# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



## Pastoral Staff

Rev. James Wood - Pastor xIII
Rev. Paul Butler - Pastoral Vicar xII8
Deacons - Ed Hayes x0
Retired: William Kogler, Biagio Muratore,

**Parish Center Office** – Receptionist x0 Julie Burtoff, Admin Assistant x133

#### **Faith Formation Office**

FF@saintmargaret.com Jackie Mirenda, Coordinator x131

#### **Business Manager**

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#### **Facilities Manager**

Michael Lorio x I I 5

#### **Music Ministry**

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#### Parish Outreach

Outreach@saintmargaret.com Julie Burtoff, ×119

#### Holy Angels Regional Catholic School

Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422 Michael Connell, Principal

#### 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)



Faith Formation Registration

FORMS ARE PAST DUE ASAP

FOR ALL CHILDREN,

IST GRADE, NEW &

RETURNING CHILDREN

# **August 18, 2019**

Phone: (631) 732-3131

## Parish Center Summer Office Hours

Open for Walk-In Business Morning Afternoon Evening

Mon., Weds., Thurs.  $9^{am}$  -  $1^{pm}$   $2 - 4^{pm}$  Tuesday  $9^{am}$  -  $1^{pm}$   $2 - 4^{pm}$   $7 - 8^{pm}$ 

Friday Closed
Saturday Closed
Sunday Closed

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# Time, Talent & Treasure

# Stewardship Thought for the Week. Pillar of Hospitality

This week, practice hospitality to those around you. For example, when you are at home, make your home more relaxing and enjoyable to those living in it and those visiting.

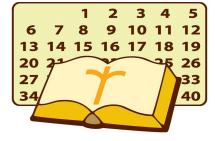
# Sacrificial Giving

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.

	#	201	9	2018	#
Collected at Mass	273	\$ 8,96	51	\$ 9,996 <sup>.89</sup>	320
Mailed Envelopes	22	2,48	30	1,670	31
Electronic Donations	48	4,4(	)3	2,605	38
<b>Total Collection</b>	344	\$15,84	14	\$14,271 <sup>.89</sup>	389
Mass Attendance	5 <sup>pm</sup>	8 <sup>am</sup>	10 <sup>am</sup>	12 <sup>pm</sup>	Total
Last Sunday	199	162	172	185	718
Last Year	215	169	216	283	883

# Readings for Next Sunday Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Is 66: 18-21
Second Reading	Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13
Gospel	Lk 13: 22-30



**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 - August 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.

Joseph Mancini

Tuesday - August 20<sup>th</sup>
9:00 A.M.

Patricia Lunetta

Wednesday - August 21<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.

Mary Rease & Tom O'Donnell

Thursday, - August 22<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M.
No Mass

Friday - August 23<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M. Gladys Hance

Saturday - August 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M.
Joseph De Masi
& Guilio Galteri

Sunday – August 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M.

Clara Bracone & Joseph Perconti 10:00 A.M.

All St Margaret Parishioners 12:00 p.m.

Kitty & Thomas Baffa

For all our parishioners suffering HE HEALED from chronic illness, as well as 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 Percoco, Frank Guttilla, Robert Finger, Cathy Reynolds, Patricia & Roger Ferrere, John Fiscina, Eric Cohen, Cindy Byrne, Dylan Joseph Sergio, Virginia Butler, Estelle Beauchamp, Robert Valletta, Christine Mc Cusker, Dana Glasser, Enrigue Mora, and the De Santis Family.

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 notedue to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only. Thank you.

#### Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

For a change of pace on these Sundays until Labor Day, I'm offering examples of people from the 20<sup>th</sup> century whose lives give us a chance to appreciate the different ways that faith can be lived and shared. ~**Fr. Júw** 

#### **Mother Antonia Brenner** "Prison Angel" (1926–2013)

Mother Antonia Brenner, who died on October 17, 2013, spent nearly thirty years in prison, though she had committed no crime. Instead, responding to a call from God, she had abandoned her life in Beverly Hills, taken religious vows, and voluntarily entered the La Mesa prison in Tijuana, Mexico, to live there as an inmate and to minister to those behind bars.

She was born Mary Clarke to a very different life. Twice married and divorced, she raised seven children. In 1969, after Jesus appeared to her in a dream, she determined to devote her life to his service. While going through her second divorce a priest had invited her to help in his prison ministry at La Mesa - an overcrowded prison that housed eight thousand inmates.

After years of visiting the prison and performing small acts of charity she felt that God was calling her to something more. As no religious order would accept a fifty-year-old divorced woman, she sewed her own habit and took private religious vows. Eventually she received permission to move into a cell in the women's section of the prison. "I felt as if I'd come home," she said. In the prison she walked freely among murderers, gang members, and other desperate criminals. Her loving presence often quelled violence. She was known as the "Prison Angel," or simply Mama.

"Happiness does not depend on where you are. I live in prison. And I have not had a day of depression in 25 years. I have been upset, angry. I have been sad. But never depressed. I have a reason for my being."

-Mother Antonia Brenner

### **PARISH EVENTS This Week**

#### **Monday August 19**

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

#### **Mon—Thu, Aug 19-22**

9-1; 2-4 Faith Formation Registration

OFFICE CLOSED FRI., SAT., SUN, FOR THE SUMMER.

#### PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday ~ 9 - 5 (Closed Lunch 1-2) Tuesday ~ 9 - 5 & 7-8 pm (Closed Lunch 1-2) Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday Please note—evening hours on Tuesdays only..

# Women's Bible Sharing

Come meet other women in the Parish on Monday mornings for an hour of fellowship and discussion. Meet in the Parish Center at 9:30 AM. *Bring a friend!* 





# Mass Book ~ 2020

St. Margaret's Mass Book is open for 2020 Masses.

# 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>

# Mass Times @ Neighboring Parishes

While our front bridge is under construction there will not be a handicapped entrance. Below are the times for weekend Masses at our neighboring Parishes. (English)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach Saturday-5:30 pm / Sunday - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Saturday-5 pm / Sunday - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville Saturday-5 pm / Sunday-9:00 am & 12 pm St. Gerard Majella, Pt. Jefferson Station Saturday 5pm / Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00



# **Diocese Young Adult Ministry**

Check out their new website <u>YOUNGADULTMINISTRY@DRVC.ORG</u> for all the current happenings for young adults ages twenties, thirties and forties, single or married on Long Island.

# Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends Nov 8-10, 2019 & Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more info, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at https://www.enyll.org/.

# **GENNESARET RETREAT**

for those facing serious illness.

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned on **Sept. 20-22** at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, forgiveness and faithfulness. To register or info please call Colette Fanelli at 631-665-7052.

## **Faith Formation**

# REGISTRATION NEWS

ALL FORMS WERE DUE LAST MONTH. PLEASE HELP US. WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER CLASSES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Any questions, please contact Jackie at

Faith Formation office at 631-732-3131 x131.



# **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**



There are still a few openings in the 4/5 year old program on Tuesdays at 4:30.

If interested in this program for your child, please contact Jackie Mirenda, Faith Formation Coordinator, at 631-731-3131 x131 or JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM.

#### **RESOURCES:**

Kids In the Know: www.kidsintheknow.ca Net Smartz: www.NetSmartz.org

Center for Missing/Exploited Children: <a href="www.missingkids.com">www.missingkids.com</a>
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <a href="www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a>
Stop It Now!: <a href="www.stopitnow.org">www.stopitnow.org</a> VIRTUS: <a href="www.virtus.org">www.virtus.org</a>

Kid Smartz: www.KidSmartz.org

Child Lures Prevention: www.Childluresprevention.com



# **Parish Social Ministry**



# **Back to School**

The requests are Great, our Supplies are not.

We need Men & Ladies socks (teens), store gift cards, backpacks, binders, marble notebooks, loose leaf paper, crayons (24 ct), folders, washable colored markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers and rulers.

BACK PACKS needed by Aug. 19th Thank you for all you do!



### OUR PANTRY SHELVES IS LOW ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

BEEF STEW, COOKIES, CANNED CORN, GRAVY PACKETS, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, SALTINE CRACKERS, JUICE BOXES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, & TOOTHPASTE. Thank You!

#### **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Cards are available in our *Outreach* office, if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one. For more info, visit or call the Parish Center at 732-3131 x119.

## THRIFT SHOP

Tues. & Thurs. 9:30 -12:30 (Closed Saturdays for the summer) Come Visit & Shop!

#### **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



August 11, 2019 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our Church continues to suffer as a result of past sins of sexual abuse of minors. Victim survivors of abuse and their families also continue to carry the terrible effects of that abuse. We pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit may descend upon the Church to purify and sanctify her. It is also important that we are all aware of recent developments that will cause uncertainty and present serious challenges for us in the months and perhaps years ahead.

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Child Victims Act (CVA) into law last February. The CVA suspends for one year any statute of limitations associated with alleged sexual abuse of a minor. This law will allow currently time -barred lawsuits to be brought against individuals as well as public and private institutions, regardless of how many years or even decades ago the abuse may have taken place.

When the one-year window to file lawsuits opens on August 14, 2019, 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. The power of the Resurrection overcomes despair.

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 warmth of the Holy Spirit can begin to touch, relieve and heal them. Together, we pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit brings the light of true repentance and reform, moving the Church to continue listening and responding with the humility and compassion of Jesus Christ.

It is also important that we be aware of what is already happening and has been happening for many years in our Diocese as to the extraordinary work that goes into child protection. First, the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People was established in 2003. Many years of hard work have made this office one which 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. If you are an employee or a volunteer in your parish, you know about background checks, VIRTUS training and the call for every member of the Church to be vigilant in protecting children.

For years, we have worked closely with law enforcement whenever an allegation of abuse is made against a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our confidential hotline (516-594-9063) is closely monitored, and calls made to it 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.

These are just a few of the reforms, efforts and safeguards that have been in place since 2002 in our Diocese, and have made the Church on Long Island a truly safe environment. And 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 speak in greater detail about all of this, and about the Diocese's robust safe environment practices and commitment to them, in a Catholic Faith Network (CFN) special video which you can view on CFN television, the Diocesan website (www.drvc.org) and on Diocese of Rockville Centre social media platforms.

The coming months will require perseverance and prayer if we are to emerge even more dedicated to Christ's saving mission. As the opening of the CVA window takes place near the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, we are reminded to turn to Mary our Mother and draw courage from the one who did not look away from her suffering Son. She waited patiently, suffered with Him, and shared in His victory over sin and death.

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,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

# Warning Signs of Perpetrators or Abuse in Minors

Is overly interested in spending time with minors

Does not believe the rules apply to them (or, does not follow rules or protocols)

Has inappropriate or suggestive conversations with minors

Commits physical and emotional boundary violations

Takes photos without approval, or asks minors to send them photos

Tries to get minors alone

Gives lavish gifts to minors

Keeps secrets with minors

Allows or encourages minors to break laws or rules Is overly interested in spending time with minors

No longer interested in activities they used to enjoy

Tries to hide use of technology
Changes in personality
Demonstrates Aggressive

or angry behavior

# Campaign Catch Up



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# Total Pledged: \$857,880

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

# We Don't Have a Back Burner



Last week, they completed the removal of the old oil burner from the Parish Center. We now have a large empty space awaiting the delivery of our new up-to-date gas fired burner that we hope will heat the Paris Center for the next 50 years.

We had hoped to show you the

our server 2 weeks ago seems to have erased most of our photos of the work being done, including many of the pictures of the work on the bridge.

By the time you read this, we hope to have the new railings installed on the bridge and be awaiting Brookhaven's inspector's OK to open the bridge for your use.

The bids for the work on the restrooms and kitchen in the auditorium came back much higher than we expected. We are currently looking at ways to lower the scope and cost of the work and will talking to the contractors this fall about updating their bids.

# 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

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 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

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#### • Replace the Sidewalks

• Replace the Windows in the Parish Center