, 11/01

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard

11:00 AM Al Pearson

ANNOUNCEMENT: Previous Lectors wishing to return to the roster should contact Lynn Young at LLSweeney@att.net or 301-919-5966.

Do you need service hours?

If you are High School student and need service hours, please contact Gail Carter at 202-391-5646.

Service hours will be performing work at the church assisting Father Mike Moran.

Staffing the Rectory?

Adult volunteers are also needed to help staff the recovery Monday - Friday.

Rectory Duties include:

- Assisting with scanning files*
- Answering the phones*

Hours are flexible and will be worked around your schedule

*Training will be provided if needed





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ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND ■ COURT #401

TRUNK OR TREAT

**DRIVE-THRU
EVENT ONLY!**

**Saturday, October 31st
6:00 pm — 8:00 pm**

**St. Margaret Catholic Church
410 Addison Road South
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743**

*Participants must remain in the
vehicle at all times!
No worries, every child in the
vehicle will receive treats!*

