

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Until Further Notice, there will be no  
public masses celebrated

## **Confessions**

By appointment Only



## Palm Sunday

**April 5, 2020**

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**Phone: (631) 732-3131**

**During this time, the Parish Office is closed.**

*Any meeting will be by appointment Only.*

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*A Prayer for Our Times*

**"O Christ Jesus  
When all is darkness  
And we feel our weakness  
and helplessness,  
Give us the sense of  
Your Presence,  
Your Love  
and Your Strength.  
Help us to have perfect trust  
in Your protecting love and  
strengthening power,  
So that nothing may  
frighten or worry us,  
For, living close to You,  
We shall see  
Your Hand,  
Your Purpose,  
Your Will  
through all things."**

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

We will be distributing the  
palm blessed on Palm Sunday  
at a later date, once the emergency has passed.  
Watch for information.



**Masses for the Week**

*While no public masses will be celebrated before April 14th, we will be saying masses for all the intentions arranged before the new directives.*

**Monday - April 6<sup>th</sup>**

*No Intention*

**Tuesday - April 7<sup>th</sup>**

*No Intention*

**Wednesday - April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mary Guttilla

**Thursday, - April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Thursday

**Friday - April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday

**Saturday - April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Saturday

**Sunday – April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Sunday

All Parishioners

Anthony Pillittier

*Special Intention of Amare Collins*

For all our parishioners  
suffering from chronic  
illness, as well as



Patty Callahan,  
Terri Persina,  
Jillian Brown,  
Patricia Wowk,  
Joe & Sue Callari, Lucy & Sarah Behie,  
Eppie Larke, Alyssa Baisch,  
Marilyn & Steven Vacchio,  
Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri,  
Natasha Roucoulet, Michael C. Liotta,  
Anne Logan, Laura Durant,  
Warne Family, Lorraine Vogel,  
Christina & Baby Muller,  
Laura Positano, Sharon Klyn,  
Joseph Kiely, Dominic Percoco,  
Frank Guttilla, Cathy Reynolds,  
Eric Cohen, Virginia Butler,  
Estelle Beauchamp, Robert Valletta,  
Christine Mc Cusker, De Santis Family,  
Michael Foss, Amare Collins,  
Rob Hoder Gregory Bartnicki.

*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.*



## Palm Sunday, 2020

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

How different this is from EVERY OTHER Palm Sunday. In previous years, circumstances would have kept some people away; sickness or weather conditions are two that come to mind. But the numbers coming would outweigh those who could not come. This year, all the churches on Long Island are closed due to COVID-19. The pews are empty. Palms are blessed but cannot be distributed until sometime in the future. Only Fr. Paul, Dan Crews (our Music Director) and I are in the church for all the Holy Week services. The very heart of our Catholic faith, gathering around the Altar of the Lord to share the Word and receive Holy Communion, cannot happen!

This year's Passion account comes from the Gospel according to Matthew (26:14 – 27:66). I invite you to read it on your own, even if you hear it at a Mass on TV or the internet. It's a special way to enter into Holy Week. In this time of pandemic, the scene of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane best expresses where we find ourselves. Here is a short excerpt:

*[Jesus] said to them, “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.” He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.” When he returned to his disciples, he found them asleep.*  
[Matthew 26: 38-40]

What Jesus experiences resonates with the crosses we are carrying this year. Deep sorrow for the people who are infected and those who are putting their lives on the line to help them; for the distress being caused to untold families as they face a loss of income; for not being able to have the usual religious and family gatherings that make this time of year so special. Aloneness by having to follow “shelter-in-place” orders; being unable to interact in normal ways; struggling with boredom or coping in close quarters with others.

As always, the Lord offers us his way to go forward. Honesty in prayer to God regarding those crosses [*“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me.”*] and acknowledging our lack of control [*“yet not as I will, but as you will.”*] This is not saying that the pandemic is God's Will. God never wills harm or hurt to anyone. But it is saying that God's path is not determined by what we want. I urge you to keep that image of Jesus in the Garden in the forefront of your mind in this unique and painful Holy Week.



*Fr. Jim Wood, Pastor*



# 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



## CFN: Catholic Faith Network:

Channels: Optimum 29 /137; Verizon Fios 296;  
Spectrum 162 / 471

### Diocesan

Daily & Sunday Diocesan Mass from St. Agnes Cathedral, schedule at right

Rosary - 12PM or 6PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3PM

Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral (NYC)

Sunday & Daily Mass at right

### Mass with Pope Francis

(from the Chapel of Santa Marta, Rome)

Sunday Mass @12:30PM & 9PM

Daily Mass @10:30AM & 9PM

### INTERNET (computer):

[CatholicFaithNetwork.org](http://CatholicFaithNetwork.org)

### LTP.org

Click on homepage "Today's Prayer" for a downloadable file of today's reading and a reflection

[SaintPatricksCathedral.org](http://SaintPatricksCathedral.org) Live and archived masses

### CatholicTV.org

Evening Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours (daily) go to [catholictv.org/shows/divine-office](http://catholictv.org/shows/divine-office)

See also [Lenten Retreat](#) series with Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley

### WorshipNowPublishing.com

Live [Angelus Prayer](#) at noon (with contemporary artists/ from their homes)

[Holy Hour](#) (on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>-with contemporary artists)

See website homepage for additional offerings

## From the Bishop's Office, March 22, 2020

... in compliance with the Executive Order of the Governor of New York State, no further public liturgies are permitted until further notice. This includes funerals, weddings, baptisms, and any other cause for gathering people together in the church,

Emergency sacraments are permitted, as always, but while exercising the proper health precautions. Burial services may be offered if possible, while observing all safe distance precautions, and should be done at the grave site. Wake services should no longer be conducted. Both wakes and funeral (memorial) Masses can be postponed.

Distribution of Palms for Palm Sunday. Pastors should not plan to distribute Palms or make them available at this time. Palms will be blessed in parish churches on Palm Sunday and will be made available to the faithful at a later date.

Holy Mass can be viewed on the Catholic Faith Network and online. Check their websites for up-to-date schedules:

You can also watch CFN on **Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android**, or by downloading the **CFN iOS mobile app** at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN"

## Everyone counts Census 2020

Have you filled out your **2020 Census** yet? The Census impacts our hospitals, our healthcare, our disaster programs - all systems that are being stretched thin by the current public health crisis. Fill out the Census today to contribute to a brighter, more resilient future for Long Island.

Go to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020.

# WWW.THEGREATWEEK.COM

Visit and stay with Bishop Barres' Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese. Reflect on and travel the Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week. A resource for all those praying together this Holy Week from home with all the parishioners of the Diocese and the world. Visit Website above: [www.TheGreatWeek.com](http://www.TheGreatWeek.com).

## Readings for Palm Sunday

- First Reading ..... Isaiah 50:4-7  
Second Reading.....Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel ..... Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

## Readings for Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper

- First Reading ..... Exodus 12: 1-8; 11-14  
Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Gospel ..... John 13:1-15

## Readings for Easter Vigil

- First Reading.....Genesis 1:1 - 2:2  
Second Reading.....Genesis 22:1-18  
Third Reading ..... Exodus 14:15-15:1  
Fourth Reading ..... Isaiah 54:5-14  
Fifth Reading ..... Isaiah 55:1-11  
Sixth Reading.....Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
Seventh Reading ..... Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-29  
Epistle .....Romans 6:3-11  
Gospel.....Matthew 28:1-10

## Readings for Good Friday The Passion of the Lord

- First Reading .....Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Second Reading.....Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Gospel .....John 18:1-19:42

Texts available @  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**Spiritual Communion.** The Faithful are encouraged to unite themselves to the Lord Jesus and to each other in "Spiritual Communion", which is part of the rich history of the Church's teachings. When the Faithful cannot access the Sacraments, especially the Body and Blood of Christ present in the Eucharist, they purify their hearts and ask God to allow them to be united with Him spiritually.

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

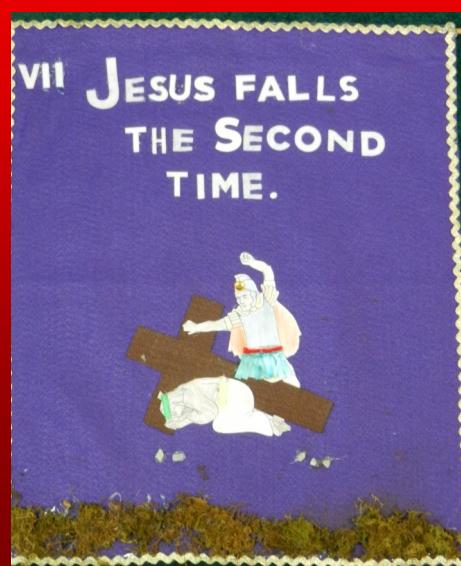
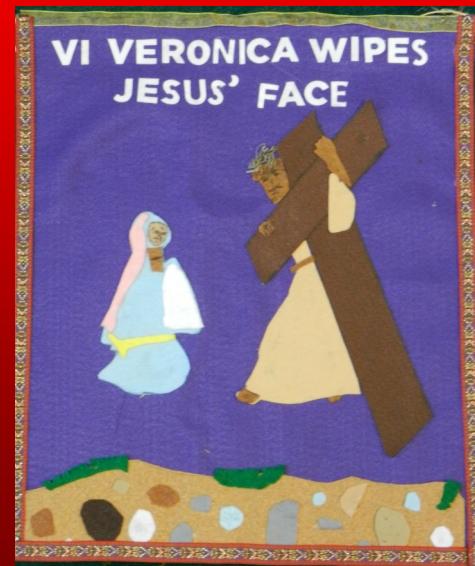
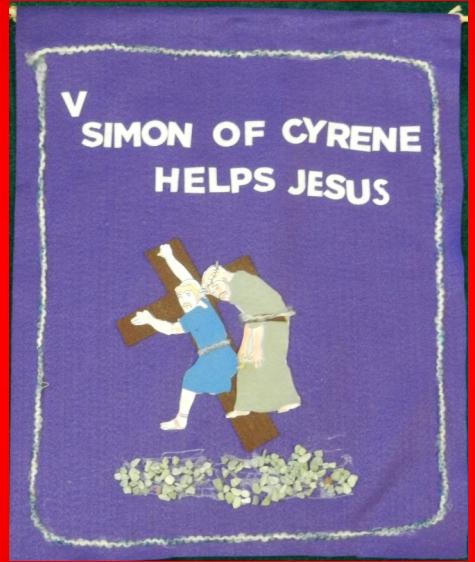
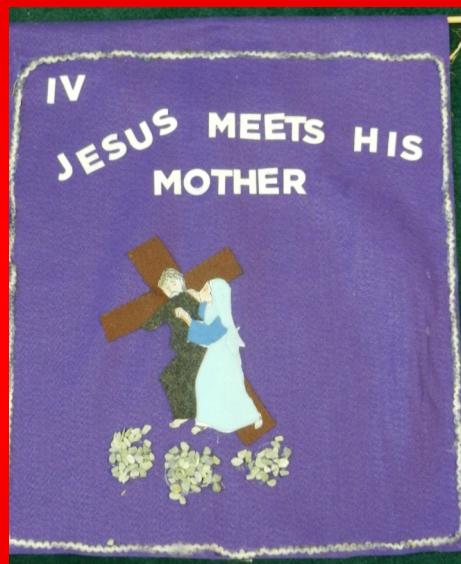
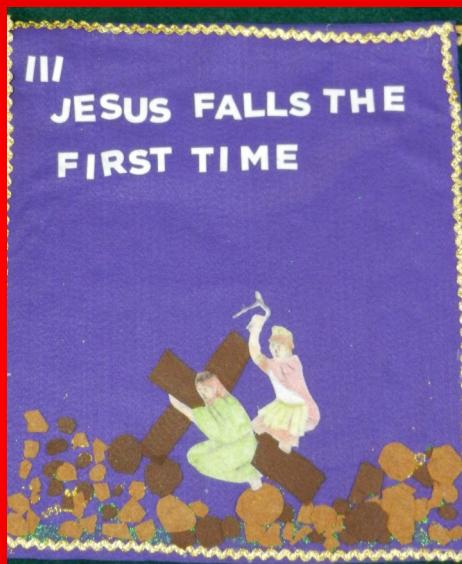
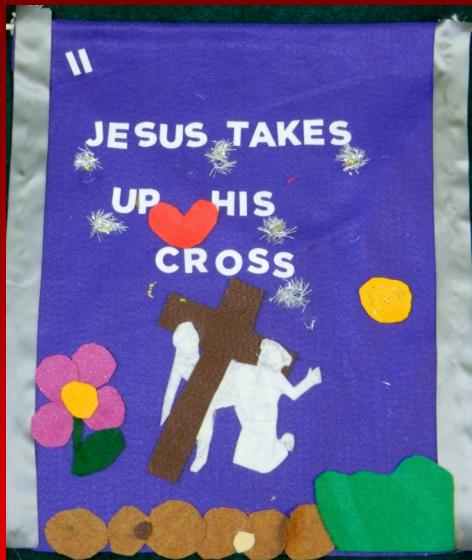
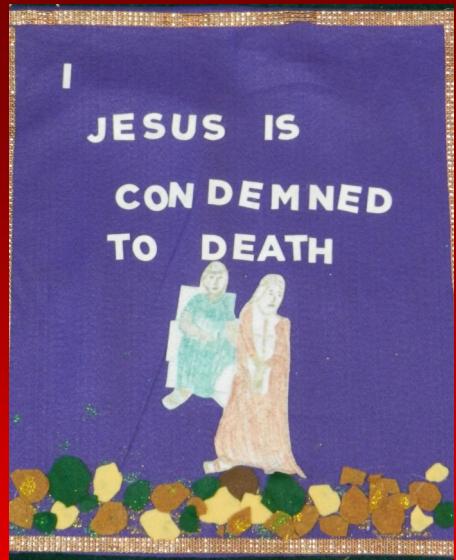
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

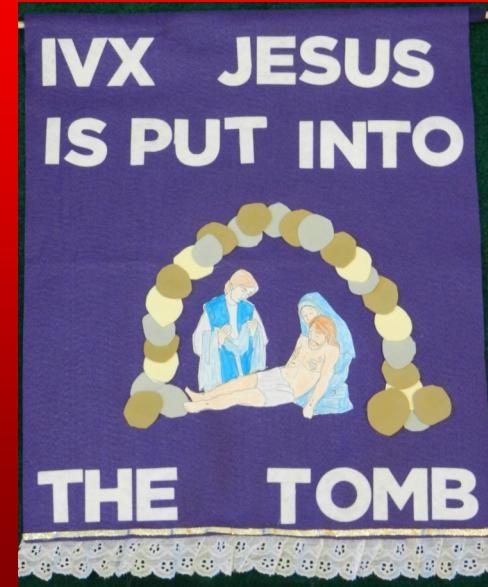
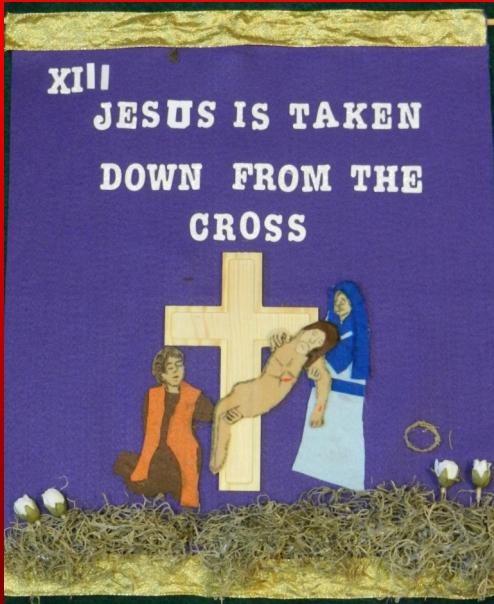
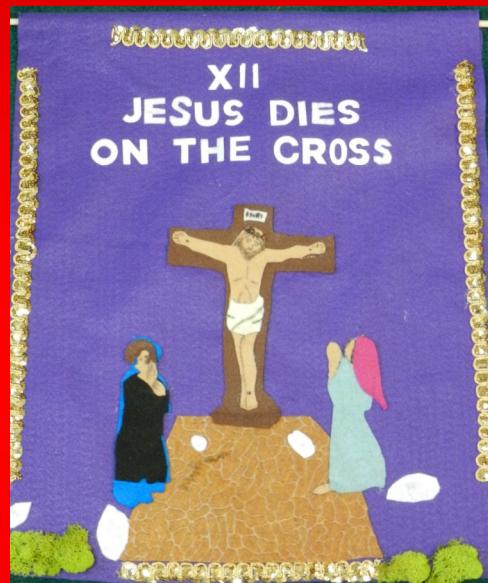
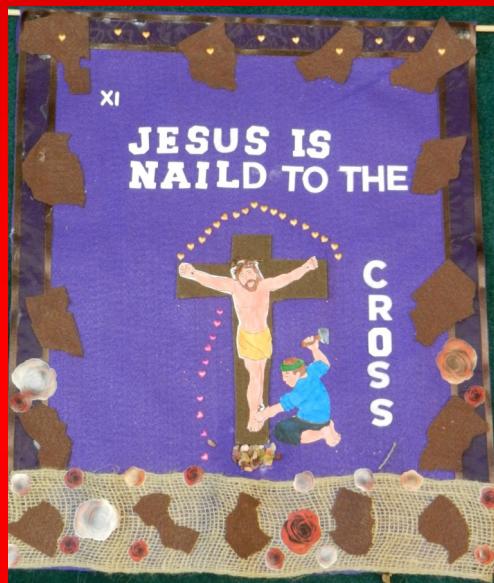
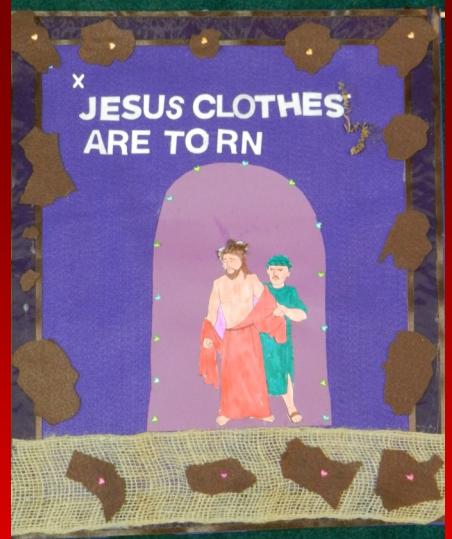
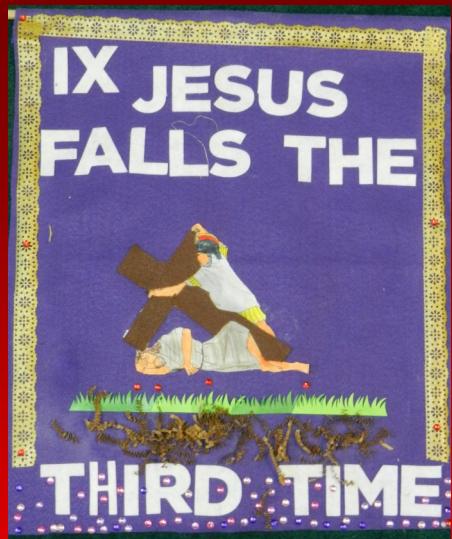
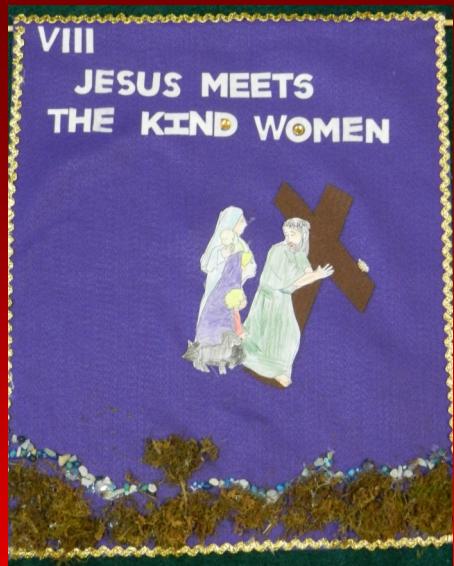
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



These Banners were done by our Third Graders in 2018



## Lenten Information

### 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.*

### at home Stations of the Cross

Here is a YouTube video "Pray the Stations of the Cross with Fr. Mark Toups," about 30 minutes, from Ascension Press (the publishers of our Confirmation Program

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uG5ayhY5lyI&feature=youtu.be>

**Please DO NOT LEAVE ANY bags for Thrift Shop**

*All our Volunteers are at home as directed by Governor.*

*We are unable to process any donations.  
Thank you!*

**PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MINISTRY**  
*Canceled until Further Notice.*



**Thrift Shop**  
*Closed during Pandemic*

## Corona Virus Information

### COVID 19 Mobile Test Site at Stony Brook University

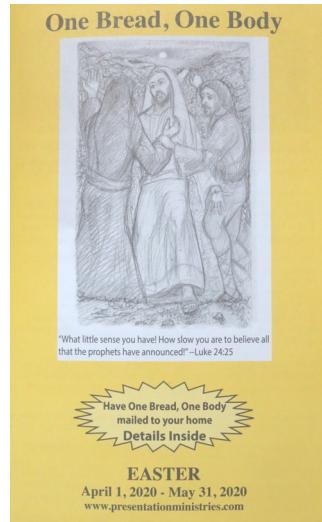
Open 7 days a week, 7am-7pm

**By appointment ONLY**

Call 888-364-3065 for info

### One Bread, One Body

We have received the booklets we distribute after mass every two months. With no public Masses being celebrated, we will be pleased to send you a copy of the Easter Season booklet to your home. If you wish a copy, please call the Parish Center during "working hours" and leave a message with your name, address and phone number (in case we have any questions).



## Parish Social Ministry

### Helpful Phone Numbers

- Domestic Violence 1-800-799-SAFE & 631-666-8833
- Post Abortion Counseling - days 631 722-4355
- Project Rachel - evenings 631 242-0907 or 1 800-456-HOPE
- Crisis Pregnancy/Counseling 631 243-2373
- 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 631 243 - 2373
- Drug Hotline 1-800-522 - 5353
- Suicide Prevention 1-800-639-5433

## To All Who Have Sent Their Weekly Envelopes

We THANK ALL who have sent in their support. Those who receive envelopes will note, there is a self addressed envelope in each mailing. While we are not allowed to gather in groups, there is no such restriction on the parish's bills.

Some may find it easier to use the "Pay Bill" option in their bank account (information to the right). You have complete control of your funds. We have no access to your account. We would ask those writing one check for multiple collections (Easter, Sunday, Mass intentions, etc.) to please take the time to note the amount being sent for each purpose so we can direct the funds to the proper parish account.

## OnLine Resources during This Time

@AscensionPress on Facebook

9:30 am mass    4 pm Rosary  
In Home Retreats and reflections  
(they are publishers of two of our textbooks)

Mass readings and prayers at:

[www.Magnificat.net/free](http://www.Magnificat.net/free)

Mass Readings for 6-12 yr olds

[www.magnifikid.com/free](http://www.magnifikid.com/free)

Stations of the Cross Video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uG5ayhY5lyI&feature=youtu.be>

Stations of Cross Booklet at:

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/17US676-Stations-of-the-Cross-ENG.pdf>

Best Lent Ever ||  
Creighton University Lent

Lent – Loyola Press ||  
Lenten Reflections Bishop Barron 2020

<http://cdn.messyfamilyproject.org> This site offers family friendly prayer services for Sundays including Palm Sunday.

[Blog.holyheroes.com](http://Blog.holyheroes.com) – This site offers activities, prayers services and resources for families to continue their faith journey.



## Offertory Support through ONLINE BILL PAY

is the form of Electronic Giving we have been using in the parish. Your bank offers this service, sending 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.

It is an easy way to continue your support of St Margaret of Scotland Parish during this difficult time. Your Bank **does not charge** a fee for this service. You have complete control of your funds, starting, stopping and changing at your will. We have no access to your accounts, receiving only what you wish. If you pay your bills this way currently, you know how easy it is.

### 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 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

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

# Eucharist Preparation

## Level One

All Level 1 families should continue to complete their sessions in the workbook and corresponding online interactive session reviews. The parish website has a tab for Loyola Finding God click and continue to grade 1. Please send results to [1FG@saintmargaret.com](mailto:1FG@saintmargaret.com) so that we can record your progress. When we meet again we will be having a year end interview that will include a workbook check, interactive review check, mass reflections and prayers. So, we ask that you continue to help your child with their faith formation process and include reinforcing the Sign of the Cross, The Hail Mary and The Our Father.

## Level Two

For CGS families— [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org) - has resources and suggestions for families

## Catechesis of the Family

### Level 3, 4, 5 & 6

all families should continue to complete their sessions in the workbook and corresponding online interactive session reviews. The parish website, [www.saintmargaret.com](http://www.saintmargaret.com), has a tab for Loyola Finding God, click and continue to your grade. Please send results to the correct [FG@saintmargaret.com](mailto:FG@saintmargaret.com) so that we can record your progress. When we meet again we will be having a year end interview that will include a workbook check, interactive review check, mass reflections and prayers. So, we ask that you continue to help your child with their faith formation process and include reinforcing the Sign of the Cross, The Hail Mary and The Our Father and the Prayer of Sorrow/Act of Contrition.

# Confirmation Preparation

## Confirmation I

All students will continue with their lessons starting with completing Chapter 8. Students can continue with chapters 9 and 10. Since this is an unprecedented time, when we meet again we will be having a year end interview that will include a book check, Saint report, Baptismal reflection, Confirmation name report, sponsor form, The Nativity movie reflection and community service hours log and reflection. If you have completed any of these they have been recorded. There will be more instructions in the next bulletin.

## Confirmation II

As we have discussed in class, this is the holiest week of the Church Year. We begin with the Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. By the end of the week, the same people who lined the streets for his entry, line them again, this time spitting at him, mocking him and calling for his crucifixion. How often do we make fun of those who try their best to do what God asks of them?

We celebrate on Holy Thursday how he came to serve (not be served) and that we are also called to serve (eg. "Community Service"). Watch the news, see how some people are so selfish they do not realize that their actions can cause someone else's illness or death. What have you done this week to thank or help someone for what they do for you?

On Good Friday, we will remember the events of his trial and execution. How he held his head high as he was stripped, whipped and made to carry his cross to the place of execution. We sometimes feel we too are carrying a cross. How do you handle the challenges in your life? With fortitude, with compassion, in prayer, or with "that attitude"?

The Vigil is the longest liturgy of the year. Our lives, awaiting our return to our creator, seems long. When we look back from the eternal to the "present" the wait seems so short. But Easter reminds us of love's victory over hate, grace's victory over sin, the Trinity keeping their promise. How do we keep ours?

If you have any questions, please contact me at: [pbutler@saintmargaret.com](mailto:pbutler@saintmargaret.com).

It is so sad that in times of universal challenge, there are always people who try to take advantage of other's generosity or confusion. We recently received the following information and pass it on for your preparedness. Sorry if it isn't as clear as we would like, it is redacted from a pdf file (ask your children or grandchildren).



# Coronavirus Related Scams

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CORONAVIRUS RELATED SCAMS

Due to recent reports of coronavirus cases in the United States, scammers have identified the public's concern as a target for scams and fraud. The Inspection Service wants you to protect yourself from falling victim to scams and fraud by following the tips below.

Be sure to report any incidents of scams or mail fraud to the Inspection Service at [uspis.gov](http://uspis.gov), or by calling the number at the bottom of this flyer.

For updated information and developments, please follow [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). You may also get more information about government response from [GSA](#).

### 01 Be aware of charity scams

Only contribute to established organizations.

### 02 Don't click on links in emails

Never click on links in emails from sources you don't know, especially those that claim to be from Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or World Health Organization (WHO).

### 03 There currently is no cure or treatment

Be wary of offers for vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, or other products that claim to cure or treat Coronavirus (COVID-19).

### 04 Don't give out financial information

Don't give your financial information or personal information to anyone you don't know and don't trust.

### 05 Resist pressure tactics

Don't be pressured into making immediate financial decisions.

### 06 Know who you can trust

Consult with a trusted friend or family member before making a payment.

Here are the most recent scams to be aware of:

#### Testing Scams

Fake at-home test kits are being sold or going door to door performing fake tests for money.

#### Supply Scams

Creating fake shops, websites, social media account and e-mail addresses selling all medical/cleaning supplies in high demand when in fact they do not have any of these supplies and just take the victims money.

#### Provider Scams

#### (Similar to the Grandparent Scam)

Individuals posing by email or phone pretending to be a doctor and hospital that treated a friend or relative for Covid-19 and are demanding payment for the treatment.

#### App Scams

Creating mobile apps designed to track the spread of COVID-19 to insert malware on a persons phone that will compromise the device and personal information.

#### Investment Scams

Offering investments into companies claiming that the products or services of the companies can prevent, detect or cure COVID-19 and the stock will dramatically increase.

## Virtual Spiritual Events and Prayer (3/25/20)

### **Dear Parishioners and Friends,**

As this pandemic continues to expand, we offer you this list of resource sites as a guide to keep connected during this time of social distancing, sharing with other Catholic Christians and the Church through television or the internet (these might lead you to others as well).

#### **TV:**

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**Diocesan**

Sunday Diocesan Mass (from St. Agnes Cathedral) @ 11AM & 7PM

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Rosary @12PM or 6PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet @3PM

Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral (NYC)

Sunday Mass @3:30PM

Daily Mass (M-F): @6:30PM

Mass with Pope Francis (from the Chapel of Santa Marta, Rome)

Sunday Mass @12:30PM & 9PM

Daily Mass @10:30AM & 9PM

**EWTN**

*Channels: Optimum 135; Direct TV 370; DISH 261*

Masses: Sunday @8AM; Daily @6:30PM

Various devotions

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See website homepage for additional offerings

**Lenten Reflections by Bishop Barron**

**Catholic Health Association Lent & Easter Reflections** ([chausa.org/prayers/lent-reflections](http://chausa.org/prayers/lent-reflections))

### **Facebook:**

Local chapel mass with Fr. Rob: FACEBOOK@Petersboat.net

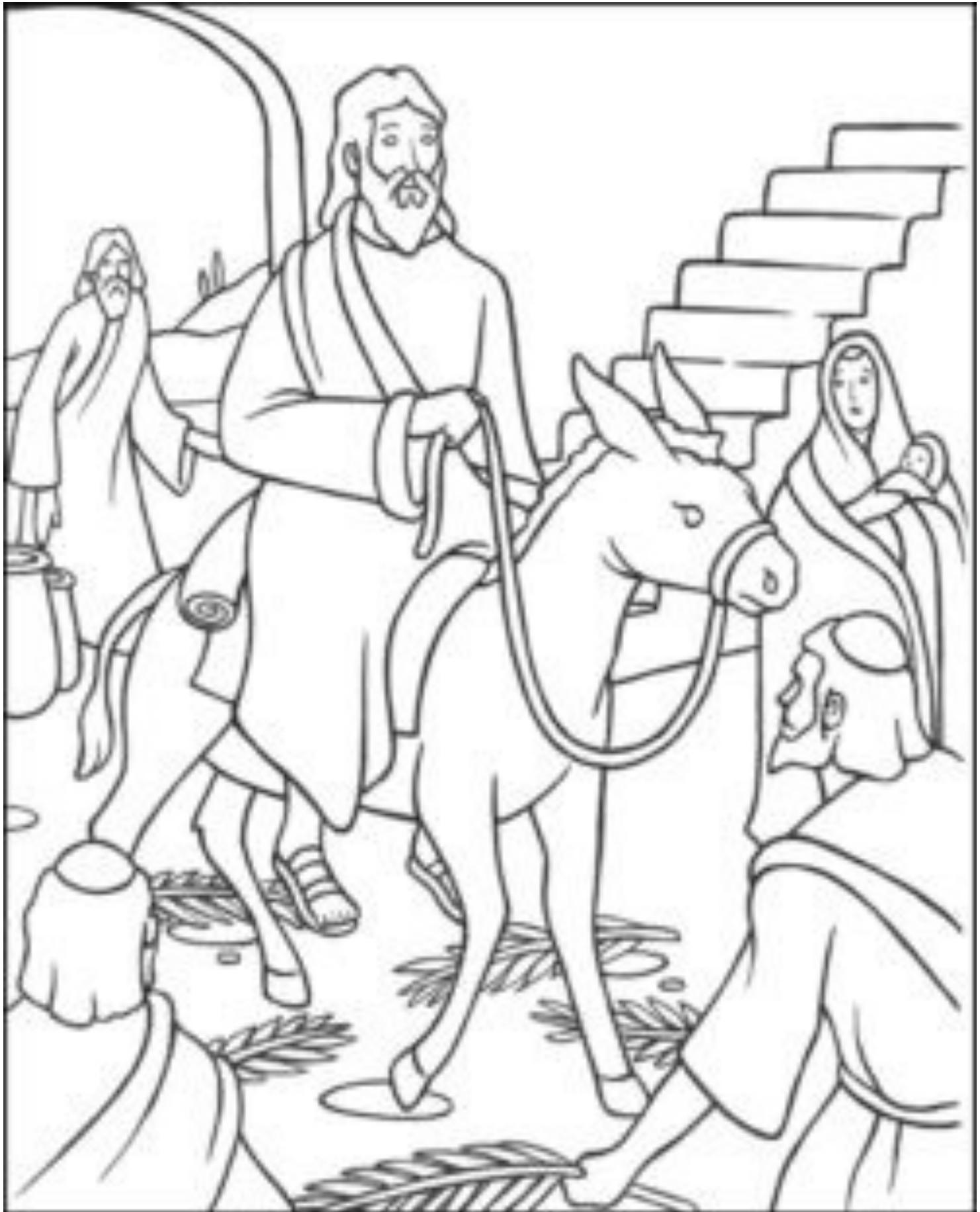
Many contemporary Catholic artists (whose music we sing at St. Margaret's) have events going on through this difficult time, here are one or two of them (look them up on FACEBOOK):

Tony Alonso

Offers Sunday evening prayer at 8PM (from his piano)

Sarah Hart

Offering a "Cloistered Concert" (from her home) every Sunday at 8PM



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