

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

## Selden

### Bulletin

#### August 11, 2019

#### Masses for the Week

Monday, August 12  
9:00am

Tuesday, August 13  
9:00am

Wednesday, August 14  
9:00am – Rose McFadden

Thursday, August 15:  
*Feast of Mary's Assumption*  
9:00am – Joan Casey  
7:30pm – For All Parishioners

Friday, August 16  
**\*\*NO MASS\*\***

Saturday, August 17  
8:00am – Steven B. Hunter  
5:00pm – Mary Ann Rocco

Sunday, August 18  
8:00am – For All Parishioners  
10:00am – Jane Michelle Clavo  
Mary Percoco  
12Noon – Joseph Rennert  
Diedre Davis

**The Mass Book for 2020 is open for Mass Intentions throughout 2020. Please contact the Parish Office.**

### Faith Formation Registrations

Forms are due ASAP

New 1<sup>st</sup> Grade children or children currently enrolled in our programs.

Any questions: call Jackie at 631-732-3131 x131.

### Outreach Pantry: Can you help?

Beef Stew, Cookies, Canned Corn, Gravy Packets, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Saltine Crackers, Juice Boxes, Laundry Detergent and Toothpaste are especially needed.

*Our Parish computer system was infected by malware from Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. The bulletin could not be sent to printer*

### Outreach Back to School

**Supplies that are needed by August 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
men's and ladies' socks (teens), store gift cards, backpacks, folders and marble notebooks, loose leaf binders and papers, crayons (24 ct), washable colored markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers and rulers.  
**BACK PACKS are NEEDED by Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>**

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### OUTREACH DOOR COLLECTION

next weekend, August 17/18

Thank you for all you do!

### St. Margaret's Website:

**[saintmargaret.com](http://saintmargaret.com)**

Bookmark it/ make it a favorite for quick access.

### Gennesaret Retreat

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned on September 20 – 22 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore. See next week's bulletin for more information.

### Capital Campaign

The pavers have been set down, the sidewalk has been redesigned for handicapped access and the impress of a Celtic Cross (honoring our patroness) has been set into the front entrance. We await the railings.

Meanwhile, the preparation work for replacing the original Parish Center oil burner with a more efficient gas burner has been going on this week.

*A special "Thank You" to all whose support has made these projects possible!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Sins of sexual abuse of minors have caused tremendous suffering in our Church. First and foremost, victim survivors of abuse and their families continue to carry the terrible effects of that abuse. The larger Church community is affected as well. In light of this, I want to make you aware of recent developments that will cause uncertainty and present serious challenges for us in the months and perhaps years ahead.

In February, the Child Victims Act (CVA) was signed into law. The CVA suspends for one year any statute of limitations associated with alleged sexual abuse of a minor. This law will allow lawsuits to be brought against individuals and public and private institutions, regardless of how many years ago the abuse may have taken place. When the one-year window to file lawsuits opens THIS WEDNESDAY (August 14<sup>th</sup>), hundreds, if not thousands of lawsuits are expected to be filed across New York State against dioceses, parishes, municipalities, public schools, hospitals and a broad range of not-for-profit charitable organizations, both religious and non-religious. The financial impact of this law may be far reaching.

However, if we are people of the Paschal Mystery, we enter the unknown with what we do know - that the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ will sustain and strengthen us in the days ahead. No doubt, we will hear about many past failures. We will again hear the heart wrenching stories of victim survivors. I have personally met with survivors of abuse, their families, friends and loved ones. I have listened at a deep level to their stories of tragedy, betrayal, trauma and their heroic efforts to engage in the process of healing. Their lifelong wounds of trauma run so deep, that only the Holy Spirit can begin to touch, relieve and heal them.

It is also important that we be aware of what is already happening and has been happening for many years in our Diocese regarding child protection. First, the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, established in 2003, puts the safety and well-being of children first, and seeks to reach out to and support victim survivors of abuse. It works to ensure the screening and training of every person who works in or volunteers for the Church through background checks, VIRTUS training and helping every member of the Church to be vigilant in protecting children.

We also work closely with law enforcement whenever an allegation of abuse is made against a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer in the Diocese. Calls made to our confidential hotline (516-594-9063) are returned within 24 hours by a licensed mental health professional. Allegations of abuse are promptly reported to the appropriate district attorney's office and are thoroughly investigated. In addition, pastoral care and mental health support is offered to any abuse survivor who needs assistance. But we do not rest there. We continually work to discern the best ways to adjust and enhance our child protection practices, to raise consciousness in the Church and society about vigilance and to support survivors of abuse.

In 2017, we initiated our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) to provide a confidential mechanism for survivors to receive compensation and some measure of healing and justice. We intend to continue this program for the foreseeable future, even after the CVA takes effect, so survivors can, if they wish, be heard in a fair, respectful, confidential and timely way. To date, 370 people have filed claims with our IRCP. The vast majority of claimants -277 to be exact- have accepted compensation totaling just over \$50 million, with 75-80 claims still being processed. We have worked diligently with our financial and legal advisors to assess our financial position and maximize the availability of insurance coverage to meet the demands that will likely be imposed by anticipated CVA litigation. Please also know that parish collections and financial donations made through the Catholic Ministries Appeal will continue to be used, consistent with our commitment to our parishioners, to support the Diocese, and its ministries and pursue the goals of the Catholic Ministry Appeal. **The parish offertory and Catholic Ministry Appeal funds have not and will not be used to resolve claims for clergy sexual abuse.**

The work of the Church - of administering the Sacraments, of teaching, healing, advocating, serving, and ministering to the poor and vulnerable - can and must continue, despite the sins of the past. I invite you to explore greater details about all of this, and about the Diocese's robust safe environment practices and commitment to them, in a special video which you can view on CFN television, the Diocesan website ([www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org)) and on Diocese of Rockville Centre social media platforms.

The opening of the CVA window takes place on the Eve of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM. Let us turn to Mary our Mother and draw courage from her as we approach this challenge with trust and prayer. This is the same Mary who, as Mother of the Church, gathered with the Apostles in the locked room, waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit to descend at Pentecost. As we enter a time of Paschal Mystery suffering, may Mary guide us, so that together we may continue to carry out the mission of her Son: the building up of the Kingdom of God throughout Long Island and the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

*+John O. Barres*  
BISHOP OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE