# 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)



Ascension Thursday
May 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Mass 9:00AM & 7:30 PM

May 26, 2019

Phone: (631) 732-3131

## Parish Center Office Hours

Open for Walk-In Business

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

Tues thru Thurs

9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup> 9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup> 2 - 4<sup>pm</sup> 2 - 4<sup>pm</sup> 7 - 8<sup>pm</sup>

Friday

Mon

9 am - 1 pm

9 am - 12 pm

Sunday

Saturday

Closed

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# Time, Talent & Treasure

#### Stewardship Thought for the Week

Jesus could not have been any more direct in this Gospel reading when He tells us to love one another. As simple as this sounds, this is no easy task. This week, try to show more love and respect to those close to you and ask God to help you love those who are not easy to love.

# Sacrificial Giving

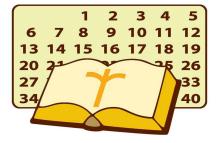
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

Easter	#	2019	2018	#
Collected at Mass	306	$10,062^{.54}$	9,833.11	352
Mailed Envelopes	17	521	2,300	17
Electronic Donations	34	2,495	2,356	42
<b>Total Collection</b>	366	\$13,078.54	\$14,489.11	411

Mass Attendance	8 <sup>pm</sup>	8 <sup>am</sup>	10 <sup>am</sup>	12 <sup>pm</sup>	Total
Last Sunday	205	177	423	468	1,273
Last Year	236	185	280	231	932

# Readings for Next Sunday Seventh Sunday of Caster

First Reading.......Acts 7: 55-60 Second Reading...Rev 22: 12-14,16-17,20 Gospel......Jn 17: 20-26



**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 weekends, please introduce yourselves to our ushers or call the office during the previous week.

Monday - May 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.

Deceased Military from St. Margaret's

Tuesday - May 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday - May 29<sup>th</sup>
9:00 A.M.
Patricia Lunetta

Ascension Thursday, - May 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.

Connie Mc Carthy 7:30 P.M.

For All Parishioners

Friday - May 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 A.M.

Saturday - June 1<sup>st</sup>
8:00 A.M.
Claire Kelly
5:00 P.M.
Adam Slysz

Harry L. Reahl

Sunday – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 A.M.
Harold Burton
10:00 A.M.
For All Parishioners
12:00 P.M.
Caroline Burke

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as MaryJane Kogler, Terri Persina, Jillian Brown, Paul Tomko, Patricia Wowk, Eric Chan, John Augusta Jr., June Tamillow, Joe & Sue Callari, Lucy & Sarah Behie, Eppie Larke, Alyssa Baisch, Marilyn & Steven Vacchio, Natasha Roucoulet, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Laura Durant, Warne Family. Sue Finnigan, James Finnigan, Lorraine Vogel, Sharon Klyn, Vincent Rutherford, Marie Positano, Christina & Baby Muller, Laura Positano, Maria Russo, Joseph Kiely, Dominic & Mary Percoco, Frank Guttilla, Robert Finger, Cathy Reynolds, Patricia Ferrere, John Fiscina, Eric Cohen, Cindy Byrne, Dylan Joseph Sergio, Virginia Butler, Estelle Beauchamp, Roger Ferrere & Geraldine Temperini.

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.

This week we have two different celebrations: Memorial Day and Ascension Thursday. Memorial Day, of course, is associated with the last Monday of May. Ascension Thursday can vary greatly, depending on the date of Easter. It is not usual for Ascension to be this late in May, but this year it is.

On <u>Memorial Day</u>, Americans are asked to pause and honor the sacrifices of those who died in military service to our country, perhaps by a visit to a cemetery or attending a parade. For some people, the losses connected with this day can be painful. But, for all of us, this day is a reminder that we are part of a nation that started before we were born and will continue after we die. All generations are linked together.

On <u>Ascension Day</u>, Christians seek to balance two simultaneous beliefs: (1) that Jesus departed from this world to be totally united with God the Eternal Father; and (2) that he emphatically remains with us! There are several ways that we celebrate this abiding presence of the Lord: through his promise to be with his Church for all time, through the action of his Spirit, through the Sacraments and Scripture, through service to those in need ("What you do to the least of my sisters and brothers, you do to me."). ~ Fr. Time

# **PARISH EVENTS This Week**

Monday May 27

Memorial Day ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, May 29

No Activities Scheduled

Ascension Thursday, May 30

Mass @ 9am & 7:30 pm

Friday, May 31

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, June 1

5pm Mass Pre-Cana Close

Sunday, June 2

No Activities Scheduled

# PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  $\sim 9$  - 5 (Closed Lunch 1-2) Tuesday  $\sim 9$  - 5 & 7-8 pm (Closed Lunch 1-2) Friday  $\sim 9$  - 1 Closed Saturday (June 15<sup>th</sup> start) & Sunday

<u>Please note—evening hours on Tuesdays only...</u> Beginning June 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Closed Saturday.

# Sacraments are Celebrations!



# Baptisms

Tyler Andrew Fabiitti

# Wedding Banns

**Banns II:** Jessica Desz, Good Shepherd, Holbrook & Justin Russo, St. Margaret of Scotland

# MEMORIAL DAY MASSES ~ May 27

9:00 am – Parish Mass. As in previous years, you will have the opportunity as you enter the church lobby before Mass to write down the name(s) of your loved one(s) who have died and who served our country. All the names will be placed in a basket which will then be brought up with the bread and wine and placed in front of the altar.

**9:30 am** –Mass ~ Holy Sepulchre Cemetery [Route 112 & Granny Rd., Coram: entrances on both roads; 631-732-3460.]

# A Memorial Day Prayer



God, Our Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom.
May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence.
Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones.
Help us to honor and support them.
Let us be ever mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the American people by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers and friends. Amen

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, May 27th in remembrance of Memorial Day.

# **Faith Formation**

#### REGISTRATION NEWS

Watch your mail for Fall Registration information! Letters will be arriving soon. First grade new students, also watch your mail for registration.

Any questions, please contact Jackie at our Faith Formation office at 631-732-3131 x131.

# **Vacation Bible School**

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



Parenting Tips & Videos

Go to DRVC.ORG/FAITH FORMATION/ PARENTING AND FAMILY LIFE for up-to-date ideas, activities, reflections and advice.



# WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church.

No matter what your current family or marital status,

No matter what your past or present religious affiliation,

No matter what your personal history, background, race etc,

No matter what your own self-image or esteem,

You are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish.

# **Parish Social Ministry**



Our Outreach is in need of grocery bags! Please be sure they are regular size (no small newspaper size) and sturdy.

Paper or plastic is ok.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

### THE HOMELESS NEED OUR HELP

Our parish prepares wash-up kits for the homeless and could use donations of <u>WASHCLOTHS</u>, small travel toiletry items & <u>QUART</u> SIZE SLIDER BAGGIES. 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!



# THRIFT SHOP

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

Our Thrift Shop needs
Baby & Toddler Summer
clothes ~ BOYS & GIRLS
as soon as possible.
Many Thanks!



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!

#### **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

# St. Margaret's Men's Breakfast

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN

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

The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month beginning with 8 AM Mass followed by breakfast. We're usually out the door by 10 AM. For info call Lew 631-774-2972 / Dan 631-681-2559. *Bring a Friend!* 

# Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse more by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 28-30 in Huntington, NY and Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at

HTTPS://WWMENYLI.ORG/.



# Cenacle Happenings

TOPICS FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS—Contemplative Singles, Centering Prayer Afternoon and the Present

Moment. The Cenacle Retreat House is located at 310 Cenacle Rd. in Ronkonkoma. Throughout the year
they offer prayerful Retreats & Programs. WWW.CENACLESISTERS.ORG/RONKONKOMA OR CALL 631-588-8366 for info.

CONTEMPLATIVE SINGLES at the Maude Adams House ~Sundays, 10 am-2 pm. June 16, July 21, Aug. 18

Join other faith-based singles as we explore God's desire for each of us and discuss our call to action in the Ministry of Single Life. Facilitator: Joan McGovern, Cenacle Ministry Staff Offering: \$35 each month - Lunch included. <u>\$20 deposit required to hold your monthly reservation.</u>

**PRESENT MOMENT at the Retreat Center** ~ **Alternating Tuesday, 6:30 8 pm**, **June 4 & 18, July 2, 16 & 30 and Aug. 13 & 27.** The key to inner peace is living in the **Present Moment** and embracing life with compassion for others and ourselves. Come join other faith-filled people as we deepen our relationship with God through themed discussion, silent prayer, reflection and sacred sharing. To register please call the Retreat Office or Joan McGovern at 631-588-8366. **Facilitator: Joan McGovern, Cenacle Ministry Staff. Offering: \$20 per session** 











**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



# BUILDING A SAFER CHURCH

A look at how the Diocese of Rockville Centre is working to ensure a safe environment.

# Office for the Protection of • Assisting Survivors Children & Young People

- Educating the Faithful
- Ensuring a Safe Environment

Since its establishment in 2003, the Diocese of Rockville Centre Office for the Protection of Children and Young People has remained vigilant and responsive to the safe environment concerns in parishes across Long Island. It has also grown to reflect the changing multicultural population of the diocese. Mary McMahon, LCSW, the office's director since 2014, spoke with The Long Island Catholic Magazine to discuss the office and its latest initiatives

By TINA DENNELLY

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

During the biannual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002, the bishops established protocols to assist dioceses throughout the United States in response to allegations of clergy abuse and misconduct. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People — more commonly referred to as The Charter — mandated that each diocese establish specific measures to assist survivors of clergy abuse, to educate the faithful and to ensure protection of the faithful in the future. In response to this directive, the Diocese of Rockville Centre developed the Diocesan Child Protection Policy, which established the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People.

From inception in 2003, the office has remained constant in providing outreach and assistance to survivors of abuse (Mandate 1 of The Charter); developing safe environment programming for clergy, laity and children (Mandate 2); and developing measures for accountability(Mandate 3).

#### WHAT DOES THE OFFICE DO ON A DAILY BASIS?

Well, first — no two days are ever the same. In addition to myself, the office is staffed by three very dedicated women. We try to start each day together with five minutes of prayer, to remember why we do what we do, to ask for grace to stay strong in our convictions and to pray for the graces of healing for all we will encounter that day. Then, the day starts to roll.

The diocese has 133 parishes that offer many activities, including hosting VIRTUS classes, faith formation classes and other ministries involving youths and adults. On most days there will be messages and emails from participants, facilitators and ministry leaders. We try to respond to these as early in the day as possible. And then there is the flow of paperwork: VIRTUS attendance sheets to process, meetings in parishes, arranging trainings, outreach to parishes - and always updating records for the annual audit (Mandate 3).

The priority for me is to check for messages on the diocesan hotline and my personal line. Whenever a call comes in from a survivor or anyone reporting abuse, I try to return it as soon as I am able. I want to dedicate as much time as the caller requires when I respond, so sometimes

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The staff of the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (left to right): Joanne Winter, Mary McMahon, Arely Mendoza-Cantos, Patricia DiTomasso.



#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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#### HOW MANY CALLS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF CLERGY ABUSE DO YOU RECEIVE?

I think this is the good news — reports that come to the office are allegations of abuse that occurred many years ago. The VIRTUS program, background screening, Think First & Stay Safe (children's program), ongoing clergy training, annual audits — all these point to the fact that when you offer a solid program and the entire community is educated and engaged, change is possible. That being said, the diocese remains steadfast and vigilant in its efforts to maintain the standards of safety we have in place.

#### HOW HAS THE OFFICE CHANGED SINCE ITS INCEPTION?

This is the exciting part! In 2014 the office was one person — now it is four!

When I started visiting parishes in 2014, two issues jumped out. One was that every pastor wanted to be in compliance with the mandates of The Charter — and in fact was trying to be in compliance — but every parish was doing it differently. The second issue was enhancing the presence of VIRTUS within the Spanish-speaking community. We had Spanish-speaking facilitators, but there were only a handful to meet the demands of a very large population.

In 2015, Arely Mendoza-Cantos joined the office as liaison to the Spanish-speaking community. Arely has trained Spanish-speaking VIRTUS facilitators, met with Spanish clergy, translated the Child Protection Policy and has been a tremendous asset in bringing safe environment awareness to the community.

Next, Arely and I tackled the issue of parish compliance, developing a

Safe Environment Binder containing all the required forms, suggested methods of collecting data and a safe environment checklist. Our goal is to meet with each pastor so that we understand the unique needs—of each parish. To date we have met with 37 pastors; I must confess this has taken longer than we expected. It's a process, and Rockville Centre is a large diocese.

The reality is that the challenge of safe environment happens on the local level — in the individual parishes. The office recognizes that, and we are very grateful to those on the local level who do the work of keeping accurate records, making sure volunteers in every parish ministry have been background screened and VIRTUS trained. The office would not be at the level it is today without the commitment and cooperation of each parish. Of course, the ideal would be that each parish could have a safe environment coordinator to manage the safe environment compliance.

#### THINK FIRST & STAY SAFE

Joanne Winter came on board in 2017 as coordinator of the Think First & Stay Safe program. Think First is a program for children that, starting with the 2018-2019 academic year, is being rolled out through the faith formation programs in each parish. During the faith formation orientation meetings in the fall, parents were introduced to the Think First program, received a parent's handbook and were encouraged to reinforce the topic of safety with their child.

Just recently, Patricia DiTomasso joined our team. Patricia assists parishes with the task of updating their VIRTUS records. This is an enormous task, one in which all of us are involved. When the phone isn't ringing — and one of us has a free moment — we grab a parish report and begin the tedious and time-consuming task of checking the volunteer list against the VIRTUS database. All these changes really point to the vision of the office: to be vigilant and responsive to the safe environment needs of the diocese and to remain open to direction from the Holy Spirit.

I have a plaque in my office with a quote from Scripture that reminds me that we are not alone in our efforts: "There is a peculiar power of God about that place. He who has his dwelling in heaven, watches over it and defends it" (2 Maccabees 3:39).

#### Sunday, May 26, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Resist the rush

A great deal of money is made every instant by our inability to resist the urge to click on that headline, to check our messages, to see if anyone in the world is doing anything more interesting than we are right now. While we mean to duck out of the present for just a second, that second can turn into minutes or hours as we're lured deeper into the media addiction. It's not merely distracting. The sum total of our lost-soul wandering through constant global crises, conspiracies, diet ads, local tragedies, and shopping deals is a society-wide anxiety attack. Cultivate peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29 (57). "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

#### Monday, May 27, 2019

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

#### Sweet surrender

Today's saint, Augustine of Canterbury, is best known for having a major hand in England's conversion to Christianity. During his lifetime (around 600), however, he was not seen as a success. He lost his nerve the first time he tried to cross the English Channel; he was disregarded by the powerful Britons for his perceived rudeness. And yet the seeds he planted in faith bore fruit, helping to firmly establish Christianity in Britain. Perhaps you might offer a prayer of surrender today, allowing God's grace to transform any seeming failures or shortcomings in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Today's readings: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291). "The Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father . . . will testify to me."

#### **Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Everyone loves a great story

The 1965 film classic about the life of Jesus was called *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. You can't argue with that title with regard to any telling of the life of Jesus. Aside from its supreme importance as the story of our salvation, it follows established dramatic structure to perfection: exposition (Jesus' background and ministry), rising action (his arrest and Passion), black moment when all is lost (his death), and climax, when the protagonist wins (his Resurrection). Then there's the dénouement, when everything finally makes sense—and that's when the Holy Spirit comes in, to help you tell this story to the world

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). "For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you."

#### Wednesday, May 29, 2019

EASTER WEEKDAY

#### There's Good News for the world

When Saint Paul—arguably the greatest and perhaps first Christian missionary—came to Greece, the birthplace of Western philosophy, he engaged his hearers on their own terms. His words about the nature of God and God's Son intrigued them, but because Paul boldly spoke about Christ's Resurrection as well, many simply walked away snickering. We are told, though, that others said, "We should like to hear you on this some other time." In 2019 the Good News of Jesus Christ should likewise engage the "secular world"—which is by definition *secular*: The Latin

saeculum means the "present world"—on its own terms. Like Paul we stay engaged with others with respect and above all with love

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). "Paul left them. But some did join him, and became believers."

#### Thursday, May 30, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

#### All endings are new beginnings

Easter was over several weeks ago, right? Not really, because the story goes on. The post-Resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples. He ate with them. And he spent 40 days preparing them to continue his mission. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, recalling the day Jesus ascended from this human life to enter divine glory and be "seated at God's right hand." Ascension brings to a remarkable close the Easter events that we call the "Pascal Mystery": the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Yet this really is not an end either. After the Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem with joy, ready and eager for what was to come. Let's roll up our sleeves and carry on their ministry.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53 (58). "Then he raised his hands, and blessed them . . . and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

#### Friday, May 31, 2019

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### Share your faith

Two women on a common journey: one in the later stages of life and one just starting out. Yet they meet in the middle, Elizabeth and Mary, to share the same remarkable reality: new life seemingly out of nowhere! And both believed the incredible word that came to them from God, Elizabeth through her husband and Mary from an angel. Sharing their joy produced a song still sung around the world. Today is the feast day of small faith-sharing groups everywhere. Believe the word. Tell the story. Share the joy!

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). "And blessed is she who believed . . . what was spoken to her by the Lord."

#### Saturday, Jun 01, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

#### Stand for true worship

In response to a Roman prefect's demand to worship the Roman gods, Justin Martyr (100-165) replied, "No one who is right-thinking stoops from true worship to false worship." Remember that when you are confronted with temptations throughout your day to be right, wealthier, happier, more comfortable, or more appreciated. True worship will lead you to desire to be reconciled, joy-filled, satisfied, and grateful. Ask for the gifts that come with true worship and they will be yours.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."



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



# Hospice / Bereavement

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

For more information about Good Shepherd Hospice, please call 631-465-6350. To refer a patient to Good Shepherd Hospice, please call 631-465-6363. Visit our website GOODSHEPHERDHOSPICE.CHSLI.ORG/ to learn more.

# Bereavement Support Groups

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge.

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Loss Support Group - June 4 thru July 23 / 6:45PM-8:15PM Groups are held at Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson NY

St. Charles Hospital Grounds ~ Registration required – (631) 828-7628.

# Becoming a Catholic Christian~ RCIA

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

The first stage is called "Inquiry," a time to ask questions and receive answers without any pressure to make a decision. The goal is to help adults move toward a commitment to the Lord and full participation in the Catholic community at their pace. It is meant specifically for adults who are seeking Baptism, or those who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation or Eucharist. For more information, please call the Parish Center (631-732-3131 x 133).

# 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 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, & 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.

# Please Consider Sponsoring a Weekly Memorial

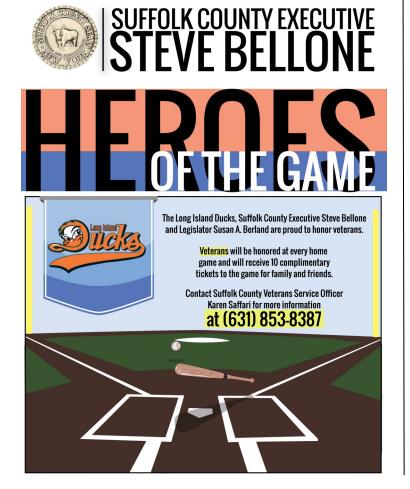


Would you like to remember a loved one? Give thanks for one of God's many graces? Offer up a prayer for someone in need? Please contact the Parish Office for information on Memorials. St. Margaret's offers the opportunity to remember loved ones by covering the cost of the altar flowers and bread & wine used during the week.

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New Parishioner? Moving out of the parish?





## **Employment @ Catholic Cemeteries**

Cemetery Seasonal Staff thru October, 4 days / 7 hours a day. General landscaping, assist concrete work, able to lift 50 lbs., be able to understand oral and written communications plus numerous other duties. Located in Westbury and Coram. For more information



http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/career-opportunities.html

### **Career Opportunities at DDI**

DDI, Developmental Disabilities Institute, is looking for people to be part of a team of over 1800 who play a crucial role in the everyday lives of children & adults with developmental disabilities. Training, placement, 403B Retirement plan, tuition reimbursement and so much more. Go to **DDINY.ORG** for info & to apply.

## Free Comprehensive Child Care

The Children's Community Head Start Birth to Five Program provides free comprehensive early childhood education and family support services to eligible expectant mothers and low income families with children ages birth to five in Central Suffolk County. To see if you qualify call 631-585-3131-Ronkonkoma & 631-476-9698-Port Jefferson or visit WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gala Auction

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:45PM/auction @ 2:30. Deluxe & grand prizes. \$15 Admission includes coffee, cake & 25 tickets. For info call 585-9291. 800 Portion Rd., Lk. Ronkonkoma.

## Kellenberg Memorial Reunions

All members of Kellenberg Memorial's classes of 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014 are invited to return to campus on Saturday, June 22, 2019, to celebrate their 20, 15, 10, and 5 year reunions (respectively).

Whether you return frequently for alumni events or haven't been back since graduation, we would love to see you! The evening will begin with Mass at 6 PM, followed by private cocktail parties for each class from 7-10 PM. For more info or to register online, please visit <a href="www.kellenberg.org/reunion">www.kellenberg.org/reunion</a>. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Alumni Mr. Thomas Huggard at <a href="mailto:alumni@kellenberg.org">alumni@kellenberg.org</a> or (516) 292-0200 x375.

# Spring Fair ~ Hope Lutheran Church

Saturday. June  $15^{th}$  from 10-3 - rain or shine. Vendors, face painting Chinese Auction, dunk tanks &food! Auction opens at 10AM and drawings begin at 3PM. 46 Dare Rd in Selden - 631-732- $2511 \sim$  **HOPELUTH.COM.** 

# St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all our activities, info & bulletins. Go check it out & make it a favorite! <u>SAINTMARGARET.COM</u>

# Campaign Catch Up



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# Total Pledged: \$856,209

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

# Railings Are In



The first set of new **railings** was installed last week., and some parishioners even had a chance to try out the new stairway last Sunday. By the time you read this, the second set should be in as well. The next step is taking care of some finishing details on the stairs themselves.

Then it is on to the **front entrance bridge** replacement. We anticipate that will begin sometime in the second week of June.

Please remember: once the front bridge is taken down, the only entrances will be by the side stairways.

We have confirmation that the gas mains for the Parish Center should be installed during the first weeks of July. This will allow us to convert the Center from oil to gas during the summer and enter the fall/winter heating season with a new more efficient heating system.

The furnace will be replaced and the circulator pumps updated so we do not need to place catering pans under them to catch drips. We will also be able to remediate the oil tank in the yard next to the Center.

We continue planning for the **kitchen and restroom work** to happen this summer while the lower level of the church is unused. Pray!

# 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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