

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)



Transfiguration of the Lord Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

If you were waiting for a sign from heaven to confirm that God was on your side, what exactly would you be looking for? And where would you go to look for it? Ancient people knew, or thought they knew, what a sign from heaven looked like. For one thing, it came from the general direction of heaven, which was up. It usually had something to do with stars or heavenly beings or uncontrollable forces like weather. So Abram looked to the starry sky and found confirmation of the future God was promising his descendants. And in a state of trance he saw God's covenant expressed to him in the powerful symbol of fire. After all, fire is the ultimate medium of transformation. Though it has no apparent substance, whatever passes through it is irrevocably changed. Thus, an elderly childless couple will be transformed into a mighty nation. Abram understands that the power of this God can bring such a change into being.

The Transfiguration of Jesus leads us in a more personal direction. Signs from God do not always come from "up there," outside us. This episode showed the disciples what was deep within the man they had been with for a long while. We might think that the continual stream of healings and miracles emanating from their teacher would have tipped the disciples off. But apparently it took the mountaintop setting, radiant light, and the inexplicable presence of two famous and very historical holy men to cue Peter, James, and John that something glorious was hidden in the person of Jesus.

Our faith teaches us that through our Baptism, we have become one with the Lord Jesus. Perhaps we are like the disciples. We still instinctively look up and out for signs of God's presence when we should be seeking that presence within us. ~ *Fr. Jim*

DynamicCatholic.com/40days

Loyola Press Lent

LPi/Lenten Reflections

Creighton University Lent

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday March 18

9:30 am Women's Bible Sharing.....Rm 207

7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration.....Church

Tuesday, March 19

7 pm Chosen I with Mtg.....Auditorium

7 pm K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, March 20

6:30 pm C of F Lvl 5.....Church/Auditorium

Thursday, March 21

7 pm Chosen II with Mtg.....Auditorium

7:30 pm Finance Mtg.....Rm 207

Friday, March 22

4:30 & 6:30pm Communion Meditation #2Auditorium

Saturday March 23

9:30 am Children's Chorus.....Rm 105

10 am C of FRms 206/207

5 pm Mass ~ Mission Speaker

Sunday March 24

Mission Speaker—All Masses

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

In keeping with the spirit of penance, Catholics are asked to observe the following practices:

Good Friday is a day of fast* and abstinence**

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence**

***Fasting:** All between the ages of 18 and 59 may eat only one full meal & two small meals on these days (no snacks).

****Abstinence:** All from the age of seven onwards abstain from meat on these days.

Illness always exempts people from these requirements.

Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, April 1st

7:00 pm ~ Church



Eucharistic Adoration

Take my life,
my moments and my days
Let them flow in endless praise.
Open my eyes,
open my heart and let it be
That Your will be done
through my Lenten journey

"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power" ~ Mother Teresa



Monday, March 18th @ 7:30 P.M.

Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY
 GRADE 5 ~ WEDNESDAY, MARCH. 20TH
 6:30 PM – AUDITORIUM/CHURCH

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.



Parenting Tips & Videos

Go to DRVC.ORG/FAITH FORMATION/PARENTING AND FAMILY LIFE for up-to-date ideas, activities, reflections and advice.



Parish Social Ministry

OUR PANTRY SHELVES ARE OUT OF OR LOW ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

BEEF STEW, JUICE & JUICE BOXES, & COOKIES Thank You!

OUR THRIFT SHOP ~ IS OPEN!

Come visit, shop, and say hello! Our hours are
 Tuesday & Thursday - 10 - 2 & Saturday 10 - 1.

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!



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

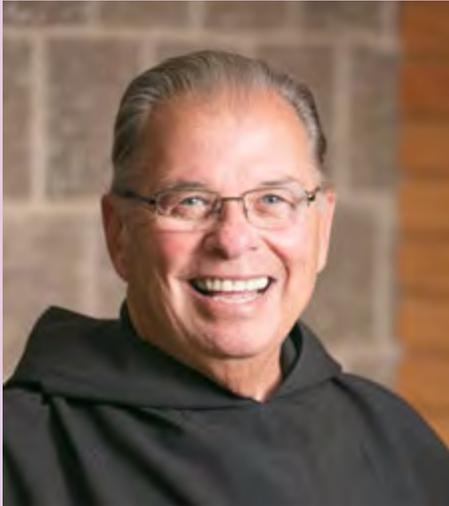
Cards are available in our *Outreach* office, if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one. For more info, visit or call the Parish Center at 732-3131 x119.



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

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Retreat



A Time of Grace

Presented by Michael Sullivan, O.S.A.

March 25 - 27, 2019

7:30-9:00 PM

Join us as Father Sullivan offers dynamic and engaging reflections that will renew your heart this Lent. Confessions will be available on Monday evening of the retreat. Wednesday evening includes Benediction. A free will offering will be taken on the final night. All are invited.

Bring a friend.

Sunday: To Be Born Again. The grace of Baptism in our day-to-day lives.

Monday: The Healing Love of Jesus. God's power at work, guiding us to experience the gift of reconciliation.

Tuesday: The Call to Be Church. The Church survives and thrives because the Lord Jesus is in us all—saint and sinner alike.

Wednesday: Our Response to the Call. How to take God's gifts and express them in our lives.

*Your gifts make a difference
in the lives of others!*

Donor Name: _____
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Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

I/We agree to make a gift of:

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Signature: _____

If you wish to make monthly deductions via your credit card, please call 516-678-5800 ext. 296 to verify how many months are remaining.

When you provide any information to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we maintain the confidentiality of such information and use it only to serve you better.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

100% of All Funds Raised are Restricted to Support the Ministries of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is conducted on a calendar-year basis. Amounts received under the Appeal are time-restricted for the most fiscal year. Please visit our web site for a listing of the ministries supported by the Appeal www.drvc.org/CMA.

**Donations can be dropped off
at the Parish Office**

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Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
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Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community

HIGHLIGHTS OF PEOPLE SERVED IN 2017

Living and Sharing our Faith

Baptisms: 11,823 Confirmations: 11,668 First Eucharist: 11,445 Marriages: 2,177
Children and Youth in Faith Formation: 88,573 Volunteer Catechists: 10,000

Vocations

Seminarians: 23 Diaconate Candidates: 26

Education

Diocesan Elementary and High Schools: 14,591
School of Missionary Disciples: 200

Caring for God's People

Parish Outreach Program: 100,000
Hospital Ministry: 200,000
Respect Life: 132,607 in 32 initiatives

Catholic Charities

Housing: senior, physical disability and pastoral care: 4,042
Mental Health Outpatient Services: 1,895
Senior Services: 3,995
Food and Nutrition Services: 17,087
Disaster Response: 153
Parish Social Ministry: 1,617

Building God's Kingdom

Campus Ministry: 3,500 a month
Youth Ministry: 5,800
Young Adult Ministry: 3,500 a month
Hispanic Ministry: 250,000
Catholics of African Ancestry: 25,000





DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
 OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2019

Dear Friends:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church. We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis says: “Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy (32)...The Lord wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence (1)...Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)...The Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity (138).”

One of the ways we commit ourselves to this radiant, natural and humble holiness is by expanding the breadth and depth of our daily engagement with the inspired Sacred Scriptures. We are called to live the words of Psalm 119: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

The saints of every decade and century inspire us since “the most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading, and assiduous meditation”. (Pope Benedict XVI, *The Word of the Lord*) (48) Could each one of us individually and together, united in communion as a Church, take one step with the Holy Spirit this Lent to deepen our love for the inspired Sacred Scriptures?

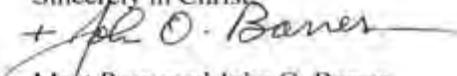
In his Apostolic Exhortation *The Word of the Lord* (2010), Pope Benedict XVI gives us an excellent process of praying individual biblical passages, a process of *lectio divina* or sacred reading of the text that includes reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the biblical text. We need to believe with confidence and a spirit of adventure that the Holy Spirit is present in the text and that the Holy Spirit’s tongues of flame are connecting the text to our souls transforming us in mysterious and profound ways.

I would like to analyze and comment on the steps that Pope Benedict XVI proposes to us. (For the complete version of Bishop Barres’ Lenten Letter 2019 which analyzes Pope Benedict’s approach to *lectio divina*, see this link www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org.) The Word of God makes us realists who recognize that the Word of God is the foundation of all things. (10)

As your bishop and servant, I invite you during this Lenten Season 2019 and beyond, to discover or rediscover the power of the Word of God by reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures. In the end, as Father Gaston Courtois points out: “Contemplatives are the true missionaries and alone can be the true spiritual teachers”.

Thank you all for your passion and daily dedication to the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Thank you for being the contemplatives, the missionaries, the spiritual teachers that are the agents and instruments of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ


 Most Reverend John O. Barres
 Bishop of Rockville Centre

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 Charities ~ TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a “NO fee for service” program.

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.”



Diocese Young Adult Ministry 2019 Catholic Speaker Series

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Patchogue will be hosting a Singles, Dating & Married series from 7-9:30PM—lower church.

*Dating ~ March 14th with Heather Kidd
Married ~ March 21st with Mike Clauberg*

For more info go to www.drvcya.org

Villa Immaculata House of Prayer

“A Lenten Journey”

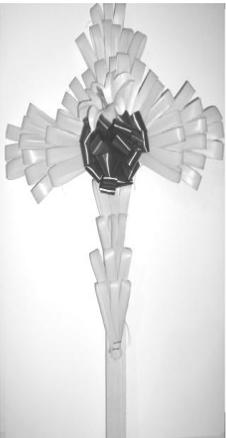
A four part video series presented by Rev. Michael Himes, a professor at Boston College who draws insight from the Gospel of St. John focusing on *water, light and life*. To be held on Tuesdays, March 12 & 26 from 10AM-3PM. Fee \$30 each day ~ bring a bag lunch.

Stations of the Cross

Bearing the Cross Today is a prayerful Lenten devotion, looking into each station sharing insights from Scripture & daily life. Monday, March 18 from 10AM-12PM.

The Way of the Cross with the Women of the World invites us to walk mindfully in solidarity with women. However all men & women are invited to this prayer. March 25 from 10AM-12PM.

To register and info call 631-727-5122 M/F - 10-5. Villa Immaculata is located at 3560 Sound Ave in Riverhead.



PALM CROSS

\$10.00 EACH

*Available after Masses Saturday 4/6 & Sunday 4/7
While Supplies Last !*

Liturgical Ministry Training

One of the most important fruits of the Vatican Council (1962-1965) was the desire of the Bishops from around the world for more active participation on the part of the congregation at Mass. This began by having the Mass translated into local languages. Building on that, various ministries were revived or created to allow men and women to use their gifts to strengthen the local parish. Readers of the Scriptures (Lectors) and Ministers to assist with Holy Communion have enriched our worship here at St. Margaret over the years.

Longtime or new parishioners are invited to prayerfully consider this opportunity to become part of these wonderful ministries. It would be a wonderful way to thank the Lord for his blessings!

Training sessions will be offered in March, April and May for

**Lectors and
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**
at Parish Masses



Training for both Ministries:

Wednesday 7pm – 10pm [April 3 in Baldwin]
Thursday 7pm – 10pm [May 23 in Melville]

**Additional training for Ministers of Holy Communion
to hospital/homebound only:**

A new program has been established.
Please call Fr. Jim for more information.

**If you are interested, please write to Fr. Jim
at least two weeks before the date of the session
that you are interested in attending**

describing why you feel called to one of these ministries.

Emails to jwood@saintmargaret.com are welcome, too.

If you would like more information, please call Fr. Jim (732-3131 x 111)
or email to the address above.



CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) - is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture. Our mission is to proclaim the teachings of our Lord to the Catholic Community and beyond using media in all forms. (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream

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FREE Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans

Save the date ~ Saturday, **April 27** from 9-1. The LI State Veterans Home is holding a free info and screening event along with answers on numerous topics. Go to www.listateveteranshome.org or call 631-444-8606.



Stony Brook University Grounds
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY

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



Molloy College Open House

Spring Open House will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 1 PM. Located at 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Center. For info call 516-323-4000.

\$ 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.

SCPD Police Exam is scheduled for **June 15th, 2019**. Be sure to note that the registration deadline for this exam is **April 3rd, 2019**. This exam is given only once every **4** years.



English and Spanish recruitment flyers and registration forms for the exam can be found at www.JoinSCPD.com

Minimum Requirements

Age-Minimum age: 19 years on the date of the written exam to be eligible for appointment. • Maximum age: 34 years on the date of the written exam. **Education**-Graduation from a standard senior high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma recognized by the New York State Department of Education, by the date of appointment. **(No college required for appointment)**. **License Requirement**-Possession of a valid New York State operator's or chauffeur's license at the time of appointment. **Written Examination** - Candidates who attain a reachable passing grade will have to pass the following qualifying tests and evaluations: Medical, Personality Assessment (Psychological), Polygraph, Extensive Background Check & Physical Fitness Screening. **Citizenship & Residency**-Candidate must be a NY State resident and a US citizen at time of appointment.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The Ancient Order of Hibernians invite you to their celebration on Sunday, March 24th from 3-7 PM. \$30 pp includes meal and dessert. **MUST** call in advance for reservation ~ Rich @ 631-846-3106. Music by the Boston Burglars. 80 Magnolia Dr. in Selden.

Bring a friend!



This Dot Could Save Your Life!

Yellow Dot is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first "golden hour" after a crash or other emergency. A Yellow Dot in the driver's rear window of your vehicle will alert them that vital medical info is stored in the glove compartment. To join the Yellow Dot Program, contact the Suffolk county Sheriff's Dept. at 631-852-2663, contact Assemblyman Al Graf's Office at 631-585-0230 or go to NYSHERIFFS.ORG/YELLOWDOT.



*When you receive your package, complete both sides of the personal information card in pencil. Attach a recent photo of yourself and place it in a visible location in you glove compartment. Do the same for any other people who frequent your car.

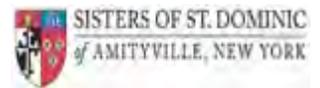
*Put your Yellow Dot decal on the rear driver's side window.

*Update your card annually.

For more info on this or any state issue, contact Assemblyman Al Graf's office at 631-585-0230 or email GRAFA@NYASSEMBLY.GOV.

Calling All Alumni!

Did you attend: All Saints High School (Brooklyn, NY) Bishop McDonnell High School (Brooklyn, NY) Dominican Commercial High School (Jamaica, NY) Maria Regina Diocesan High School (Uniondale, NY) Queen of the Rosary Academy (Amityville, NY) St. Agnes Academic High School (College Point, NY) St. Agnes High School (Rockville Centre, NY) St. Albert's High School (Brooklyn, NY) St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School (West Islip, NY) St. Joseph's Mountain School (Monticello, NY) St. Michael's High School (Brooklyn, NY) St. Nicholas High School (Brooklyn, NY) ?



If so, then we're looking for you! The Sisters of St. Dominic would like to invite you to an alumni gathering on Sunday, April 7th from 2 -5PM at the Motherhouse in Amityville. Join classmates for a meet & greet with some of the Sisters who taught at your alma mater, tour the Motherhouse grounds, and gather for prayer at St. Albert's Chapel. Tickets are \$25 PP in advance (\$30 day of event). Proceeds will support the mission of the Sisters. For more info, call: 631.842.6000 ext.246 or advancement@amityop.org. We hope you will join us!

Campaign Catch Up



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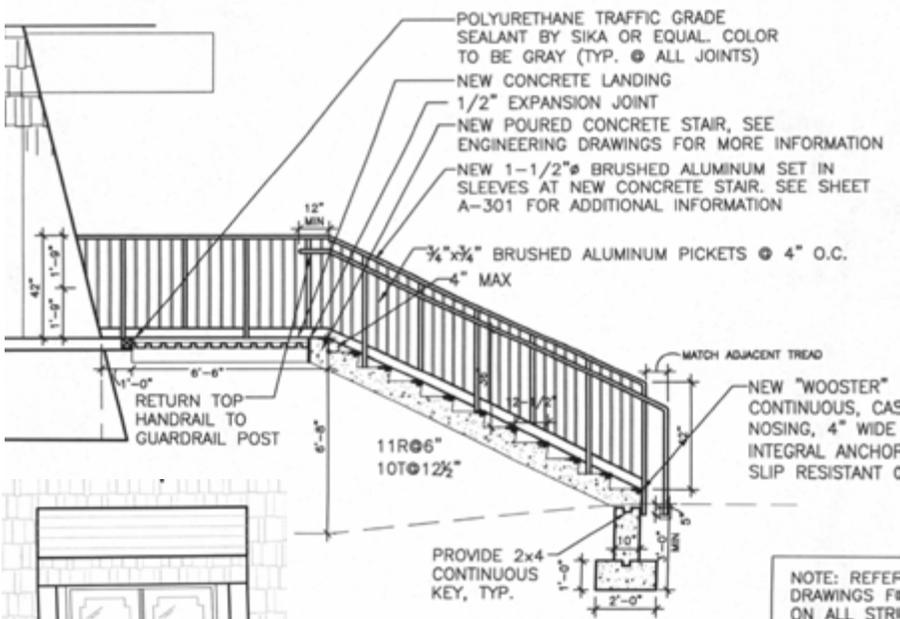
Total Pledged: \$856,209



Handrails Schedule: by end of March

Architect approved shop plans. Fabricator says work to be finished by end of month.

entrance bridge so that the full job can begin after Communion, Confirmation and weddings this



Projects in our pipeline:
 ① Work on the church side entrances,
 only awaiting the railings to allow us to reopen the side entrances.
 ② Initial work done on the main

spring (a defrosting system has been built into all three to minimize any icing).
 ③ Architect has made first visit to take specs for blueprints for 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 signed 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