

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)

Week of Christian Unity

January 18 - 25



January 19, 2020

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,

Most people think of January as a blah time after all the activity of Christmas and New Year. But there are a number of activities to be mindful of. The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins this Saturday (January 18). During this week, Christians of all denominations are called to be part of a prayerful witness for Christian Unity by heeding Jesus's prayer "that they all may be one." As a way of joining in this effort, you are invited to use the prayer guide found on the back pages of the bulletin. Each day, there is a topic to pray about and remember that Christians around the world are using the same prayers.

Reinforcing this desire that Christians work together, there are two other events. Monday (January 20) is Martin Luther King Day, when we honor the memory and efforts Dr. King who galvanized Christians and people of other faiths (and no faith) to work together to reach the ideals that our nation was founded on and for: equality and justice. And continuing in that vein is Friday's annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., an effort to protect the rights of the unborn (January 24). Even if you are unable to be part of the March, the Mass at 9am on Wednesday (January 22) will be for the Protection of the Unborn. All are welcome. ~ *Fr. Jim*

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday January 20

Office Closed ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday January 21

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium
7pm K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, January 22

6:30 pm C of F Level 5.....Auditorium

Thursday January 23

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

Friday, January 24

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday January 25

9:30 am Children's Choir.....Rm 105

Sunday January 26

No Activities Scheduled

**Parish Center will be closed on Monday, 1/20 for
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

NO FAITH FORMATION

March for Life ~ Save the Date

Friday, January 24th. Infant Jesus & St. Louis de Montfort are sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. Adults \$15, teens \$10, Kids 1-12 free. Cost includes free beverage & snacks. Depart 5 AM from Infant Jesus, 110 Myrtle Ave., Pt. Jeff; return 11 PM. Luxury Coach with bathrooms, dvd,~ stops for breakfast & dinner. For info - Mike Schwenk @ [631-664-4817](tel:631-664-4817) or Kevin Crowley @ [631-878-8950](tel:631-878-8950).



Tax Statements

Call the Parish Center if you would like your 2019 tax statement at 732-3131 x133. Please leave a clear message with your name, address and if you know your envelope number. Statements will be mailed near the **end of the January**. Thank you.

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Mackenzie Rose Likewise,
Mason Christopher Monte,
Johannes Ezequiel Zamora Trinidad

Thank You! Thank You!

We hope that this Christmas Season allowed you to celebrate the Birth of our Savior with family and friends! Just as at your homes, a lot of work had to be done at our Parish to pull all the pieces together. And so, as we begin our Season of Ordinary Time, we want to say thank you to all who made this Christmas time special.

We appreciate the dedicated efforts of so many parishioners in the following areas:

Setting up & taking down the mangers, banners, trees and other decorations in the Church and Auditorium;

Music by our various music ministries (adult choir and children's chorus); Service by our liturgical ministers (Altar Servers, Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Ushers) who helped our celebrations to flow smoothly; And the extra behind-the-scenes details needed (washing the linens needed for so many Masses, watering the flowers, printing the song booklets).

In addition, thanks to those who made this Season more festive by:

- Enhancing the beauty of the Church through contributions for the church holiday flowers, and
- Sharing so many delicious goodies with the Parish Center and the Priests' Residence.



To one and all who helped create such a wonderful time in any way, thank you so much!

"Word of God Sunday"

On Sunday, Jan 26th, the Church will celebrate "Word of God Sunday." This is a new day on the calendar added by Pope Francis. To highlight this, there will be



**A Prayer Service at 3PM on Sunday, Jan. 26th @
Saint John the Evangelist Church in Riverhead, NY
Special guest speaker - Bishop Emil Wcela.**

We are grateful to Father Larry Duncklee for hosting this event at his parish and the special privilege to listen to Bishop Emil Wcela, a renowned scripture scholar. Please join us for the special celebration.

Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 5 ~ WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22ND

6:30 PM – AUDITORIUM/CHURCH

There is NO Faith Formation on Monday, Jan. 20th for Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

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. Contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 comatwins@optonline.net.



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



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!

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.



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.



Please Help!
We are in need of

SMALL JELLY, APPLESAUCE, & TOOTHPASTE
Thank You!



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.CHSLLI.ORG/ to learn more.

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



Everyone Has a Story ~ Queen Esther!

Set in the Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty & bravery brought to life on-stage.

A musical show like no other!

Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA

Space is limited!

- ◆ Depart from St. Margaret's parking lot 7am/Return 10pm
- ◆ Bathrooms are on the bus
- ◆ Return trip home includes a 20 minute stop on your own **(pack a sandwich or buy a burger - not included)**
- ◆ For info, contact Julie Burtoff at the Parish Center - 631-732-3131 x133

Thursday, March 26th

\$162 pp PAYS ALL

Includes ticket to "Esther" (3pm), deluxe coach bus, lunch at **Shady Maple Smorgasbord**, and all tips and taxes.

Sign up in the Parish Center.



VALENTINE EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Friday, February 14th ~ 6-10 pm

Cenacle Retreat Center

The goal of this time is for us to fall more deeply in love with ourselves, with our spouses and God. In this busy world, take a few hours to slow down and focus on your love. The evening begins with a festive dinner and closes with Eucharist and renewal of marriage vows.

Presenters: Valerie and Michael Dunne

Suggested Offering: \$80 per couple - Festive dinner included

\$25 deposit required to hold your reservation

Cenacle Retreat Center
310 Cenacle Road Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631-588-8366

retreat@cenaclesisters.org



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!



Bishop Barres

recently addressed the Child Victims Act in this video produced by Catholic Faith Network. It is airing on CFN and diocesan media platforms. Here is the link:
<https://youtu.be/aU8Ps8fRFIU>

Post Office Box 9023, Rockville Centre, New York 11571-9023.
Phone 516-678-5800. Fax 516-678-3138. bishopsoffice@drv.org

Catholic Charities ~ TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a "NO fee for service" program.

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

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 _____

Reflections & Prayers for the Week of Christian Unity: January 18 - 25

Day 1, Reconciliation

As Christians from different Churches and Traditions, we have unfortunately, over the centuries, accumulated plenty of baggage consisting of mutual distrust, bitterness and suspicion. We must not allow the baggage of our past to hinder us from drawing closer to one another. It is the Lord's will that we let go, in order to let God!

Forgiving God, set us free from memories of the past, that wound our shared Christian life. Lead us to reconciliation so that, through the Holy Spirit we may overcome hatred with love, anger with gentleness, and suspicion with trust. We ask this in the name of your beloved Son, our brother Jesus. Amen.

Day 2, Enlightenment: Seeking and Showing Forth Christ's Light

When Christians lose sight of Christ, they grow fearful and divided from one another. Moreover many people of good will outside the Church are unable to see the light of Christ because in our Christian division.

God, enlighten us so that, through your word, we may walk your path. Give us the honesty we need to recognize when we make it difficult for others to see your light, and the grace we need to share your light with others. We ask this in the name of your Son, who calls us, his followers, to be light to the world. Amen.

Day 3, Hope

As Christians, we can often be discouraged by the lack of progress towards visible unity among churches. Indeed, some see this unity as an unattainable ideal. Others don't even see unity as a necessary part of their Christian faith. But unity is the Lord's prayer for the Church (John 17: 20-23). He is with us on this journey; we will not be lost.

God of mercy, may our churches hope and strive for the unity for which your Son prayed on the eve of his passion. We ask this through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Day 4, Trust: Do Not Be Afraid, Believe

In a world riven with anxieties, we are called to stand as witnesses to hope by placing our trust in God's loving providence. Christian experience shows us that God writes straight on crooked lines, and we know, against all odds, we will not be lost. Because God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Teach us to trust you. May the churches we belong to be signs of your providential care. Make us true disciples of your Son who taught us to listen to your word and to serve one another. In confidence we ask this in the name of your Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Day 5, Strength: Breaking Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist or Lord's Supper provides us with food for the journey and re-orientates us to life in God. We are made strong. The breaking of the bread – at the core of Christian community life and worship – builds us up as we commit ourselves to Christian service. We long for the day when all Christians will be able to share at the same table of the Lord's Supper and draw strength from one bread and one cup.

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ broke bread and shared the cup with his friends on the eve of his passion. May we grow together in closer communion. Following the example of Paul and the early Christians, give us strength to build bridges of compassion, solidarity and harmony. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask this in the name of your Son, who gives his life that we might live. Amen.

Day 6, Hospitality: Show Unusual Kindness

The Gospel teaches us that when we care for those in distress we are showing love to Christ himself (cf. Matthew 25:40). Furthermore, when we show loving kindness to the weak and dispossessed we are attuning our hearts to the heart of God in which the poor have a special place. Welcoming outsiders, whether they be people of other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees, is both to love Christ himself, and to love as God loves. As Christians, we are called to step out in faith and reach out with God's all-embracing love, even to those we find difficult to love.

God of the orphan, the widow and the stranger, instil in our hearts a deep sense of hospitality. Open our eyes and hearts when you ask us to feed you, to clothe you and to visit you. May our churches participate in the ending of hunger, thirst and isolation and in overcoming barriers that prevent the welcome of all people. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus, who is present in the least of our sisters and brothers. Amen.

Day 7, Conversion: Changing Our Hearts and Minds

In our search for Christian unity and reconciliation we are often challenged to rethink how we perceive other traditions and cultures. This demands an ongoing conversion to Christ in which the churches learn to overcome their perception of the other as a threat. As a result, our pejorative views of others will be cast away, and we will be drawn closer to unity.

Almighty God, we turn to you with repentant hearts. In our sincere quest for your truth, purify us from our unjust opinions of others and lead the churches to grow in communion. Help us let go of our fears, and so better understand each other and the stranger in our midst. We ask this in the name of the Just One, your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Day 8, Generosity: Receiving and Giving

As Christians we are called to unusual kindness. But in order to give we must first learn to receive – from Christ and from others. More often than we realize, we are recipients of acts of kindness from people who are different from us. These acts also point towards the generosity and healing of our Lord. We who have been healed by the Lord are responsible for passing on that which we have received.

God, giver of life, we thank you for the gift of your compassionate love which soothes and strengthens us. We pray that our churches may be always open to receive your gifts from one another. Grant us a spirit of generosity to all as we journey together in the path of Christian unity. We ask this in the name of your Son who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.