

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

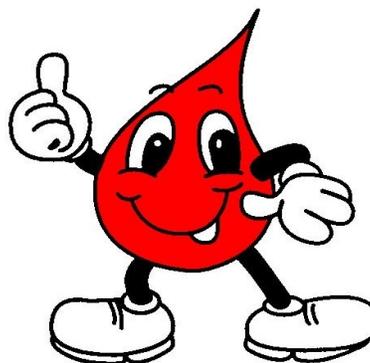
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm (Noon)

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 9:00am

Confessions

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

Parish Blood Drive



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

3 TO 8 PM ~ AUDITORIUM

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

February 9, 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,

We frequently use the image of “journey” when we talk about life. Important for a journey is a sense of direction and the need for light. Psalm 119 states: “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path” (verse 105). Want to live in the light? In our first reading the Lord instructs us through Isaiah the prophet. Do justice: share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, and clothe the naked. How simple it is; yet how easily we find reasons to excuse ourselves from this path. At the same time, it’s almost commonplace how often people return from a simple work of this nature and declare with amazement, “I got so much more than I gave.” That “so much more,” we could say, is the promised light.

Building on that message proclaimed by Isaiah, Jesus in today’s Gospel calls us the light of the world. Through these readings, we are given the chance to ask ourselves: how are we doing? How many people know we are Christians, by our love or by any other means? A fish on the bumper sticker of the car or a smudge of ash on the forehead just isn’t enough. We can wear a cross around our necks or read our Bibles conspicuously during the coffee break, but that doesn’t necessarily shed any light on our convictions.

No, the way to be the light of the world is to shine before others through our example. “It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.” We are called to be the Christ-bearers, bringing the great light of Christ through our personal efforts to live our faith. I invite you to use the prayer in the back of today’s bulletin to help us on that way. ~ Fr. Jim

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday February 10

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

6pm C of F 1Church/Audit

Tuesday February 11

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium

Wednesday, February 12

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday February 13

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

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

Friday, February 14

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday February 15

9:30 am Children’s Choir.....Rm 105

Sunday February 16

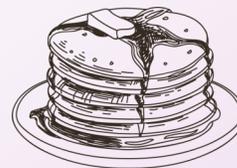
No Activities Scheduled

Gathering of the Palm

All families are invited to bring their old palm to the church lobby before Mass up to Sunday, Feb. 23rd so we can burn them for ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.



St. Margaret Parish Lenten Gathering Pancakes for Dinner



Friday, February 28th ~ \$10 per family
6 - 8 PM ~ Auditorium

Sign up at the Parish Center

Parish Blood Drive



Types O-, B- and A- are all at critical levels. In order to maintain a safe blood supply, a seven-day inventory of all blood types must be continually replenished. Right now, reserves are below that minimum.

St. Margaret’s Parish is hosting a Winter Blood Drive on **Tuesday, February 18th, from 3 to 8pm** in the auditorium. Please plan on coming & helping out. If you cannot come, then visit WWW.NYBLOODCENTER.ORG/BLOOD or call 1-800-933-2566 in order to find other times and places to donate blood.

Blood donors must be age 17-75 (16 with parental consent; 76+ with a doctor’s note), weight a minimum of 110 lbs. & in generally good health.

Photo ID required

WALK INS WELCOME! Thank you and God Bless You.

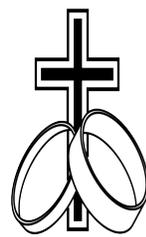
Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

Golden Wedding Liturgy

Honoring Couples

Married Fifty Years or More



This Spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Special Mass on Sunday, May 3rd at St. Patrick’s in Smithtown. The Liturgy will begin at 2:00 PM. **Registration forms will be on a first come first serve basis as space is limited.** Registration forms are at the Parish Center or www.drvc-faith.org. For info call (516) 678-5800 x 223.

Faith Formation

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.



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.



St. Margaret's Website

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

SAINTMARGARET.COM

Parish Social Ministry



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!



*Food
Pantry
Needs*

Please Help!
We are in need of

SMALL JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, JUICE BOXES, RICE, PACKAGE MASH POTATOES & TOOTHPASTE

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.



WASH UP KITS NEEDS

HAVE YOU TRAVELED LATELY? Outreach is in need of small shampoo, soap, & lotions to put in our wash up kits for the homeless. New facecloths & **quart zipper bags** are also appreciated. Please drop off these items at the Parish Center. Thank you!



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

Women's Bible Sharing

Interested in learning more about the Bible? The **Women's Bible Sharing Group** is looking for new members. We read, study, and discuss the next Sunday's Mass Scripture readings. Then, when those readings are presented at Mass, we are already familiar with them. We learn so much about the Bible, and how much Our Lord loves us.

Not sure? Please come and spend a meeting with us. The ladies in the group are very welcoming; we only ask that you are interested in learning more about our Faith. We meet every **Monday, at 9:30 A.M.** in the Parish Center (except on holidays). It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Faith, and to make new friends.

All women of the parish are welcome. Hope to see you soon!



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.



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.

Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma

Wednesday, February 26th ~ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



ASH WEDNESDAY A DAY TO COME HOME

Ash Wednesday begins the great season of Lent that welcomes us home & invites us to a life of mercy & compassion.

Mass at 3 p.m. - Ashes will be distributed.

Presenters: Sr. Kathy Scott, r.c. & Joan McGovern,
Cenacle Ministry Staff

Suggested Offering: \$50 - Lunch included ~ \$20 deposit required to hold your reservation

310 Cenacle Rd. ~ 631-588-8366



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**MARDI GRAS PRAYER SERVICE
& BRUNCH FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**
Saturday, February 22, 2020

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ~ Cost: \$15 Per Person

St. Frances de Chantal
Parish Center - Smulski Room
1300 Wantagh Ave. Wantagh, NY

beginning promptly at noon

Reservations & pre-payment are necessary for this event!
In case of cancellation no refund will be given.

Visit drvc-faith.org/events/ for info and to register

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

St. Mary's Parish on Main St. in East Islip will offer a 8 week support for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration required ~ group begins on **Tuesday, March 10th** from 7-9 PM. Refreshments will be served. For info/register, call 631-581-4266 x100. *Please note that in order to participate, the loss must have occurred prior to 12/10/19.*

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!



**Everyone counts/Census 2020
Why does the Census matter?**

What information will be requested?

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household, including names, date of birth, sex and race. The Census Bureau will never ask for Social Security numbers; bank or credit card numbers; money or donations; anything on behalf of a political party. For an explanation of why each question is asked, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>

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 Confirmation or Eucharist. For more information, please call the Parish Center (631-732-3131 x 133).



SAINT ANTHONY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



**AN AFTERNOON OF
CELTIC MUSIC**

A BENEFIT FOR SAINT ANTHONY'S CELTIC PIPE BAND

SUNDAY MARCH 1

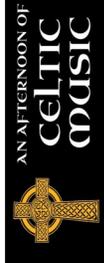
SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM @ 2PM

FEATURING:

- SAINT ANTHONY'S
CELTIC PIPE BAND
- SAINT ANTHONY'S
IRISH STEP DANCING TEAM
- SINGERS
NOEL AND NANCY



PLEASE RETURN FORM & CHECK TO: SAHS ALUMNI OFFICE | 275 WOLF HILL ROAD | SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY 11747



NAME: _____ NO. OF TICKETS: _____

PHONE: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

EMAIL: _____

QUESTIONS? CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT 631-271-2020 EXT 310

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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.



PRAYER TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Psalm 119: 105 – Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Matthew 5: 14 – You are the light of the world.

Heavenly Father,

Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words
from Holy Scripture.

Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen
my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so
that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the
confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go
forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life
through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?

If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?

If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might
hear the call deepen my faith, grow in confidence to
proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving
grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with
you, forever and ever. Amen.