

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)

FAMILY WINGO

Friday, February 15th

7 pm

See inside for details



February 10, 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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A word cloud where the words are arranged in a circular pattern. The most prominent word is "GIVING" at the top center. Other large words include "FAITH" on the left, "BLESSING" on the right, and "OFFERING" at the bottom. Smaller words like "SHARING", "GIFT", "BLESSED", "GROWING", and "SACRAMENT" are also visible, interspersed among the larger ones. The colors range from dark blue to light grey.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who trust in the Lord and answer His call to do His Will. We are grateful for all who humble themselves before God.

	#	2019	2018	#
Collected at Mass	370	9,433. ¹⁵	10,856. ⁹³	340
Mailed Envelopes	14	806	493. ⁶⁷	12
Electronic Donations	45	2,562	1,338	29
Total Collection	382	\$12,801. ¹⁵	\$12,688. ⁶⁰	381

Readings for Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First ReadingJer 17: 5-8
Second Reading.....1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Gospel.....Lk 6: 17, 20-26

*Altar Bouquet
in Memory of*

Madeline

Lo Bosco

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.

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

Monday - February 11th

9:00 A.M.

Jerry Armendinger

Tuesday - February 12th

9:00 A.M.

Cathy Lohan

Wednesday - February 13th

9:00 A.M.

Tom O'Donnell

Thursday, - February 14th

9:00 A.M.

John & Helen Donach

Friday - February 15th

9:00 A.M.

Patricia C. Butler

Saturday - February 16th

8:00 A.M.

Joan Casey

5:00 P.M.

George De Luca

Mary Ann Schade

Sunday – February 17th

8:00 A.M.

Eric Page

10:00 A.M.

Irena Malinowska

12:00 P.M.

12.00 P.M.
For All Parishioners

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



MaryJane Kogler, Patricia Lunetta,
Valerie J. Aurigue, Terri Persina, Jon Lasher,
Jillian Brown, Paul Tomko, Patricia Wowk,
Eric Chan, John Augusta Jr., June Tamillow,
Sue Callari, Sarah Behie, Eppie Larke,
Alyssa Baisch, Marilyn & Steven Vacchio,
Natalasha Roucoulet, Wendiann & Nicholas
Alfieri, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan,
Virginia Nunlist, Laura Durant, Warne
Family. Sue Finnigan, James Finnigan,
Lorraine Vogel, Vincent Rutherford, Marie
Positano, Christina & Baby Muller, Laura
Positano, Joseph Kiely, Dominic & Mary
Percoco, Frank Guttilla, 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 11

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

Tuesday, February 12

7 pm Chosen I.....Auditorium

Wednesday, February 13

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, February 14

7 pm Chosen II.....Auditorium

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

Friday, February 15

7 pm WINGO.....Auditorium

Saturday February 16

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

Blood Drive Table in Lobby after Mass

Sunday February 17

Blood Drive Table in Lobby after Masses

Sacraments are Celebrations!

Baptisms

Hailey Paige Harris, Noah Anthony Rosario,
Brayden Michael Laterza, Jacob Neil Abramsky,
Lennox Elijah Cullen



Faith Formation

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 Miranda.

631-732-3131 X 131

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. Please contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 or comatwins@optonline.net.



Vacation Bible School

Due to the construction on the parish property, VBS will be cancelled for the summer of 2019. See you in 2020!



Confirmation Day

Tuesday, May 14th ~ 2 PM

Bishop Richard Henning

Parish Social Ministry



OUR 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!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF ST. MARGARET'S

OUR PANTRY SHELVES ARE FILLED UP BECAUSE OF YOUR DONATIONS. *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

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

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

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 10, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

An invitation to go deeper

Who's willing to embrace a calling that requires boundless courage, oceans of trust, the skills of a diplomat, and the capacity to forgive 70 times seven times—weekly? That calling is marriage, which we celebrate this World Marriage Day. A brief romance can be like doggy-paddling around the matter of commitment before getting out and toweling off, whereas getting married is like diving into the deep end of the pool of love. We have to be all in, knot-tied and fortunes joined, before the genuine work of love can begin. Take time to salute the boldly married today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 (75). *"Put out into deep water, and lower your nets for a catch."*

Monday, Feb 11, 2019

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

United in compassion

Today is World Day of the Sick, a feast day instituted in 1992 by Pope John Paul II, shortly after he himself was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He chose this date to coincide with the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, who is said to have appeared to a peasant girl in a small town in France. Millions of pilgrims have since gone there to seek healing and comfort in its waters. Join with all believers today in prayer for those struggling with illness, and offer up your own suffering in union with Christ on the cross.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329). *"They laid the sick in the marketplace."*

Tuesday, Feb 12, 2019**Give it your all**

Jesus had a lot of criticism for hypocritical Pharisees, who followed the letter but not the spirit of the law. Going through the motions won't cut it with Christ! But he understands, too, that following him can't possibly be a sustained spiritual high—there are periods of dryness and things to be learned from those, too. Enlivening your relationship with God takes effort. There are lots of tools for shaking up your routine: volunteer, join a Bible study group, make a votive offering, or even go on a pilgrimage to a holy site. And whatever you do, put your heart into it!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330). *"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."*

Wednesday, Feb 13, 2019**Heartfelt reflections**

In his book *Immortal Diamond*, Franciscan friar Richard Rohr suggests moving your negative thinking "from your head to your heart." When you feel animosity toward someone, he says, imagine them literally inside your beating heart, surrounded by your flowing blood, until it's impossible for you to remain antagonistic. "Do it in an almost physical sense, and you will see how calmly and quickly it works," he says. "Now the Sacred Heart [of Jesus] and the Immaculate Heart [of Mary] have been

transferred to you. . . . The 'sacred heart' is then your heart, too."

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331). *"The things that come out from within are what defile."*

Thursday, Feb 14, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

Be a loving sibling

Many Bible stories about brothers take a bad turn. Think Cain and Abel, Esau and Jacob, Joseph and, well, everybody. Other brothers fare better: Peter and Andrew, or Zebedee's inseparable sons James and John. In the lives of the saints, siblings often turn out to be allies. Take these two ninth-century brothers of Thessalonica in Greece: Cyril was the brilliant one, and Methodius the contemplative. That could have caused conflict, but it didn't. Cyril went to the missions in Slovenia, inventing the "Cyrillic" alphabet to assist his new flock in learning their faith. Methodius joined him later and carried on the work after Cyril's death. Send your sibling—or a spiritual brother or sister—a Valentine's note!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332). *"He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first.'"*

Friday, Feb 15, 2019**Chew your food thoughtfully**

"Knowledge is power," said Ben Franklin. The serpent said the same thing to Eve, and she bought it. Although knowledge often does give us access to power, it doesn't guarantee us wisdom. An attribute of God, wisdom is acquired only through the indwelling Holy Spirit. In the Bible knowledge is imagined sometimes as tantalizing fruit dangling from a forbidden tree. Wisdom, however, sets a lavish table at which her guests may dine by accepting her invitation. When faced with the choice between fast food and fine dining, take the opportunity to savor the meal that lasts to eternity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333). *"But the serpent said to the woman, 'God knows well that the moment you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods.'"*

Saturday, Feb 16, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Don't leave hungry

Some folks will always set out food when you visit their homes no matter what time of day it is. If you're smart you learn to drop by when you're good and hungry! Jesus never let anyone walk away hungry either—even if it meant setting the table for 5,000. His mother foretold that fact in her great song, the Magnificat: "He has filled the hungry with good things." When tired of the junk food the world has to offer, pray Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:47-55) in faith that God will fill you with good things.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334). *"If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way."*

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



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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.

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 12th** 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 12/12/18.*

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."

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.



Mid Winter Hooley at the Hall!

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be holding an Irish Celebration for the whole family to enjoy. Hooley is a fun word for house party. Come on down for a much needed respite from the winter doldrums with food, music and drink. \$20 PP includes soup/crackers, tea/coffee and cake. Enjoy Celtic Tunes and friends. Sunday, Feb. 17th from 2-6 PM ~ 80 Magnolia Dr., Selden. Cash bar-call Rich or Pat at 631-846-3106.



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.



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

EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE

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



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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

February 10, 2019



THE BISHOP'S VOCATION RETREAT

Diocese of Rockville Centre

For Young Catholic Men

"Come and you will see." John 1:39

March 8 - 10

Seminary of the Immaculate
440 West Neck Road
Huntington, NY

To Register please visit:
<http://bit.ly/BishopVocationRetreat2019>

The 2019 Bishop's Retreat is open to men who are High School Juniors and older (ages 16-35). The Annual Retreat with Bishop Barres will be at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. The weekend will include prayerful experiences such as mass, reconciliation, holy hour, reflection time and interaction with Priests and Seminarians. There will be presentations designed to help participants discern their Vocation and consider why God may be calling them to the priesthood. You will have a opportunity to meet personally with Bishop Barres. Additionally weather permitting, we will do outdoors for some sports and hiking activities.

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Campaign Catch Up



February 10, 2019

Vol II Edition 1

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

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