

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 8:00am, 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am

& 12:00pm (Noon)

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturdays: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm (or appointment)

CGS 1st Communion Parent Meeting



Monday, February 4th

10 AM OR 7 PM

See Inside for Details

February 3, 2019

Phone: (631) 732-3131

Parish Center Office Hours

<i>Open for Walk-In Business</i>	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon thru Thurs	9 ^{am} - 1 ^{pm}	2 - 4 ^{pm}	7 - 8 ^{pm}
Friday	9 ^{am} - 1 ^{pm}		
Saturday	9 ^{am} - 12 ^{pm}		
Sunday	Closed		

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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who listen to the Voice of God in their lives and answer His Call.

We are grateful to those stewards who stand up for the unborn, the poor and the marginalized. In doing so, they become the voice of God in the world.

Sacrificial Giving

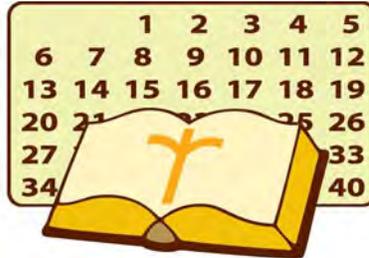
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

	#	2019	2018	#	
Collected at Mass	340	9,733. ⁴⁹	11,143. ²⁴	372	
Mailed Envelopes	16	575	523	12	
Electronic Donations	26	1,623	2,196. ³⁴	35	
Total Collection	382	\$11,931.⁴⁹	\$13,862.⁵⁸	417	
Mass Attendance	5^{pm}	8^{am}	10^{am}	12^{pm}	Total
This Week	251	148	244	302	945
Last Yr's Avg	269	178	252	280	982

Readings for Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
 Second Reading.....1 Cor 15: 1-11
 Gospel.....Lk 5: 1-11



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries, or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

BAPTISMS: Prospective parents should telephone the Parish Center about three months before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your child's baptism and enroll you in the required baptismal class. Baptism classes are held monthly on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month. The baptism date will be set at the time of the class. The child's birth certificate as well as the godparent's "sponsor certificate" (godparents must be Confirmed practicing Catholics) must be presented before a date is finalized.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center: Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Closed on Fridays.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center: Tuesday and Thursday 10 am -1 pm. and 2 - 4 pm.; Call for appointment.

Masses for the Week

Family members and/or those who requested the Mass are always welcome to present the gifts of bread & wine at the offertory procession. On week-ends, please introduce yourselves to our ushers or call the office during the previous week.

Monday - February 4th
9:00 A.M.

Tuesday - February 5th
9:00 A.M.

John Ciampoli

Wednesday - February 6th
9:00 A.M.

Thursday, - February 7th
9:00 A.M.

Joseph Figliuolo & Katie Figliuolo

Friday - February 8th
9:00 A.M.

Saturday - February 9th
8:00 A.M.

Margaret O'Donnell

5:00 P.M.

The Hart Family

Helen Clemente

Sunday - February 10th
8:00 A.M.

Frank Wojick

10:00 A.M.

For All Parishioners

12:00 P.M.

Michael A. Lo Grande

For all our parishioners suffering

from chronic illness, as well as MaryJane Kogler, Patricia Lunetta, Valerie J. Aurigue, Terri Persina, Christina Muller, Jon Lasher, Harold Burton, Jillian Brown, Paul Tomko, Patricia Wovk, Eric Chan, John Augusta Jr., June Tamillow, Sue Callari, Sarah Behie, Eppie Larke, Alyssa Baisch, Marilyn & Steven Vacchio, Natasha Roucoulet, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Virginia Nunlist, Laura Durant, Eileen Vincench, Warne Family. Sue Finnigan, James Finnigan, Lorraine Vogel, Vincent Rutherford, Marie Positano, Baby Muller, Laura Positano, Joseph Kiely, Dominic & Mary Percoco, Frank Guttilla, Walter & Valerie O, Helen R, Jennifer Roucoulet, Robert Finger, Cathy Reynolds, Patricia Ferrere, John Fiscina, Rosemary Martorelli, Eric Cohen, Baby Emma, Cindy Byrne, & Dylan Joseph Sergio.



Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note-due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only. Thank you.

A STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF NEW YORK STATE

Words are insufficient to describe the profound sadness we feel at the contemplated passage of New York State's new proposed abortion policy. We mourn the unborn infants who will lose their lives, and the many mothers and fathers who will suffer remorse and heartbreak as a result.

The so-called "Reproductive Health Act" will expand our state's already radically permissive law, by empowering more health practitioners to provide abortion and removing all state restrictions on late-term procedures. With an abortion rate that is already double the national average, New York law is moving in the wrong direction.

We renew our pledge to offer the resources and services of our charitable agencies and health services to any woman experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, to support her in bearing her infant, raising her family or placing her child for adoption. There are life-affirming choices available, and we aim to make them more widely known and accessible.

Our Governor and legislative leaders hail this new abortion law as progress. This is not progress. Progress will be achieved when our laws and our culture once again value and respect each unrepeatable gift of human life, from the first moment of creation to natural death. Would that not make us truly the most enlightened and progressive state in the nation?

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger
Bishop of Albany

Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of Brooklyn

Most Rev. John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Most Rev. Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham
Bishop of Syracuse

A Lenten Offering

Lent seems far off, but getting ready for it can enrich this special time of year. One opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey has been put together by Sr. Josephine Daspro, CSJ, a Josephite Sister who has years of experience giving retreats and days of prayer. **A Lenten Retreat of Guided/Directed Prayer** is meant to help you deepen your relationship with God.

What can you expect? You are invited to choose one of five themes for the five weeks of Lent. After you have chosen your focus, you will receive a prayer sheet for your daily prayer. You are asked to commit to pray each day with a specific reading, write a reflection in a journal each day, and meet with a spiritual director one-on-one once a week at a mutually agreeable time to share your experience.

What are the five themes to choose from? (1) God's Love; (2) Forgiveness/Mercy; (3) The Mystery of Suffering; (4) Interior Freedom; (5) Hope.

Who are the directors? They are either a man or a woman who has been trained in the Art of Spiritual Direction (working with Sr. Josephine) and are familiar with the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius.

Is there a cost? The suggested offering is \$20 to \$40 per week; but financial situations will be taken into consideration.

Want more information? Brochures are available at our Parish Center Office, or call Sr. Josephine Daspro, CSJ (631-647-8683). You are asked to send your form in by the week of February 10th.

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday February 4

9:30 am Women's Bible Sharing.....Rm 207
10 am CGS Communion Parent Mtg.....Auditorium
7 pm CGS Communion Parent Mtg.....Auditorium

Tuesday, February 5

7 pm Chosen I.....Auditorium
7 pm K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, February 6

7 pm Risk Mgmt Mtg.....Rm 206

Thursday, February 7

7 pm Chosen II.....Auditorium

Friday, February 8

7 pm PBJ Ministry.....Auditorium

Saturday February 9

9:30 Children's Chorus.....Rm 105
Blood Drive Table in Lobby after Mass

Sunday February 10

Blood Drive Table in Lobby after Masses

St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all our activities, bulletins, weather closures. Go check it out & make it a favorite!

SAINTMARGARET.COM

Faith Formation

CGS Communion Parent Meeting

For all Parents whose child/children are receiving
First Holy Communion this spring ~

Monday, February 4th

10 AM OR 7 PM in the Auditorium



BECOMING A CATECHIST OR ASSISTANT



St. Margaret's is in need of catechists & assistants on all levels. **Faith Formation needs parents, grandparents and parishioners to share their faith.** Everyone has a faith story to share and our families want to hear yours. Please pray over this invitation & call Jackie Mirenda.

631-732-3131 X 131

JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM.

Vacation Bible School

Due to the construction on the parish property, VBS will be cancelled for the summer of 2019.

See you in 2020!



CHILDREN'S CHORUS

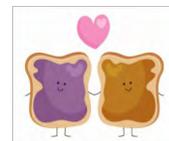
Come and sing! Rehearsals for our Children's Chorus in the Parish Center on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:45AM. All boys and girls (from 2nd grade and above) are invited to come and sing. Please contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 or comatwins@optonline.net.



Parish Social Ministry

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MINISTRY

Our Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry makes sandwiches for the homeless once a month on Friday evenings. Volunteers of many ages spend an hour making & packaging the sandwiches to be distributed. We can always use more help. Come & have a fellowship night! **Please note-you must wear a baseball cap, hat or supplied hair net.** Mark your calendar - 7 pm ~ **February 8TH**



THRIFT SHOP ~ IS OPEN!

Come visit, shop, and say hello! Our hours are Tuesday & Thursday - 10 - 2 and Saturday 10 - 1. Thank you to all for your patience during this time. Happy New Year!

Please do NOT leave bags for Thrift Shop out in inclement weather or over the weekend. Use bin to the right of the shop. We are unable to accept any furniture. Thank you!

HAVE YOU TRAVELED LATELY?

Our parish prepares wash-up kits for the homeless and could use donations of **small travel toiletry items ~ shampoo, conditioner, body wash & lotion.** Many Thanks!



BABY DIAPERS...

Has your child changed diaper size? We will gladly accept **all children's sizes.** Please package them tightly in a strong bag and drop them off at the Parish Center. Thank you!



Helpful Phone Numbers

- Domestic Violence 1-800-799-SAFE & 631-666-8833
- Post Abortion Counseling - days 722-4355
- Project Rachel - evenings 242-0907 or 1800-456-HOPE
- Crisis Pregnancy/Counseling 243-2373
- 24 hr State Child Abuse 1-800-342-3720
- Baby Safe Haven Hot Line 1-877-796-HOPE
- Depression after Delivery 1-800-944-4PPD
- The Life Center 243-2373
- Drug Hotline 1-800-522-5353
- Suicide Prevention 1-800-639-5433

FAMILY WINGO

Raffle Baskets!
\$1 a ticket or
20 for \$10.

BRING YOUR
VALENTINE!
Wear Red!

Join us for a FUN family night of WINGO
with Prizes. EVERYONE WINS A PRIZE

Friday, February 15th ~ 7 pm ~ Auditorium

\$10 Per Family ~ Purchase tickets at the Parish Center

FAMILY NAME _____

of People _____

Tele # _____



St. Margaret of Scotland Women



Our Annual Dinner & Program at the Ronkonkoma Cenacle.
"Fat Tuesday" or "Ash Wednesday Eve"



OPENING TO THE GRACES OF LENT

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Deposits due no later than February 22, 2019

6pm - 9pm

Dinner at 6:00pm

Lent give us a time to take a look at what keeps us from being our true self, the person God created us to be. This evening will give you the opportunity to take a look at what is keeping you from that true self. Away to prepare your heart to receive the Graces that Lent has to offer. With words and symbols we will see where God calls you this Lent.

Our Presenter: Valerie Dunne,
Cenacle Staff Associate

Always a wonderful program and fellowship night.

\$45 per person

\$20 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot

Prepare for Lent with a wonderful dinner and program - Invite a friend!

Please register me for the March 5th, 2019 St. Margaret's Women's Dinner/Program

Name : _____
Address: _____

Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Any food allergies? _____

\$20 Deposit - Drop off at St. Margaret's Parish Center or

Mail to: Cenacle Retreat Center, 310 Cenacle Rd., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 or call 588-8366 x 116

____ Check ____ Cash
____ Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard only- please call Retreat Office to process.)

Sunday, Feb 03, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Take the leap of truth

In one guidebook, the place was oddly listed as the “Mount of Hurling.” While that sounds like a site for over eager partygoers, Mount Precipice, as it’s more widely known, is a hill overlooking Nazareth where Jesus almost met an early end. Citizens of his hometown loved having a celebrity to claim as their own, but when Jesus suggested that God might claim foreigners ahead of Israelites because of their welcome to prophets, the Nazoreans proved his point by attempting to run him off a cliff. Telling the truth rarely makes us popular. It can even be dangerous. Take the plunge!

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30 (72). *“They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill . . . to hurl him down headlong.”*

Monday, Feb 04, 2019**Reach out for assistance**

The expression “inner demons” captures something of the helplessness that those in the grip of negative behaviors feel. The ancients took that phrase literally, believing that illness was due to divine punishment for sin or demons taking up temporary residence in a person. The remedy was to seek forgiveness or a healer who could rid you of the bad spirits. While most people nowadays don’t believe that sicknesses and personality problems come from evil spirits or God’s wrath, there is still the need for reaching out to others for help when you cannot help yourself. Medical and other professionals, counselors, family, friends, and especially Jesus the Healer in prayer provide that assistance.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323). *“Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.”*

Tuesday, Feb 05, 2019

MEMORIAL OF AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Torture is intolerable

The details of Saint Agatha’s life are not for the faint of heart. Born in Sicily during the third-century Christian persecutions, Agatha was continuously harassed and abused for her religious convictions. She was imprisoned in a brothel, but when she refused to serve customers, she was sent to jail, where she was repeatedly beaten and mutilated. She finally succumbed to death. Not surprisingly Agatha is the patron of torture victims. The church condemns torture as contrary to the Christian tenets of respect for life and human dignity. In honor of Saint Agatha and the countless victims of torture through the centuries, take time today to review the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops’ online instruction: “Torture Is a Moral Issue: A Catholic Study Guide.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43 (324). *“Jesus said to the hemorrhaging woman, ‘Daughter, your faith has saved you.’”*

Wednesday, Feb 06, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Citizens of two worlds

Imagine the trouble 16th-century missionaries had presenting Western Christianity to the Far East. Paul Miki was a Christian from Kyoto, Japan. He understood local religion and culture well enough to argue for Christianity to the point where he made

enemies. Religious and political leaders ran the missionaries out and burned down churches. Miki and his friends stayed and were put to death in 1597. His final Christian witness was to forgive his executioners before he died. Today we can consider ourselves Christian missionaries even in this culture, living our faith in a sometimes hostile environment.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325). *“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.”*

Thursday, Feb 07, 2019**All will be provided**

Can you imagine starting out on a work trip and your boss insists that you must leave your money and food at home? But the message of today’s gospel is that just as Jesus was sent by the Father to preach the Good News, so he sent his disciples (and eventually that means us) to continue this mission. The clothes the disciples wore and the food they ate were not to be a source of worry. What mattered was trust that God would give them what they needed to preach repentance and minister to the sick.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13 (326). *“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey.”*

Friday, Feb 08, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

Stop the traffic

Bakhita: “Fortunate One.” A slave owner gave this ironic name to a young girl kidnapped in Sudan in the 1800s. She was bought and sold many times. It was said that she forgot her birth name because of the great suffering she endured. Eventually she was transported to Italy and there gained her freedom. She joined the Canossian Sisters and was revered for her deep faith in God. Her name, once a symbol of oppression, became a symbol of hope. With Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for freedom for the many people oppressed by human trafficking in the world today.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327). *“Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody.”*

Saturday, Feb 09, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Give yourself a break

Are you overwhelmed with things to do and deadlines to meet? Do you need a break? When *did* you last take time to “rest” and to “be refreshed”? Though we sometimes ignore it, faith binds us to the practice of taking a break to ensure the “proper relaxation of mind and body,” as the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2193) puts it. God rested while immersed in the work of creation. Jesus and the disciples took time to get away. Mary reflected in her heart. Find a way to take your own spiritual snow day: Do your best to find a way to allow everyday work to come to a halt and seek a bit of a respite.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328). *“Come away . . . to a deserted place and rest awhile.”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Ronkonkoma Cenacle Retreat House – Job Opening

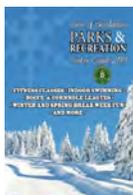
The Cenacle in Ronkonkoma has an opening for a part-time Kitchen Utility Worker (25 hours per week). This is an excellent opportunity for a retired person or a student with a flexible schedule. Please send your resume to jsgambati@cenaclesisters.org or phone (631) 588-8366 x139.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ~ DRVC REGINA MATERNITY SERVICES & PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Our Community Program provides case management services and assistance to pregnant & parenting young women. Help is available in accessing medical & mental health services, educational training, and needed supplies, when available. Group counseling is offered on topics such as parenting skills, child development, nutrition, independent living skills, anger management, and more. **Call 516-233-7888** for info. Serving Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Catholic Gifts

Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine, 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. Hours 10-4 weekdays & 10-5 Sat./ Sun. They carry a large variety of religious articles. OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG



Town of Brookhaven Winter Fun

For all sorts of family fun this winter go to BROOKHAVENNY.GOV for info on winter fun from seniors to kids! Indoor bocci, gardening, sports etc.



Valentine Evening for Married Couples

The goal of this time is for us to fall more deeply in love with ourselves, with our spouses and God. In this busy world, take a few hours to slow down and focus on your love. The evening begins with a festive dinner and closes with Eucharist and renewal of marriage vows.

**Thursday, February 14, 2019
6-10 p.m. at the Cenacle Retreat Center**

Presenters: Valerie and Michael Dunne

*Offering: \$80 per couple – Festive dinner included
\$25 deposit required to hold your reservation.*

WWW.CENACLESISTERS.ORG/RONKONKOMA OR CALL
631-588-8366 for information.

In Need of Bereavement Counseling?

If your family is in need of Bereavement counseling, go to HTTP://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG/BEREAVEMENT for a full list of locations or call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x133. A six month wait after the death is suggested.

Free Counseling at Hope House

In the age of high cost health insurance, Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson offers free individual, couple, family and group counseling services by licensed professionals & interns. We also offer psychiatric evaluations for medication. In addition, Sr. Mary Ann Bazata, S.S. N. D. offers free spiritual direction. If interested, please call 928-2377.

Cenacle Happenings

TOPICS FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS—Contemplative Singles, Centering Prayer Afternoon and the Present Moment. The Cenacle Retreat House is located at 310 Cenacle Rd. in Ronkonkoma. Throughout the year they offer prayerful Retreats & Programs.

Visit WWW.CENACLESISTERS.ORG/RONKONKOMA OR CALL 631-588-8366 for info.



FULLY LIVING THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE: JOURNEYING WITH THE PRODIGAL SON ~ February 15-17, 2019

Jesus revealed the dynamics of healing all of life in his greatest parable, the Prodigal Son. During the second half of life, we are to journey from being angry at our self (prodigal) or at another (elder brother) to becoming the Father celebrating all of life. Jesus reveals the key to being healed as the prodigal son gets healed and called back to life while the elder son gets more negative and runs from life. This retreat is for those in the second half of life who want to become fully alive and be sages, not just aged! **Presenter: Fr. Matt Linn, SJ Offering: \$250 - No Sunday lunch. Commuters: \$195 \$50 deposit required to hold your reservation**

HAVE A BOAT READY.~ Calm measures for overwhelming days! ~ Saturday, February 23, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Retreat Center, 9:30 a.m. arrivals and refreshments In our busy lives today we often feel the overwhelming pressure of demands, schedules and responsibilities. There is just too much to do! In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus often struggling with the same things. He knows how important it is to always "have a boat ready". Jesus teaches us how to take care of ourselves amidst the busyness and constant demands of life. Come and see how to "have a boat ready" in your life! **Presenter: Sr. Kathy Scott, r.c. Offering: \$50 - Lunch included \$20 deposit required to hold your reservation.**



Winter
BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Margaret of Scotland
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
3:00pm – 9:00pm
81 College Road ~ Selden

**Donating is
Safe & Simple.**
**Give the gift of life and donate
blood!**

**For more information:
Call Joe Callari: 1-631-320-3363**

🔴 Eligibility Criteria 🔴

If you have a donor card, please bring it.

Age 16 – 75. Minimum Weight: 110lbs.
No New Tattoos for past 12 months.
Photo or signature ID

For questions concerning medical eligibility

www.nybc.org 1-800-933-2566

🔴 Long Island Blood Services



Caption Call Telephone for Hearing Impaired ~ Stay Engaged!

Difficulty hearing on the phone? As a provision through the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. Government established a fund to give individuals with hearing loss access to captioned telephone service at no cost. All you need is an internet connection and a Professional certification stating that there is a hearing loss. For info call 1 877-557-2227 / WWW.CAPTIONCALL.COM.



\$ Tax Statements

Call the Parish Center if you would like your 2018 tax statement at 732-3131 x133. Please leave a clear message with your name, address and if you know your envelope number which is located under the DATE. Thank you.

All Capital Campaign Contributions over \$250.00 have been mailed automatically. If below this amount, please call and leave a message on x 128 to receive a copy.

Envelopes do Help

A special thank you to the parishioners who have been using envelopes. Please remember that the parish is not able to record your donation for tax purposes unless it is in an envelope. Use of envelopes helps us when asked to sign forms attesting to eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor, determine Faith Formation parish support, as well as Catholic school subsidy for individual families.

Diocese Young Adult Ministry

Check out their new website YOUNGADULTMINISTRY@DRVC.ORG for all the current happenings for young adults ages twenties, thirties and forties, single or married on Long Island.

Family Center ~ Town of Brookhaven

Family Support free of charge ~ Middle Country Library Referrals to Community Agencies, Health & Social, Child Care, Immigration & Residency, English Second Language, Food, Clothing & Utility Assistance, programs for Parents & Children & more. To schedule an appointment or confidential message ~ 631-585-9393 x290 or email FAMILYCENTER@MCPL.LIB.NY.US.



Low Gluten Altar Breads

Do you or anyone in your family have a problem with wheat products? This allergy often prevents people from sharing in Communion completely because they cannot receive the Host. We have special hosts made by a Convent in the Midwest that many people have been able to use, because there is only 0.01% gluten in these hosts. For info, check their website BENEDICTINESISTERS.ORG. IMPORTANT: if you are gluten intolerant, consult with your doctor before use.

If you wish to receive one of these hosts, please let the priest celebrating Mass know before Mass so he can have one for you, then go to him at communion. As you receive, please remind him that you need a "special host."

Hints for the Flu Season

Since we are in the flu season, we are offering two practical directives to assist the congregation during Mass. The "Sign of Peace" does not have to be a handshake. Turning to those near you and offering a slight bow with a verbal wish without touching is proper. Be mindful of the symptoms of colds and the flu. If you have any symptoms, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the Communion Cup.

Also, getting a flu shot is a way of helping yourself & others.

Setting up Electronic Giving To Make Contribution Online

ONLINE BILL PAY is the form of Electronic Giving we are using in the parish. Your bank offers this service that sends money out of your bank account to whomever you wish. ONLINE BILL PAY services will print an actual check and mail it to St. Margaret of Scotland. Sending your regular Offertory support electronically will save you time and money. In addition, it helps us at St. Margaret to budget more confidently. Your Bank does not charge a fee for this service.

To set up sending your Offertory Support all you need is:

Your St. Margaret Account Number: *Located on your stewardship envelope directly under the date (or call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x0 for your number). Please make sure this number is listed under notations or in address.*

St. Margaret's Mailing Address: *St. Margaret of Scotland Church 81 College Road, Selden, NY 11784*

- Visit your bank's website or call your bank for more information.
- On your bank's website: Click on BILL PAY or Pay Bills: each bank may have a different name for bill pay service.
- Click on "Set up NEW PAYEE": Complete all required fields.
- Enter amount you will be remitting. Schedule payments for weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly: 52x, 26x, 12x.

If setting up for Capital Campaign, please call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x0 for assistance.



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 4:21-30

Name: _____



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Campaign Catch Up



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Total Pledged: \$855,908



One Year, Two to Go

It has been one year since we began to report to you on our Capital Campaign. The program began two years ago when we looked at all the repairs and upgrades surfaced during a diocese directed review of our buildings and grounds. The initial estimate for all the work was almost \$3 million. It was very clear this was not possible.



We reduced the initial list and submitted it to our parishioners to add, delete and prioritize. At the same time, we hired a fund raising company to do a feasibility study and see what we could honestly expect from our parishioners. They informed us we could raise \$1.3 million. This seemed to us a reach and so, looking at the priorities set by the parish, we

put together a list of upgrades and repairs totaling \$955,000.

We invited all parishioners to financially support the effort to accomplish these projects.

As of today, we have commitments totaling \$855,908 from 408 parishioners. We thank you for your generous support that has allowed us to:

- ① Work on the church side entrances, only awaiting the railings to allow us to reopen the side entrances.
- ② Do initial work on the main entrance bridge so that the full job can begin after Communion, Confirmation and weddings this spring (defrosting system has been built into all three minimizing any icing).
- ③ Engage an architect to update the auditorium restrooms and design an ADA compliant restroom and bring the kitchen up to code. We hope to see this work done this summer.
- ④ Contract for the conversion of the Parish Center heating system to gas. To be done after PSE&G installs a gas line..

Proposed Schedule of Work

PHASE I **Fall 2018**

Approximate Cost: \$450,000

- Replace the Church Entrance Bridge and Side Stairways
- Mandated Removal of the oil tank in the Parish Center and replace the Boiler
- Update the Kitchen in the Auditorium

PHASE II **Fall 2019**

Approximate Cost: \$290,000

- Update Auditorium Bathrooms and Replace Parish Center's Handicapped lift
- Add Handicapped Parking spaces and Re-coat & re-stripe the Parking lot
- Install new padding on the kneelers

PHASE III **Fall 2020**

Approximate Cost: \$210,000

- Update Fire and Security Alarm systems in the Church and Parish Center
- Replace the Sidewalks
- Replace the Windows in the Parish Center

Funded

Pledged

Unfunded