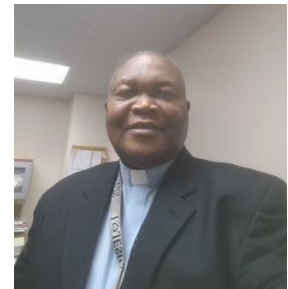
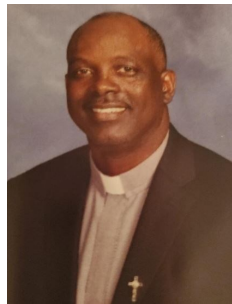


# STMOS NEWS NOVEMBER 3, 2020



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

This weekend's reflection is on the theme: "virginity without virtue is vanity" following the Gospel Reading on the parable of the ten virgins.

In this parable, our Lord tells us about a wedding where ten virgins are waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom (not the bride). They had lamps, but only five of them brought jars of oil. The bridegroom arrives late from an unnamed destination, and the five wise virgins light their lamp and enter the wedding feast, but the other five could not join because the door closed before they could get oil for their lamps.

Our positions, ranks, titles, designations, and earthly honors have no relevance to our salvation if we do not possess some of the essential Christian virtues. It is common to hear most people boast about their Church titles (not here at St. Margaret) and other positions, using them to measure their level of commitment to God. People forget that titles and positions are worthless before God; what matters to God is the inner commitment, the presence of the oil that will keep the flame burning.

Back to our foolish virgins, they were distracted by their title, and they forgot to look inward and to secure the most needful facility, the oil. It will be important to find out the things that preoccupied the foolish virgins to the extent that they could not pay attention to what was vibrant for the wedding banquet. They could be involved with their make-ups, chatting away on the phone or gossiping.

We are often foolish like the five virgins when we misplace our priorities. We often waste our time with the unnecessary things when there are other things that matter. We are usually concerned about our outer looks but do not bother about our inner looks. We are typically worried about people's opinion about us and we care less about God's judgment about us. We are concerned about our titles and ranks but we forget about our ranking with God.

We are invited to look beyond our physical “virginity” and seek out the inner virtues we need in life to enter the eternal banquet. Wisdom consists in seeking out these essential virtues as the First Reading instructs us. May God’s grace help us to look beyond the surface and search for the oil that will keep the flames burning until the Lord comes to take us to the glorious banquet, Heaven. Do not be a foolish virgin!

God bless you,

Deacon Keith Somerville

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## **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!

*The parish has gone through a very challenging time this last year, and it is a witness to the bond and commitment of the community that continued to make its way through these times. I want to thank all those who have offered guidance and direction to me. We are a family and we must continue to move together as a family.*

*I will be putting out the financials of the parish in the next week or two. There is some restructuring that will be taking place and hopefully we will be making things easier for all those who want to participate in the life of the community.*

*I had Fr. Gustavo Buccilli here for about 3 weeks and he helped put together our web site. You can view it at [www.stmargaretos.org](http://www.stmargaretos.org) (the os represents "of Scotland" as it is believed if you make the name too long it gets confusing and receives less visits). We are still working on live streaming. We got the web site and name for \$300 dollars for 2 years. I am familiar with this company and so opted to go this route. Using this service gives us the ability to create our own e-mail addresses. I would like to have every committee in the parish to establish an e-mail address. So if you are chair of a committee I ask that you send me the name of your group and suggested name for establishing an official e-mail address. All e-mail accounts will end with [@stmargaretos.org](mailto:@stmargaretos.org). So for example, St. Vincent de Paul might be [stvinc-centdepaul@stmargaretos.org](mailto:stvinc-centdepaul@stmargaretos.org). I think we need to do this because everyone is currently using [stmargpar@verizon.net](mailto:stmargpar@verizon.net) which isn't a good practice.*

*I want to thank all those that put together the "Trunk or Treat" event. I think it went extremely well and it seemed to me that everyone had a good time. I also want to thank those who took and returned "The Boxes of Joy". The participation has kept Mark Richardson pretty busy these past two weeks. He had to provide additional boxes due to the high demands.*

*Let's not forget that November is a busy month as we celebrate National Black Catholic History month along with All Saints and All Souls giving us an opportunity to remember all those who have preceded us to the banquet of the Lord.*

God Bless,  
Fr. Mike Moran, SMA

*Thank  
you*

The family of **Deacon John Walter Somerville, Sr.** deeply appreciate and greatly acknowledge your kind expression of sympathy. It will always be remembered



*Knights of Peter Claver  
Ladies Auxiliary  
in conjunction with the Knights of Peter Claver*

*St. Margaret of Scotland  
Council and Court #401*

*Thank You*

*for making our Halloween Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat a success!!!*

*Over 100 cars attended, with over 150 children receiving treats!!*

*See you at our future events!*





## **Eucharistic Service From Your Vehicle**

**Date:** November 15<sup>th</sup> (Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.



## 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, 11/07

4:00 PM Dorothy Carter

### Sunday, 11/08

8:00 AM Volunteer

11:00 AM Velma Marshall

### 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](mailto:LLSweeney@att.net) or 301-919-5966.

## October Tithes

Date	Amount
10/1/2020	\$1,470.00
10/5/2020	\$5,415.00
10/8/2020	\$3,869.00
10/12/2020	\$856.00
10/15/2020	\$3,159.78
10/19/2020	\$2,108.00
10/22/2020	\$1,550.00

## Trunk or Treat Photos





