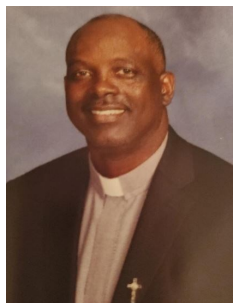


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Father Mike Moran, SMA Deacon Keith Somerville The Father Austin Ochu,
Solemnity of Christ The King of the Universe

On this last Sunday of the church calendar year, we honor Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. On this day, we are invited once again to renew our loyalty to Jesus our King and challenge our co-workers with Him in the way we love and take care of each other.

Although the national celebration of Thanksgiving is fast approaching, all I seen when watching the news on social media or television is the recent results of the Electoral College and litigations about the just concluded election. We are now living in a very divided nation, and even our Roman Catholic Church did not help in building bridges of unity, some of us clergy were agents of the divisiveness that has characterized this nation.

Amidst the current political climate in our society, it is good to ask how today's feast of Christ the king is both a challenge and opportunity for Christians to be agents of Unity not divisiveness. Christ our king speaks a different language from the powers of today. Christ our king does not talk about who is on the left or right, liberal or conservative, pro-life or prochoice.

In our first reading from Ezekiel 34, we hear words of care: "look after", "pasture", "seek out", "tend", "bring back", "bind up the injured", and "heal the sick". In other words, the kingship of Christ is the kingship of care. Care for each other. As we see in the gospel of Matthew 25; "I was hungry and you gave me food", "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink". "I was a stranger and you welcomed me", "I was naked and you gave me clothing", "I was sick and you took care of me", "I was in prison and you visited me".

How have we care for each other during this pandemic?
How have we cared for each other during this electoral process?
How are we dealing with the broken, troublesome, and unfortunate neighbors?
How are treating the immigrants among us, or integrate those released from the prison into meaningful roles in our society?

Today's feast of Christ the King of the universe invites us to emulate our king who eases alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. We are invited today to become carers in some way ourselves in recognition of Christ the King of the Universe.

Stay well and safe.

Fr. Austin Ochu, SMA

NEWS & UPDATES



Greetings!

We have received the new guidelines from Prince George county and the return to Phase 1 because of COVID pandemic. We can continue to gather in the Church as long as we are below 25% which I figured comes to a maximum of 45 people. So we are good to continue our Liturgies as we are. The largest crowd that we have had in the Church was 43 people and that was for the recent confirmation of Tyler Phillips. Our usual Masses have been averaging no more than 25 attendees. We have masks and hand sanitizer at the door for those who forget. We also sanitize the church after every Mass. There is a contact sign-in sheet at the foyer of the Church and we do temperature testing before entering. We encourage everyone to keep safe during these challenging times.

I want to thank Joe Joy and all those who put together the live streaming of the St. Margaret's Feast Day concert last Saturday. I have heard a lot of positive comments. Being the first time there were a few glitches but not anything serious. I hope we have the opportunity to do something like this again. We have some great talent, vocally and technically, and I will not be surprised to see more great things getting produced by our talented team.

This Saturday, at 4 PM, we are having the memorial mass for all the members who moved on home. There have been a few (20) and we want to remember them in prayer. We pray for the repose of their soul and a prayer of gratitude for the gift they were to the community here at St. Margaret's.

Wishing you all a good and safe Thanksgiving. We are one of the few countries in the world that has such a day of Thanksgiving. We will be having only one Mass on Thursday, and that will be at 10 AM. There will be no 8 AM mass on Thursday, November 26. At the 10 AM mass we will offer a blessing for something from your Thanksgiving table (Veggies, bread or side dish). We would also like to use this opportunity to bring in donations for the food bank if you have an extra nonperishable goods to share. Remember: "We are all in this together."

*God Bless,
Fr. Mike Moran, SMA*

We were deeply saddened to hear our dear Gertrude Hebron, faithful daughter of St. Margaret earned her wings joining her Father and her God on Tuesday, November 17th.

Gertrude was a very active member at St. Margaret church for many, many years. She was a member of the Ladies Sodality and the founder and lead member of the folk choir at the 4:00 pm vigil mass on Saturdays. In both great health and during illness she performed with her husband and other family members. Thanks to Gertrude she was successful in reviving adoration of the Divine Mercy Sunday.

She was the loving wife to Carroll and the mother to one son Arnie. Gertrude and her family has been very generous to the church, especially to the food pantry. Gertrude Herbron will be greatly missed by her parish family.



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.

Nevaeh Holloway Receives 2020 Female Catholic Youth Organization Youth of the Year.



St. Margaret of Scotland

Memorial Mass for Faithfully Departed

Saturday, November 21, 2020

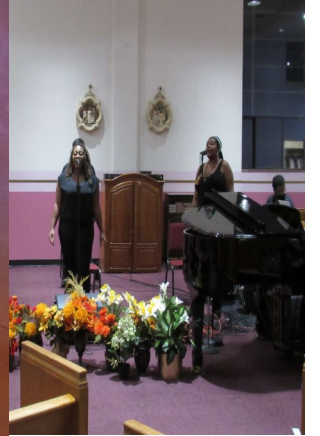
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Remembering those who have gone before us

November 2019 – November 2020.

Joseph Proctor	10/15/19
Gloria Jones	11/23/19
Jacqueline Briscoe-Griffin	11/26/19
James Craig	01/06/20
Clarence Martin	01/19/20
Lois Pearson	03/23/20
Gloria Henderson	05/02/20
Lt Colonel Shirley L. Cleveland	05/11/20
Sara Rollins	05/18/20
Ella Jones	05/27/20
Yvonne Brown	05/30/20
Alma Savage	06/08/20
Patricia Briscoe	06/16/20
Christine Barber	08/13/20
Colleen Bolden	08/23/20
Shawn Tate	09/15/20
Mary Briscoe	09/22/20
Wilhelmina Torain	10/08/20
Deacon John Somerville	10/18/20
Gertrude Hebron	11/17/20

Photos from Feast Day Celebration



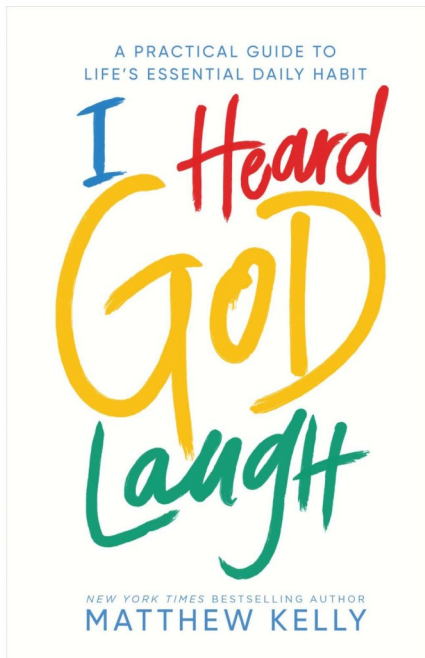


Eucharistic Service From Your Vehicle

Date: December 20th (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.



A must read during these challenging times!

Thanks to Gail Carter and Virginia Richardson for ordering these books for our parish.

Copies are available for pickup at the church and the rectory.