

# 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)



## Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30 pm ~ Church

## March 31, 2019

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

### **Parish Center Office Hours**

| <i>Open for Walk-In Business</i> | Morning                            | Afternoon           | Evening             |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mon                              | 9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup>  | 2 - 4 <sup>pm</sup> | 7 - 8 <sup>pm</sup> |
| Tues thru Thurs                  | 9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup>  | 2 - 4 <sup>pm</sup> |                     |
| Friday                           | 9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup>  |                     |                     |
| Saturday                         | 9 <sup>am</sup> - 12 <sup>pm</sup> |                     |                     |
| Sunday                           | Closed                             |                     |                     |

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# Time, Talent & Treasure



## Stewardship Thought for the Week

We are grateful for all Christian stewards who use the season of Lent as an opportunity for profound reconciliation with our Father in heaven by going to Confession and inviting others to celebrate the sacrament of Penance with humility and courage.

## Sacrificial Giving

Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

|                         | #               | 2019                          | 2018                          | #                |       |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Collected at Mass       | 335             | 9,884 <sup>-25</sup>          | 14,495 <sup>-29</sup>         | 432              |       |
| Mailed Envelopes        | 36              | 2,541                         | 720                           | 18               |       |
| Electronic Donations    | 34              | 2,190                         | 1,966                         | 39               |       |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>405</b>      | <b>\$14,615<sup>-25</sup></b> | <b>\$17,181<sup>-29</sup></b> | <b>499</b>       |       |
|                         |                 | <i>Palm Sunday ↑</i>          |                               |                  |       |
| Mass Attendance         | 5 <sup>pm</sup> | 8 <sup>am</sup>               | 10 <sup>am</sup>              | 12 <sup>pm</sup> | Total |
| This Week               | 256             | 163                           | 228                           | 266              | 913   |
| Last Yr's Avg           | 269             | 178                           | 252                           | 280              | 982   |

### Readings for Next Sunday

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Is 43: 16-21  
 Second Reading.....Phil 3: 8-14  
 Gospel.....Jn 8: 1-11

### For the week of March 31<sup>st</sup>



Altar Bread & Wine  
in Memory of

*Virginia  
Cadigan*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Masses for the Week

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

#### Monday - April 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 A.M.

Artie Massett

#### Tuesday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 A.M.

#### Wednesday - April 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 A.M.

#### Thursday, - April 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 A.M.

Roy Waterbury

#### Friday - April 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 A.M.

#### Saturday - April 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M.

Special Intentions Kelsey Deruyser

5:00 P.M.

Dorothy Kirchner

Charles De Luca

#### Sunday – April 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A.M.

Harold Burton

10:00 A.M.

For All Parishioners

12:00 P.M.

Frances Romano

**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, Natasha Roucoulet, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Virginia Nunlist, Laura Durant, Warne Family. Sue Finnigan, James Finnigan, Lorraine Vogel, Sharon Klyn, 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, Eric Cohen, Baby Emma, Cindy Byrne, Dylan Joseph Sergio, Virginia Butler & Roger Ferrere.



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

## Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Today's Gospel is one of the best known parables of Jesus. Even though it is usually called *The Prodigal Son*, perhaps it could be better called *The Forgiving Father*. A father has two sons. In a callous way, the younger son demands his inheritance, turns his back on his family and his responsibilities, leaves and squanders his fortune. Abandoned by his "friends," he is forced to take a humiliating job. Unable to take any more, he returns home with a rehearsed speech to tug at his father's heartstrings. But before he can say anything, the father welcomes him in a way beyond our understanding. The older son is angry and berates his father, but the father stands firm in his decision.

It is a powerful picture of God's tremendous mercy and forgiveness. But we can look at this story in another way; it's also about freedom, God's and ours. Our free will gives us the choice to take the high road or the low road, for grace or for sin. The young man in the story chooses the low road, and his father freely chooses to forgive him, *carte blanche*, for everything. The only person in the story who doesn't exercise his freedom is the older brother. A free person can show compassion, but the older son is so mastered by the spirits of anger, self-righteousness, and a rigid sense of justice, that all he can do is separate himself from his father and brother.

It is so easy to take the road of either of the brothers: selfishness of the younger and self-pitying of the older. But to take the road of the father is not easy. It is why we have Lent. It is why we need to turn to the Lord for enlightenment, forgiveness and strength. This Monday's Reconciliation Service is a time to celebrate God's mercy. All are invited to come share in this gift!

~ Fr. Jim

[DynamicCatholic.com/40days](http://DynamicCatholic.com/40days)

Loyola Press Lent

LPI/Lenten Reflections

Creighton University Lent

## PARISH EVENTS This Week

### Monday April 1

9:30 am Women's Bible Sharing.....Rm 207  
7:30 pm Parish Reconciliation.....Church

### Tuesday, April 2

7 pm Chosen I .....Auditorium  
7 pm K of C.....Church

### Wednesday, April 3

6:30 pm Level 6 C of F.....Auditorium/Ch

### Thursday, April 4

7 pm Chosen II .....Auditorium

### Friday, April 5

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

### Saturday April 6

9:30 am Children's Chorus.....Rm 105  
5 pm Mass ~ K of C Food Drive

### Sunday April 7

K of C Food Handout—All Drive

## St. Margaret's Men's Breakfast

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN

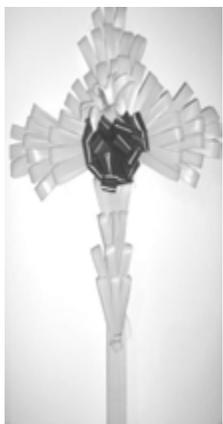
**Benefits:** Like minded men offering strength and support to each other. It can be lonely out there when you're not connected with others. Our simple solution of Mass and breakfast once a month with other guys can be an oasis in the desert. Talk or just listen to life experiences of: family, responsibilities,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



**Come Join Us! April 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

***Bring a Friend!***



# PALM CROSS

## \$10.00 EACH

***Available after Masses Saturday 4/6 & Sunday 4/7***

***While Supplies Last !***

## Faith Formation

### CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 6 ~ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>  
6:30 PM – AUDITORIUM

### 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](mailto:JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM).



### Vacation Bible School

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



### CHILDREN'S CHORUS

*Come and sing!* Rehearsals for our Children's Chorus in the Parish Center on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:45AM. All boys and girls (from 2nd grade and above) are invited to come and sing. Please contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 or [comatwins@optonline.net](mailto:comatwins@optonline.net).



### Parenting Tips & Videos

Go to [DRVC.ORG/FAITH FORMATION/PARENTING AND FAMILY LIFE](http://DRVC.ORG/FAITH FORMATION/PARENTING AND FAMILY LIFE) for up-to-date ideas, activities, reflections and advice.



## Parish Social Ministry

### **K of C / AOH GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION**

The *Knights of Columbus & Ancient Order of Hibernians* are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry.



**March 30/31 at all the Masses**, members will be handing out grocery bags.

**April 6/7 at all Masses**, they will be in front of the church to receive your donations.

Please assist them and us as you can. If anyone is able to help Julie in Outreach on **April 6/7**, please leave her a message at 631-732-3131 x119. *Thank you!*



### **THRIFT SHOP**

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

*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!*

### **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!



### 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

## Liturgical Ministry Training

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

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

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

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



**Training for both Ministries:**

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

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

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

**If you are interested, please write to Fr. Jim  
at least two weeks before the date of the session  
that you are interested in attending**  
describing why you feel called to one of these ministries.  
Emails to [jwood@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jwood@saintmargaret.com) are welcome, too.  
If you would like more information, please call Fr. Jim (732-3131 x 111)  
or email to the address above.

### This Dot Could Save Your Life!

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

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

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

\*Update your card annually.

For more info on this or any state issue, contact Assemblyman Al Graf’s office at 631-585-0230 or email [GRAFA@NYASSEMBLY.GOV](mailto:GRAFA@NYASSEMBLY.GOV).



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in the lives of others!*

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

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is conducted on a calendar-year basis. Amounts received under the Appeal are time-restricted for the next fiscal year. Please visit our web site for a listing of the ministries supported by the Appeal. [www.dnrc.org/CMA](http://www.dnrc.org/CMA)

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

# 20 19 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing  
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PEOPLE SERVED IN 2017

### Living and Sharing our Faith

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

### Vocations

Seminarians: 23   Diaconate Candidates: 26

### Education

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

### Caring for God's People

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

### Catholic Charities

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

### Building God's Kingdom

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



## Catholic Charities Chemical Dependence Clinic

Hampton Bays Outpatient Chemical Dependence Clinic provides treatment services to assist people in recovery maintain sobriety & live independently & productively. Services include individual & group counseling; DWI/mandated & aftercare; educational programs; crisis intervention; psychiatric services; medically assisted treatment; evaluations; & referrals. The program also serves spouses, significant others, family members, co-dependents, & adult children of alcoholics (ACOAs). Our clinics provide counseling services in Spanish. Located in St. Rosalie's Church Community Center 31 E. Montauk Hwy. Hampton Bays. For info call (631) 723-3362.

## 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.

## In Need of Bereavement Counseling?

If your family is in need of Bereavement counseling, go to [HTTP://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG/BEREAVEMENT](http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement) for a full list of locations or call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x133. A six month wait after the death is suggested.



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The CDs offer inspiring talks on various topics of Catholic life to help build up your faith in God & give inspiration in your life. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Saint Mother Teresa, Fr. Robert Barron, Matthew Kelly, & many more. A donation of \$4 for each CD is requested so we can continue this ministry.

In addition, there are books dealing with spiritual and other Catholic topics, including inspirational stories about special people. A donation of \$5 is requested for each book and \$2 per booklet. Donations help to maintain this ministry and enable us to continue to bring in new titles every couple of months.

For more info about the books, CDs, or monthly subscriptions, contact Henryk Chelminski at 693-9310. We invite you to take a few minutes to see what we have to offer. It could change your life or the life of someone you love!



## Calling All Alumni!

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



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



### Holy Angels Regional School

Open Registration Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Contact us to schedule a tour 631- 475-0422 -  
1 Division St., Patchogue -Michael Connell, Principal  
[MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG](mailto:MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG)

**PI DAY CHAMPS!!**

Claudia recited 101 digits!

Kailynn 110 digits!

And the school champion ~

Cooper 120 digits!!!



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

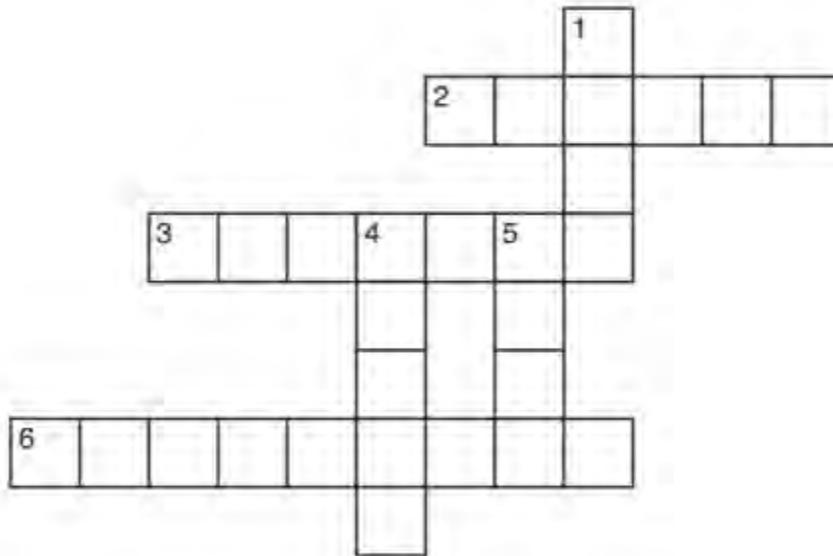


# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



### Across

- 2. Today is the \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday of Lent.
- 3. Another word for story; used to illustrate a lesson.
- 6. We \_\_\_\_\_ our birthdays with cake and ice-cream!

### Down

- 1. The Gospel is from the Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Another word for when you are mad at someone or something.
- 5. The opposite of found.

**ACROSS** 2.FOURT 3.PARABL 6.CELEBRATE  
**DOWN** 1.LUKE 4.ANGRY 5.LOST

### 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](http://OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG)

### 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.*

**Sunday, Mar 31, 2019**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**It ain't over even when it's over**

Some years back we celebrated a Year of Mercy, opening symbolic doors across the Catholic world to convey the idea that prodigals could return at this time, and no hard feelings. Many were amazed, a few dismayed, and others took advantage of the offer and happily returned. Then the Year of Mercy ended. The doors were closed. Some wondered: Are we back now to the Millennium of Judgment? Answer: The door of mercy is always open. Our loving God remains on the lookout, even when we are very far off.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (33). *"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion."*

**Monday, Apr 01, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Yes we can, with God's help**

Our faith might be more conditional than we'd like to admit. We may expect it to magically solve all our problems, perhaps by way of miraculous signs and wonders such as the Galileans expected of Jesus. It's understandable, but that is not how faith works. It's not about a miracle fix but rather about facing and resolving life's challenges with the confidence that we do not face them alone—God is at our side. So rather than hope for a miracle today, work on resolving a problem yourself, with the confidence and serenity that God is with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). *"The Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast."*

**Tuesday, Apr 02, 2019**

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

**One and many**

The funny thing about hermits is that they tend to attract a crowd. Born in southern Italy in 1416, Saint Francis of Paola lived as a hermit for five years before gathering some companions with whom he founded an order inspired by his namesake, Saint Francis, called the "Minims"—the "minis," the least. He wasn't the first person whose desire to focus on God attracted people who wanted the same thing. Try to find a balance between solitude and sociability, between encountering God one-on-one and with others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). Or Philippians 3:8-14; Luke 12:32-34 (546). *"The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well."*

**Wednesday, Apr 03, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Glad to be of help**

The feeling that you are doing God's will on earth activates a deep source of inner peace. By contrast, the thought that you really should be doing something else creates a low-grade feeling of anxiety that you can ignore for only so long. Eventually the unease accumulates until life becomes a heavy burden, or you get sick—or both. Your fear might be that God wants you to go to some hard place, to do some difficult task. Not so. As theologian Frederick Buechner put it, God calls you to the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. To find that

place of deep gladness you have to go within and you have to listen. Lent is the perfect time to do both.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). *"I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."*

**Thursday, Apr 04, 2019**

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Sacred sites**

When the church was looking for a patron saint of the internet, it hit upon Isidore. One of the most learned people of his time (the sixth and seventh centuries), Isidore, among his many accomplishments as a church leader, put together a 20-volume encyclopedia covering just about everything from agriculture to grammar. His position at the center of this "web" of knowledge made him the most likely candidate to be patron of the internet. To find saintly patronage for something new, the church looked to someone from a long time past. May Isidore guide you wisely as you explore the web we call the internet.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). *"If you had believed Moses, you would have believed me."*

**Friday, Apr 05, 2019**

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

**People of good faith sometimes disagree**

The church has been through some rough stretches over the centuries. One such period occurred during the papal schism in the 1300s when several men claimed to be the true pope at the same time. So complex and divisive were the politics that two holy leaders living in Spain at the same time—Saints Vincent Ferrer and Catherine of Siena—supported opposing claimants to the papacy. Ferrer later said the schism had such a depressing effect as to ruin his health for life. Though at times you must stand on principle, prolonged divisions hurt everyone. In your own family, neighborhood, and church, be a uniter, not a divider.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). *"No one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come."*

**Saturday, Apr 06, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Here's to imperfection**

As one would expect, there were some great people in Jesus' ancestral line, including King David. But David wasn't all good—he sent Uriah to his death so he could marry his wife, Bathsheba, whom he had already impregnated. And there are others in Jesus' family tree you might raise an eyebrow at—Rahab and Tamar were labeled as prostitutes. No one's family is perfect, not even Jesus'. So don't expect perfection from your loved ones, and come before Jesus acknowledging your own imperfection as well during this Lenten season.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). *"Does not scripture say that the Christ will be of David's family?"*

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



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## FREE Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans

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



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

## Suffolk Community College Open House

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 12-3 PM. Meet faculty, explore scholarship opportunities, tour, speak with counselors, learn about clubs. Bring a copy of your official High School transcript. go to [SUNYSUFFOLK.EDU/OPENHOUSE](http://SUNYSUFFOLK.EDU/OPENHOUSE) to RSVP.

## Free Job Readiness Program

Have you struggled finding a job in today's market? Learn the proven fundamentals that will get you noticed and hired. 3 free classes by John Coverdale on 5/16, 23, & 30 from 5:30-8:30 PM. Brookhaven Town Hall ~ 1 Independence Hill. Farmingville. Call to register for your place at 631-451-6563. Preference to Veterans.

## JOB FAIR ~ LI Job Finder

Tuesday, April 30th from 9:30 am-2:30 pm at the Radisson Hotel in Hauppauge. Free admission for job seekers-wear proper attire and bring your resume!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



### Welcome All Marriage Encounter Couples!



Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late; make time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, & Jun 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at

[HTTPS://WMENYLI.ORG/](https://wwmenyli.org/).

## Reunions!

**St. Anthony of Padua School** in E. Northport—Oct. 12th in the auditorium. Contact through Facebook *Saintanthony Reunion* or [stanthonyofpaduareunionenpt@yahoo.com](mailto:stanthonyofpaduareunionenpt@yahoo.com).

**Bishop Reilly High School** (currently St. Francis Prep), Fresh Meadows will be holding their 50 year reunion from graduating class of 1969. Contact [reillyreunion50@gmail.com](mailto:reillyreunion50@gmail.com).

## Molloy College Open House

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

## Diocese Young Adult Ministry

Check out their new website [YOUNGADULTMINISTRY@DRVC.ORG](http://YOUNGADULTMINISTRY@DRVC.ORG) for all the current happenings for young adults ages twenties, thirties and forties, single or married on Long Island.

## SCPD Police Exam

is scheduled for **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Be sure to note that the registration deadline for this exam is **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://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.



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# Campaign Catch Up



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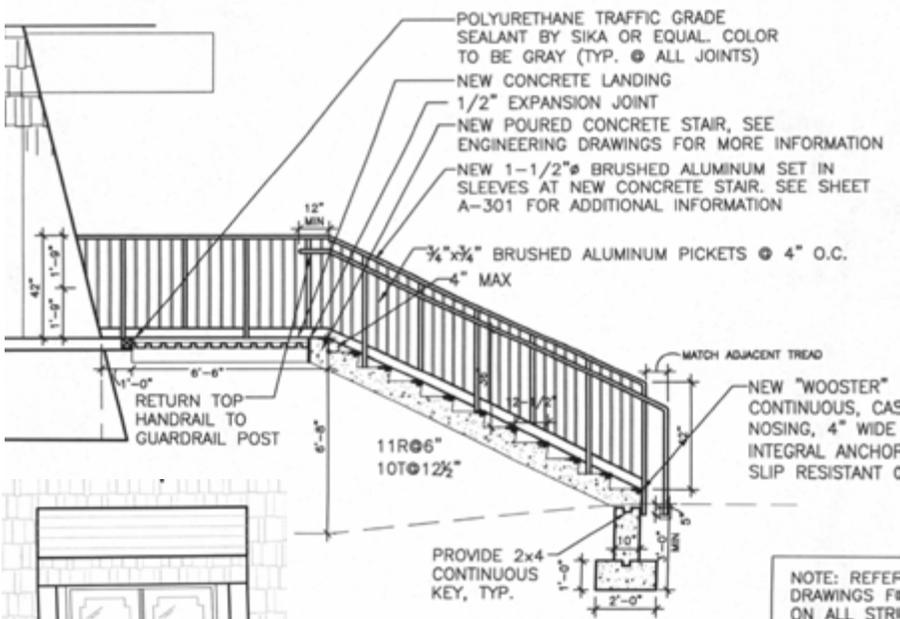
## Total Pledged: \$856,209



## Handrails ?

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

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



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

spring (a defrosting system has been built into all three to minimize any icing).  
 ③ Architect has made first visit to take specs for blueprints for the auditorium restrooms and design an ADA compliant restroom and bring the kitchen up to code. We hope to see this work done this summer.  
 ④ Contract signed for the conversion of the Parish Center heating system to gas. To be done after PSE&G installs a gas line.

### Proposed Schedule of Work

**PHASE I** **Fall 2018**

**Approximate Cost: \$450,000**

- Replace the Church Entrance Bridge and Side Stairways
- Mandated Removal of the oil tank in the Parish Center and replace the Boiler
- Update the Kitchen in the Auditorium

**PHASE II** **Fall 2019**

**Approximate Cost: \$290,000**

- Update Auditorium Bathrooms and Replace Parish Center's Handicapped lift
- Add Handicapped Parking spaces and Re-coat & re-stripe the Parking lot
- Install new padding on the kneelers

**PHASE III** **Fall 2020**

**Approximate Cost: \$210,000**

- Update Fire and Security Alarm systems in the Church and Parish Center
- Replace the Sidewalks
- Replace the Windows in the Parish Center

Funded

Pledged

Unfunded