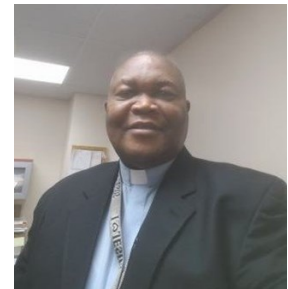
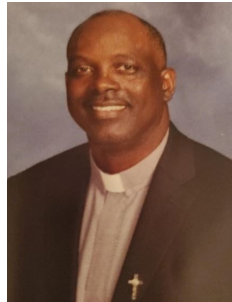


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Father Mike Moran, SMA Deacon Keith Somerville Father Austin Ochu,

How deep is your....

The story of the dutiful workers of the 'Master' should strike a cord in us all. The story is about being tested as to our commitment and how much of a risk are we willing to take for the things we say we believe in and that are important to our life.

In my years on the missions one of the tests that was sometimes used, sometimes on purpose, sometimes by accident, was to leave some money in the pants pockets or out someplace. The person who cleaned the house or did the laundry would find the money and decide what to do with it. Most returned the money or mentioned about the money being someplace. It was always appreciated when the money was returned, not because the money was returned but because the person acted with integrity. It is rewarding to see someone who respects you enough that they want to have the open and honest relationship and also to see that they respect themselves enough to do the right thing.

The story is these servants are being tested. How much are they willing to risk for their master to ensure the relationship would continue to grow as did the talents? No risk, no growth. The greater the risk the greater the growth. I guess the question is for us, what am I risking for God? Am I looking to deepen my relationship with God because of my respect for all that He has done for me? Do I feel His Grace in me that ensures me that I know I am respected, am loved.

Matthew 11:25-26 "Father, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the little ones." We are who we are and God makes us who He wants us to be. Trust and be trustworthy. Respect God, and respect yourself. In the words of the song by John Foley:

*We hold a treasure, not made of gold,
in earthen vessels, wealth untold;
one treasure only: the Lord, the Christ,
in earthen vessels.*

Don't hide it in the ground but risk it so that you may be Blest and those around you.

Stay well and safe.

Fr. Mike Moran, SMA



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

NEWS & UPDATES



Greetings!

This time of year gets very stressful for people. We just finished Halloween, and the elections, now we are preparing for Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and the New Year. COVID is still knocking at the door, we are still all adjusting to the “new” way of life. There are just too many adjustments that need attention and it can almost seem insurmountable. But, what I do see, is that the people of St. Margaret’s are moving ahead.

The Halloween “Trunk or Treat” was uplifting for benefactors and beneficiaries alike, it seemed like a lot of joy was spread. The remembrance of Veterans this past week end was witness of pride and joy by and for those who served. There are preparations for celebrating St. Margaret’s Feast Day (November 16) this weekend which gives witness to the spirit of the parish, in spite of COVID. It is encouraging to see that so many of the members of the parish community continue to give themselves in their efforts to spread a message of joy and charity.

Those that came to the parking lot communion service gave witness to the importance to receiving the body of Christ. We are truly part of the Mystical Union with Jesus. I ask that you all keep yourselves informed on what will be going on over these next 2 months because I don’t think you will want to miss out on any of the joy and peace that will be evident during this time.

Stay strong in your prayer life and seek peace and joy through our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the one that will make it possible for us to get through these days, in spite of the stress. The Truth will set you free and out truth is: Jesus live in us.

*God Bless,
Fr. Mike Moran, SMA*



Eucharistic Service From Your Vehicle

Date: November 15th (Every 3rd Sunday)

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. If you haven't done so already, please be sure to take survey so we can get an accurate account of participants.

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

November Novena Prayer For Poor Souls in Purgatory

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Out of the Depths [De Profundis] Prayer:

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord; hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive my voice in supplication: If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord who can stand? But with You is forgiveness, You may be revered. I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in His word. My soul waits for the Lord, more than sentinels wait for the dawn. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord; For with the Lord is kindness and with Him is plenteous redemption; And He will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

Most Sweet Jesus

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before your altar. We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but, to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your most Sacred Heart

Lectors Schedule

Saturday, 11/14

4:00 PM Patty Pflieger

Sunday, 11/15

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard

11:00 AM Vanessa Holley

Saturday, 11/21

4:00 PM Beverly Glover-Adegbaye

Sunday, 11/22

8:00 AM Volunteer

11:00 AM Al Pearson

Thursday, 11/26 Thanksgiving Mass

TBD Volunteer

Saturday, 11/28 4:00 PM Ophelia Lee

Sunday, 11/29

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard

11:00 AM Velma Marshall

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



St. Margaret of Scotland

Feast Day Concert

to be held on

Saturday, November 14, 2020

at

7:00 pm

Program will also be livestream via YouTube and Facebook.

Links to be provided

St. Margaret of Scotland

Memorial Mass for Faithfully Departed



Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Remembering those who have gone before us

November 2019 - November 2020.



A big thanks to The Knights of Columbus for providing coats that were distributed to the kids last weekend.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!
HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

*To everyone
celebrating a
special event in
November.*

R_x for Body and Spirit

For Your Body

Wash your hands often.

Avoid close contact with other people.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Stay home if you're sick (except to get medical care).

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

For Your Spirit

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Pray the Rosary.

Participate in a televised or live-streamed Mass.

Take time for family prayer.

Practice Lectio Divina.

Don't forget to help your parish with donations.

