

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Sunday, March 17, 2024

(Following 10:00AM Mass)

Parish Hall
30300 Catholic Hall Road, Albany
(Hammond, by GPS)

All are invited to participate, celebrate, and give glory to God in honor of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus!

A SPIRITUAL TRADITION

The altar arises from the rich spiritual tradition and patrimony of our Church that began centuries ago. In keeping with that tradition, all are invited to join in prayer by participating in the HOLY ROSARY and ST. JOSEPH NOVENA PRAYERS which will begin on **Saturday, March 9, 2024**. Please see the full schedule on the right for dates and times.

Also, we would like to place YOUR intentions on the St. Joseph Altar during our annual celebration. Receptacles have been placed near the entrances of both churches to deposit your novena prayer intentions which are wholly confidential. At the conclusion of the altar, these intentions will be stored at St. Margaret until the Easter Vigil where they will be burned in the Easter fire.



NOVENA SCHEDULE

Recited prayers will include the Rosary, familiar St. Joseph prayers, and the Litany to St. Joseph. All novena prayers take place at St. Margaret Church:

Saturday	March 9, 2024	3:30PM
Sunday	March 10, 2024	5:00PM
Monday*	March 11, 2024	5:00PM
Tuesday	March 12, 2024	7:30AM
Wednesday	March 13, 2024	7:30AM
Thursday	March 14, 2024	7:30AM
Friday	March 15, 2024	7:30AM
Saturday	March 16, 2024	3:30PM
Sunday	March 17, 2024	11:00AM

(following the 10:00 AM Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration will follow the Novena Prayers on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

*Novena following Mondays with Mary Rosary

For more information contact John & Mary Gaeta at 225.567.2193 or 985.320.6520.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS!

St. Margaret cannot produce such a beautiful and meaningful altar without your generosity! A special St. Joseph Altar envelope is included in the usual packet of envelopes each parishioner received for the month of March. Please place any and all donations in these envelopes and drop them in any first collection at Mass on any weekend leading up to the St. Joseph Altar. Envelopes are available at the entrances of both churches for individuals who are visiting or who do not regularly receive contribution packets. Make all checks payable to St. Margaret Church. You can also donate to the St. Joseph Altar by visiting our website at www.stmargaretstthomas.com and simply press the **GIVE** button. Thank you for your generosity!



BRING IT TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of any homebound parishioners or acquaintances who would like to receive food from the altar, please contact John Gaeta. Please have someone pick up this box for your homebound loved one after the celebration has concluded.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Aside from financial support, beginning **Thursday, March 15, 2024**, baked goods may be dropped off at the Parish Hall between the hours of **9:00AM to 1:00PM**.

We welcome your favorite meatless casserole, vegetable dish or salad. You may bring these dishes to the Parish Hall on **Saturday, March 16 or Sunday, March 17, 2024**. Please let John or Mary Gaeta know what dish you will provide.

PUBLIC VIEWING



A public viewing of the altar will take place after the 4:00PM Mass on **Saturday, March 16, 2024**, from **5:00PM** until **6:00PM**. Coffee and sfinges (Italian donuts) or other treats will be served.

Immediately following the 10:00AM Mass on **Sunday, March 17, 2024**, the St. Joseph Novena will be recited and then all will process to the Parish Hall. The altar will then be blessed by Father Paul Gros, our Pastor. Father Paul will lead the meal prayer and slice the first piece of bread – a signal for the introduction of those honored parishioners portraying the “saints”. Once the “saints” are served, all guests will be invited to form a line to be served their meal.

BREAKING DOWN THE ALTAR

As everyone completes their meal, the altar is “broken,” that is food is removed and guests request food to be given to them by the Altar Committee. Leftover food is donated and/or delivered to a local nursing home, a community home for the mentally challenged, and the St. Albert Student Center’s “Starving Students” in Hammond.



ST. JOSEPH PRAY FOR US



Remember, most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, my loving protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or asked for your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, I come before you and humbly implore you. Despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.