

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)



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 8th ~ 3 PM

December 8, 2019

Phone: (631) 732-3131

Parish Center Office Hours

Open for Walk-In Business Morning Afternoon Eve

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9^{am} - 1^{pm} 2 - 4^{pm} 7-8^{pm}

Wednesday 9^{am} - 1^{pm} 2 - 4^{pm} ... No Eve

Friday Closed

Saturday 9^{am} - 12^{pm}

Sunday Closed

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

St. John the Baptist's call to repentance and his threats in today's Gospel certainly do not sound "Christmas-y"! He did get it correct when he said that someone greater is coming. However, he missed the mark when he then declared that the Expected One would cast out sinners. Jesus began with the hinge message of John: Repent, for the Kingdom is at hand. BUT, then Jesus proclaims a new vision of the Kingdom of God: Sinners are now forgiven! The lame walk and the blind see! The dead rise again!

John emphasized the "repent" side of the prophets' message. Jesus spends more time telling stories of the Kingdom and its ways. John isn't wrong; but he cannot wrap his head around Jesus's message – he never becomes follower of Jesus. His job is to be the last signpost on the way to the future. John seemed to know this, as when he later acknowledged the need to decrease as Jesus increases. Maybe his recognition that the old prophetic style was passing made it easier for John to speak the truth to power.

Something has to die in order for something else to live, the botanists tell us. Scripture has the same message. We have to let go of the past, the old ways, the old self, in order to usher in the new life we long for. How can these Advent weeks help us to do this important task? ~ *Fr. Jim*

PS. Here are two good online resources for information and prayers to help on your Advent journey:

(1) **Best Advent Ever 2019** (2) **Advent Reflections with Bishop Barron.**

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday December 9

9:30 am Women's Bible Sharing.....Rm 207
6 pm C of F Lvl 1.....Auditorium/Ch

Tuesday December 10

7 pm Confirmation II.....Auditorium
7 pm K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 pm C of F Lvl 4, 5, 6 Advent Gathering

Thursday, December 12

7pm Confirmation I.....Auditorium
7:30 pm Finance Mtg.....Rm 207

Friday, December 13

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday December 14

9:30 am Children's Choir.....Rm 105
10 am Altar Server Training.....Church
6:30 pm Optatek.....Auditorium

Sunday December 15

No Activities Scheduled

Congratulations Honor Roll Students

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll for students from

***St. Anthony's High School,
Huntington***

Samantha Bosch, Emma Breuer,
Sarah Breuer, Faithann Nikodem

St. John the Baptist, West Islip
Liana Beausoleil

We commend their efforts to excel!



Monday, December 9th

Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception ~ Mass @ 9 AM

(THIS YEAR, NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

CHRISTMAS CHOIR...Singers Welcome!



This Christmas morning, you are invited to be part of a special CHRISTMAS CHOIR. If you are interested, please speak to Dr. Daniel Crews, Director of Music Ministries, after mass, in the Music ministry area. Or, contact

him by email at dcrews@saintmargaret.com, or leave a message at 631-732-3131 X117.

Save Those Calendars!

We have heard about a Josephite Sister whose ministry is with men in jail would LOVE to receive any calendars that you may receive in the mail and do not want. Apparently, calendars are something that incarcerated people have little access to and they make a big difference for them. So, instead of throwing them away, please drop off in the Parish Center **through the month of December**. She hopes to get about 600 – she has distributed 200 already! Thank you.

Calling All Prayer Groups

Honor our Lady as we pray together on December 8th at the 2 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Eastport ~ 258 Eastport Manor Rd.



Change in Parish Center Hours

Beginning in December,
the office will be closed on Fridays.

Lector Books

NEW Lector books are available for pickup, in the priest sacristy after all the Masses

Sacraments are Celebrations!

Wedding Banns



Banns III: Ashley Hughes, St. Margaret of Scotland & Anthony Venuto, St. Anne, Ossining NY

Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

ADVENT GATHERING

LEVEL 4, 5, & 6

PARENT & CHILD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

6:30 PM – AUDITORIUM



Christmas Play

Sunday, Dec. 8th ~ 3 PM

The children of Saint Margaret's parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends & parishioners.

Sunday, Dec. 8th Day of Show—arrive at 1:45 PM

Cast Party to follow immediately after Pageant.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

There are still a few openings in the 3/4/5 year old program on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.

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



Parish Social Ministry



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

*St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations of
STORE GIFT CARDS & FAST FOOD GIFT CARDS (TEENS) IN LIEU OF TOYS AND GAMES*

Please keep in mind we can
always use

**NEW Socks, Underwear, Hats,
Gloves & Scarves!**

Christmas Door Collection

The weekend of Dec 8 & 9
after all the Masses.

Thank you for your generosity!



THRIFT SHOP

Tues. & Thurs. 10 - 2 & Sat. ~ 10 - 12:30

Come Visit and Shop

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!

THANKSGIVING Thank you!

St. Margaret's Outreach would like to thank every one who donated to our Thanksgiving Distribution. Every gift card, turkey or groceries you donated helped over 65 families! They were assisted with a meal, turkey and a smile from our wonderful volunteers!

Thank you also to Newfield High School for a tremendous food drive and turkeys! Box loads of food were dropped off to fill our shelves!



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

A SPECIAL INVITATION

We would like to make this special time an opportunity for parish members to help make our church especially beautiful for our Christmas celebrations and celebrate the memory of those who made past Christmases special. All are invited to make a memorial donation which will be used for our decorations. All the names of those memorialized (both living and deceased) will be printed in our **bulletin of Dec. 21st & 22nd**. (Please note: donations are NOT for any particular or individual plant, but toward the overall expenses of the decorations.) Please fill out the form below and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "Memorial Donation." **You can put it in the basket with your regular collection, mail it, or drop it off at the office. Thank you.**



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Memorial Donation – Christmas 2019 (deadline: December 12th)

Donor(s) _____

Address _____

Name of Person or Couple Memorialized _____

Living _____ Deceased _____



The Students of Holy Angels Regional School

Invite You to
HONOR AN ANGEL
In Your Life



The Students of Holy Angels invite you to celebrate Christ's birth by honoring the important people in your life. If you would like to let someone (a family member, teacher, friend, babysitter, etc.) know how special they are to you, or to honor the memory of a deceased loved one, then Honor them as an ANGEL.

Your honoree (or a family member) will receive a card informing them that they are a special Angel in your life. All of the honorees will be lifted up in prayer at a special Mass at

St Francis de Sales Church in Patchogue on

Tuesday, December 17 at 11 am

DONATION: \$5 per ANGEL HONOREE

Please make checks payable to: Holy Angels Regional School

1 Division Street, Patchogue, NY 11772

For more information, call (631) 475-0422

Your Name: _____

HONOR AS AN ANGEL IN MY LIFE

Name of Honoree: _____

HONOREE CARD SHOULD BE SENT TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDITIONAL HONOREES CAN BE SENT IN ON A PIECE OF PAPER ATTACHED TO THIS INVITATION.

Dr. Scott Hahn

Famed Catholic Theologian Dr. Scott Hahn will be speaking at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue on **Saturday, Dec. 14th** from 9 AM - 12:30 PM. Cost is \$20.

Tickets can be purchased on line at www.stpaulcenter.com/longisland or by calling the parish office at 631-475-4739.



Save the Date! Thursday, 26 March 2020

Sight and Sound Bus to see **Esther**



The "Remembering Christmas" Concert

Join with the Music Ministry of

Frank Rendo

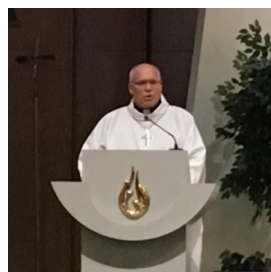
Friday, Dec. 20th at 7PM.
St. Anne's Parish ~ 88 Second Ave., Brentwood.

The Concert is **free** ~ bring family & friends.

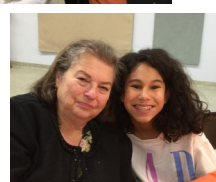
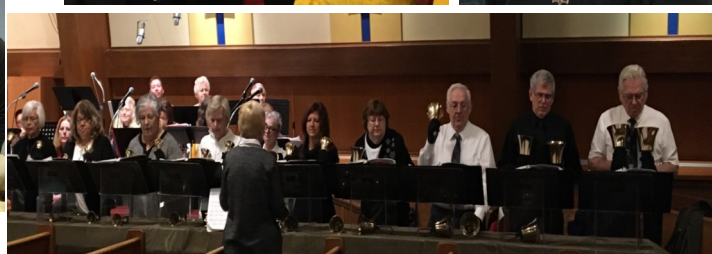
Please bring a non perishable food item for St. Anne's pantry.

631-273-8113 ~ stannesbrentwood@gmail.com

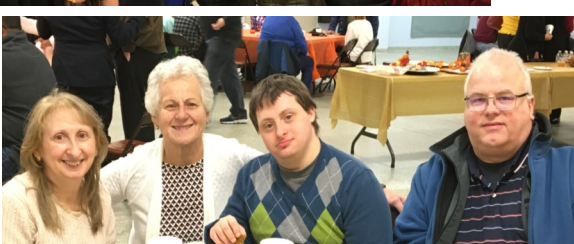
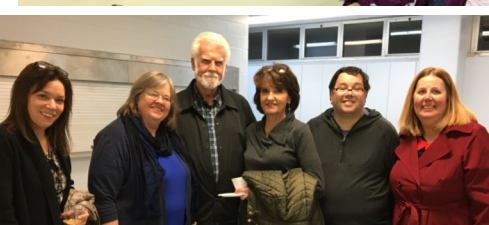




Pictures of the Third Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



Bless us O Lord



Campaign Catch Up

Dec 8, 2019

Vol II Edition 39



In One Long Year

Total Pledged
\$869,706



Schedule of Work

PHASE I

2019

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

PHASE II

2020

- Update Auditorium Bathrooms and Kitchen
- Replace the Sidewalks
- Add Handicapped Parking spaces and Re-coat & re-stripe the Parking lot

PHASE III

2021

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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St. Anthony's High School Concert

*Christmas Concert of Instrumental & Choral Music
to be held Friday, Dec 13 & Saturday, Dec. 14 at
7 pm in the Auditorium. Donation \$10. Wolf Hill
Rd . In Huntington.*



Messiah Sing Along

Come join us on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 3 PM in Staller Recital Hall on Stony Brook Campus. Free admission ~ bring your own score of music or purchase at the door! Go to stonybrook.edu/music or call 631-632-7330.



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

Christmas Craft Fair

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Sunday, Dec. 8th ~ 9-5. Unique Christmas shopping! Baked goods, raffles, gifts. Vendors & info call 631-585-5186. 800 Portion Rd., Ronkonkoma.

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!



Come, Sing!

St. Margaret's choir needs your voice. ***"Where He leads me, I will follow..."*** The choir is growing. If you can hold a tune, and want to enjoy singing and learning songs with others, send a note to the Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Daniel Crews, at [**dcrews@saintmargaret.com**](mailto:dcrews@saintmargaret.com) or call him at 631-732-3131 Ext. 117 (or stop by the Music Ministry area, after mass) and we will invite you to Come, Sing!

