

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

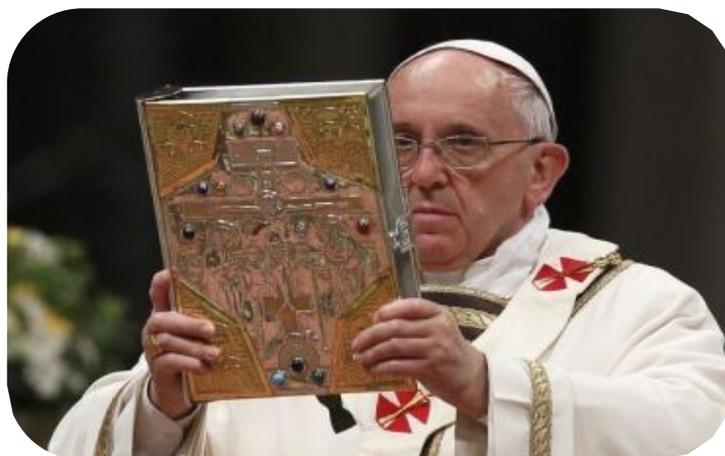
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm (Noon)

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 9:00am

Confessions

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

Word of God Sunday



See inside for more information

January 26, 2020

Phone: (631) 732-3131

Parish Center Office Hours

Open for Walk-In Business Morning Afternoon Eve

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9^{am} - 1^{pm} 2 - 4^{pm} 7-8^{pm}

Wednesday 9^{am} - 1^{pm} 2 - 4^{pm} ... No Eve

Friday Closed

Saturday 9^{am} - 12^{pm}

Sunday Closed

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The story of the call of the first disciples has a sharp and edgy feel. “Come,” Jesus says, to people who are busy plying their trade, making a living, providing for their families, and serving their communities. “Come,” Jesus says, and they come. We hear that Peter and Andrew had just cast a net into the sea. How sensible is it to cast your net *and then just walk away from it*? Who’s going to gather it in? Who’s going to mind the boat? In the next scene the action was even more dramatic. James and John were in another boat. Like Peter and Andrew, they’re brothers, but unlike the first two they seem to be younger men, still working with their father, all mending nets together. When Jesus called to them, they left the nets and boat—and even Dad—behind. You can imagine what their father, Zebedee, thought about that!

The point that Matthew and the other gospel writers make is: choosing Jesus is like that. When the call comes, it’s now or never. We are challenged to choose Jesus as our first priority: over work, family, personal advantage, and social networks. We need to choose Jesus over our weaknesses and shame, too, as sick women and blind men and prostitutes and tax collectors did when they heard of his approach. Even if other people or a voice inside of us say that we are not good enough and God won’t accept us, all the more reason to trust that Jesus’s call is for the imperfect!

Immediacy in these stories is no accident. Today is the day, now is the time; there’s not a minute to lose. Discipleship isn’t something to put off or retain in cold storage for a more convenient time. Yes, you’re busy; of course you’re busy, but Jesus is here now and his invitation is short and simple. “Come!” ~ *Fr. Jim*

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday January 27

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

6:30 pm Pre Cana.....Rm 207

Tuesday January 28

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium

Wednesday, January 29

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday January 30

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

Friday, January 31

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday February 1

9:30 am Children’s Choir.....Rm 105

Sunday February 2

No Activities Scheduled

Come, Sing!

St. Margaret’s choir needs your voice.

“Where He leads me, I will follow”. The choir is growing. If you can hold a tune, and want to enjoy singing and learning songs with others, send a note to the Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Daniel Crews, at dcrews@saintmargaret.com or call him at 631-732-3131 Ext. 117 (or stop by the Music Ministry area, after mass) and we will invite you to Come, Sing!



Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Giovanni Robert Capizzio

Diocese of Rockville Centre

announces Morning Star Initiative

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has launched a bold plan, called the Morning Star Initiative, to revitalize Catholic elementary school education on Long Island. The goal of this initiative is to restore a robust Catholic culture to the DRVC schools, improve academics, and create a more fiscally sustainable model for schools. The Diocese will partner with the Marianist Brothers, who have two centuries of Catholic educational commitment and expertise, including three schools in Nassau County. The Diocese has asked Brother Thomas Cleary, S.M., President of Chaminade High School, to serve as the Chief Revitalization Officer and to spearhead this effort. He will be assisted by his fellow Marianists, who will seek feedback and ideas from the full spectrum of those with a stake in a revitalized Catholic elementary education, including our parishioners.

We value your input, so please share your thoughts. Please visit the Diocese of Rockville Centre’s website at Morningstarinitiative.org for more information, and email morningstar@drvc.org to give feedback or find out more ways to get involved.

St. Margaret's Men's Breakfast

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN



Benefits: Like minded men offering strength and support to each other. It can be lonely out there when you’re not connected with others. Our simple solution of Mass & breakfast once a month with other guys can be an oasis in the desert. Talk or just listen to life experiences of: family, responsibilities, health, difficulties, relationships, jobs. We enjoy the food & even a joke or two! Be around men that believe as you do. It can help! **Come Join Us! February 1st. Bring a Friend!**

The 1st Saturday of each month beginning with 8 AM Mass followed by breakfast. We’re usually out the door by 10 AM. For info call Lew 631-774-2972 / Dan 631-681-2559.

Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

Faith Formation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

There are still a few openings in the

3/4/5 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. If interested in this program for your child, please contact Jackie Mirenda, Faith Formation Coordinator, 631-731-3131 x131 ~ JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM.



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. Contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 comatwins@optonline.net.



Parish Social Ministry

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MINISTRY *Mark your calendar - 7 pm ~ FEBRUARY 7TH*

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 (Health Requirements) You must wear a baseball cap, hat or supplied hair net.





THRIFT SHOP

Tues. & Thurs. 10 - 2
Sat. ~ 10 - 12:30

Come Visit and Shop

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



Please Help!
We are in need of

***SMALL JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT,
JUICE BOXES & TOOTHPASTE***

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.



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.



Hospice / Bereavement

We are here for you -- ready to serve patients and their families. Our dedicated inpatient center will allow us to provide specialized care for patients whose symptoms and medical needs cannot be managed in a home setting.

For more information about Good Shepherd Hospice, please call 631-465-6350.

To refer a patient to Good Shepherd Hospice, please call 631-465-6363.

Visit our website GOODSHEPHERDHOSPICE.CHSLI.ORG/ to learn more.

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



Everyone Has a Story ~ Queen Esther!

Set in the Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty & bravery brought to life on-stage.

A musical show like no other!

Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA

Space is limited!

- ◆ Depart from St. Margaret's parking lot 7am/Return 10pm
- ◆ Bathrooms are on the bus
- ◆ Return trip home includes a 20 minute stop on your own (pack a sandwich or buy a burger - not included)
- ◆ For info, contact Julie Burtoff at the Parish Center - 631-732-3131 x133

Thursday, March 26th

\$162 pp PAYS ALL!

Includes ticket to "Esther" (3pm), deluxe coach bus, lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and ALL tips and taxes.

Sign up in the Parish Center.



VALENTINE EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Friday, February 14th ~ 6-10 pm

Cenacle Retreat Center

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.

Presenters: Valerie and Michael Dunne

Suggested Offering: \$80 per couple - Festive dinner included

\$25 deposit required to hold your reservation

Cenacle Retreat Center
310 Cenacle Road Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631-588-8366

retreat@cenaclesisters.org



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.



Tax Statements

Call the Parish Center if you would like your 2019 tax statement at 732-3131 x133. Please leave a clear message with your name, address and if you know your envelope number. Statements will be mailed near the **end of the January**. Thank you.

Women's Bible Sharing

Come meet other women in the Parish on Monday mornings for an hour of fellowship and discussion. Meet in the Parish Center at 9:30 AM. Bring a friend!



Bishop Barres

recently addressed the Child Victims Act in this video produced by Catholic Faith Network. It is airing on CFN and diocesan media platforms. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/aU8Ps8fRFIU>.

Post Office Box 9023, Rockville Centre, New York 11571-9023.
Phone 516-678-5800. Fax 516-678-3138. bishopsoffice@drvc.org

New Parishioner?

Moving out of the parish?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____



A REQUEST



For a couple of years, one parishioner has been paying for the prayer booklets that are available for free to any parishioner who wants one. I'm sure that they have been a source of blessing for those of you who use them.

Therefore, I have a request for you who have enjoyed them.

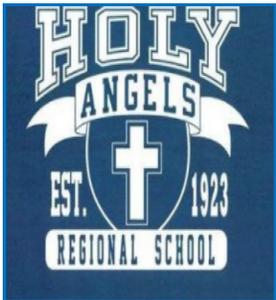
Please write to this parishioner, to say "thanks" and perhaps to share how the gift of the prayer booklets has been a help for you. It does not have to be a long letter, just a note. Address the envelope to "A Fellow Parishioner" and put it into the collection or mail/drop it off at the Parish Center. (If it will help, we have left some space below to write something.)

Thank you for taking part in this. *Fr. Jim* (PS, this is not coming from the donor.)

Holy Angels Regional School Open House

Come and visit our school! Meet our students, faculty, staff and parents! Take a guided tour and schedule a shadowing day! Sunday, January 26th, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade. Contact us to schedule a tour 631- 475-0422 - 1 Division St., Patchogue MICHAEL CONNELL ~ PRINCIPAL MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG



WWW.HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG

Becoming a Catholic Christian~ RCIA

Do you know a friend or family member who has expressed a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith? Is there someone who has mentioned to you that they are thinking about becoming a Catholic and does not know how to proceed? Are **you** someone who is reading this yourself and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes," then you are invited to continue your exploration with the members of our RCIA team. RCIA stands for **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

The first stage is called "Inquiry," a time to ask questions and receive answers without any pressure to make a decision. The goal is to help adults move toward a commitment to the Lord and full participation in the Catholic community at their pace. It is meant specifically for adults who are seeking Baptism, or those who have been baptized but have not received Confir-



FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY & MISCARRIAGE

The Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility at Good Samaritan Hospital provides general gynecological care, FertilityCare education, and infertility services – all with a deep commitment to honoring a woman's dignity and the sanctity of human life. Comprehensive gynecologic primary care and specialized fertility and family planning techniques are used to unmask the causes of infertility for all women, regardless of faith. We are pleased to be the first medical practice in the community to feature two new women's health services:

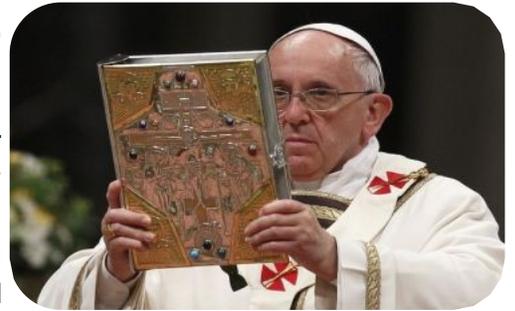
FertilityCare Services and NaProTechnology

These two unique services allow us to provide you with a natural, restorative, scientifically based approach to monitoring your health & managing your fertility. Please call 631-376-3232.



POPE SETS SPECIAL DAY TO HONOR, STUDY AND SHARE THE BIBLE

One of the most important results of the Second Vatican Council (1962 – 1965) was emphasizing the importance of Scripture. For Catholics at that time, this was something very new. Up to that time, the readings at Mass and other church ceremonies were in Latin. Families might have had bibles in their homes, but frequently they stayed on bookshelves. In some way, unfortunately, the Bible was seen as a “Protestant” thing.



Building on those teachings of the Council, Pope Francis has established “**Sunday of the Word of God**” as an invitation to Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his word. By papal decree, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time — Jan. 26 this year — is to be observed as a special day devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.” A day dedicated to the Bible will help the church “experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” The Holy Father continued, “This day should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a yearlong event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers...We need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.”

Sacred Scripture and the sacraments are inseparable, he wrote. Jesus speaks to everyone with his word in sacred Scripture, and if we “hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.” Pope Francis urged priests to be extra attentive to creating a homily each Sunday that “speaks from the heart” and really helps people understand Scripture “through simple and suitable” language. The homily “is a pastoral opportunity that should not be wasted,” he wrote. “For many of our faithful, in fact, this is the only opportunity they have to grasp the beauty of God’s word and to see it applied to their daily lives.”

Pope Francis encouraged people to read the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, “*Dei Verbum*,” and Pope Benedict XVI’s apostolic exhortation on the Bible, “*Verbum Domini*,” whose teaching remains “fundamental for our communities.” “The Bible belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words,” the pope wrote. “The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division toward unity” as well as come to understand God’s love and become inspired to share it with others, he added.

The document was published on the feast of St. Jerome, patron saint of biblical scholars and doctor of the church, who said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” The title, “*Aperuit Illis*,” is based on a verse from the Gospel of St. Luke, “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” The pope said it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth without the Lord who opens people’s minds to his word, yet “without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his church in this world would remain incomprehensible.”

Please remember that each week in our bulletin, you can find where the readings for the coming Sunday can be found. Also, for those comfortable with a computer, go to catholic.org/bible for each day’s readings and/or ways to learn more about the Bible.

***A Prayer Service at 3PM on Sunday, January 26th at
Saint John the Evangelist Church in Riverhead, NY
Special guest speaker - Bishop Emil Wcela.***

We are grateful to Father Larry Duncklee for hosting this event at his parish and the special privilege to listen to Bishop Emil Wcela, a renowned scripture scholar. Please join us for the special celebration.