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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)

Lent Begins



Ash Wednesday February 26th

See inside for information

February 23, 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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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Hospitality

Today's First Reading speaks of doing good for all of those in need. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." Where can you, this week, provide service to those in need?

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.

	#	2020	2019	#
Collected at Mass	304	9,462	\$ 8,637 ^{.25}	300
Mailed Envelopes	18	605	810	15
Electronic Donations	23	1,129	1,211	20
Total Collection	389	\$ 11,196	\$15,421 ^{.60}	335

Mass Attendance	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
Last Sunday	234	171	244	303	952
Last Year	226	151	203	243	823

Readings for Next Sunday First Sunday of Lent

First Reading...... Gn 2: 7-9, 3:1-7
Second Reading......Rom 5: 12-19
Gospel...........Mt 4: 1-11



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 1st or 2nd 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 - February 24th 9:00 A.M.

Amy Grace Quaranta

Tuesday - February25th 9:00 A.M.

Michael Palmero

Ash Wednesday - February 26th 9:00 A.M.

Rose Bertuglia

7:30 р.м.

Thomas Santangelo

Thursday, - February 27th 9:00 A.M.

Frances Aspromonti

Friday - February 28th 9:00 A.M.

Saturday - February 29th 8:00 A.M.

Special Intention Mary & Gene Noel

5:00 P.M.

Jeanne Dolan

Vincent Dolan

Sunday - March 1st

8:00 A.M.

For All Parishioners 10:00 A.M.

Vincenza Chaimowitz

12:00 р.м.

Margaret Beirne

Ida Cincotta

For all our parishioners well as Terri Persina, Jillian Brown, Paul Tomko, Patricia Wowk, 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. Lorraine Vogel, Sharon Klyn, Christina & Baby Muller, Laura Positano, Joseph Kiely, Dominic Percoco, Frank Guttilla, Cathy Reynolds, Eric Cohen, Virginia Butler, Estelle Beauchamp, Robert Valletta, Christine Mc Cusker, De Santis Family, Michael Foss, Amare Collins, Rob Hoder & Gregory Bartnicki.

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,

Back when perfection came marked with a grade in school or a medal for a win, being the best was a straightforward matter. But no one was good at everything. To be perfect at everything would be like being God. That was Jesus' point exactly when he said: "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Don't imitate each other or compete against each other. Imitate God and make divine perfection your only standard.

And how is God perfect? In our first reading from Leviticus, God tells the Israelites: "Be holy—because I am holy," and goes on to set out the precepts of the Law for his people, still followed today by many in the Jewish community. Over a thousand years later, Jesus would make one of them – *Love your neighbor as yourself* – one of the two bases of his teaching. Love God and love your neighbor. Now, two thousand years since Jesus put those two together, can we embrace them as the new definition of perfection?

Lent is the season in our Christian tradition where we are asked to take a look at what we are doing in order to be more like Jesus. Frequently we think of giving things up, but that is only the first step. Choosing to do without something we enjoy is a reminder that we need to replace what we usually have with something else: prayer, growing in our understanding of our Faith, doing things for other people. Jesus gave us that challenge to be perfect not to discourage us but to let us realize the great things we can do if we keep our eyes set on God's goals! ~Fr. Jim

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday February 249:30 am Women's Bible Sharing
Tuesday February 25 7 pm Confirmation 2Auditorium
Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday-See schedule ~ No Faith Formation Classes
Thursday February 27 7 pm Confirmation 1Auditorium
Friday, February 28 6 pm Pancake DinnerAuditorium
Saturday February 29
9:30 am Children's Chorus

Change in Parish Center Hours

Sunday March 1

No Activities Scheduled

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

St. Margaret Parish Lenten Gathering Pancakes for Pinner



Friday, February 28th ~ \$10 per family 6 – 8 РМ ~ Auditorium Sign up at the Parish Center

Ash Wednesday ~ February 26th

Blessed Ashes will be distributed *during* the following liturgies;



7:30 AM Prayer Service and 9:00 AM Mass

Afternoon

3:30 & 5:00 PM - Prayer Service

Evening

7:30 PM - Mass

Church in Need

Next weekend, February 29th and March 1st, a collection will be taken across the United States for "*The Church in Need*." The monies will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help:

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Our collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation.

The Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith in a vibrant way.

The Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to pastoral care as well as basic resources due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster efforts for peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

Please be generous to assist our sisters and brothers.



Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 1 ~ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
6 - 7 PM - AUDITORIUM/CHURCH

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, 631-732-3131 x131 ~ JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM.

St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all our activities, info, weather & bulletins. Go check it out & make it a favorite!

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!



HAVE YOU TRAVELED LATELY? Outreach is in need of small shampoo, soap, & lotions to put in our wash up kits for the homeless. New facecloths & quart zipper

<u>bags</u> are also appreciated. Please drop off these items at the Parish Center. Thank you!



Please Help! We are in need of

CANS OF CARROTS, MIXED VEGETABLES, SMALL JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, JUICE BOXES, & RICE Thank You!

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.



Hospice / Bereavement

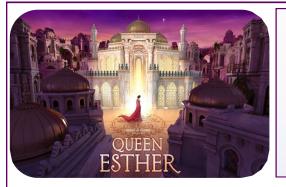
We are here for you -- ready to serve patients and their families. Our dedicated inpatient center will allow us to provide specialized care for patients whose symptoms and medical needs cannot be managed in a home setting.

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 <u>GOODSHEPHERDHOSPICE.CHSLI.ORG/</u> 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!

<u>Includes</u> ticket to "Esther" (3pm), deluxe coach bus, lunch at **Shady Maple Smorgasbord**, and <u>ALL</u> tips and taxes.

<u>Sign up in the Parish Center.</u>

Women's Bible Sharing

Interested in learning more about the Bible? The Women's Bible Sharing Group is looking for new members. We read, study, and discuss the next Sunday's Mass Scripture readings. Then, when those readings are presented at Mass, we are already familiar with them. We learn so much about the Bible, and how much Our Lord loves us.

Not sure? Please come and spend a meeting with us. The ladies in the group are very welcoming; we only ask that you are interested in learning more about our Faith. We meet every **Monday, at 9:30** AM in the Parish Center (except on holidays). It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Faith, and to make new friends.

All women of the parish are welcome. Hope to see you soon!

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 once 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 a joke or two! Be around men that believe as you do. It can help! Come Join Us!

March 7th. Bring a Friend!

The 1st 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.

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 & Vincent Inelicato

We commend their efforts to excel!

Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma Wednesday, February 26th~ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY~ A DAY TO COME HOME

Ash Wednesday begins the great season of Lent that welcomes us home & invites us to a life of mercy & compassion.

Mass at 3 p.m. - Ashes will be distributed. Presenters: Sr. Kathy Scott, r.c. & Joan McGovern, Cenacle Ministry Staff



Suggested Offering: \$50 - Lunch included $\sim \$20$ deposit required to hold your reservation

310 Cenacle Rd. ~ 631-588-8366

Free Counseling at Hope House

In the age of high cost health insurance, Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson offers free individual, couple, family and group counseling services by licensed professionals & interns. We also offer psychiatric evaluations for medication.

In addition, Sr. Mary Ann Bazata, S.S. N. D. offers free spiritual direction. If interested, please call 928-2377.

DIOCESAN NEWS

All members of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are invited to unite in prayer with the Diocesan Vocations Office in praying a 54 Day Rosary Novena for vocations to the priesthood. This diocesan-wide invitation began on January 31, 2020 and will end on March 24, 2020, the vigil of the Annunciation. Feel free to join whenever you can. Thank you for your prayers and support.



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THE LENTEN SIGN OF THE CROSS

Join the Friends of the Seminary on Sunday, March 15th. Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, will present a Day of Prayer and Reflection at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception



in Huntington ~ 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Talks by Fr. Griffin, opportunity for confession, lunch & Mass. Donation - \$30. Reservations required: (631) 423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

St. Mary's Parish on Main St. in East Islip will offer a 8 week support for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration required ~ group begins on Tuesday, March 10th from 7-9 pm. Refreshments will be served. For info/register, call 631-581-4266 x100. Please note that in order to participate, the loss must have occurred prior to 12/10/19.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 1-3, 2020 in Huntington, NY and Jun 26-28, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at https://www.menyli.org/.

Golden Wedding Liturgy Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

This Spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Special Mass on Sunday, May 3rd at St. Patrick's in Smithtown. The Liturgy will begin at 2:00 PM. Registration forms will be on a <u>first</u> come first serve basis as space is limited. Registration forms are at the Parish Center or <u>www.drvc-faith.org</u>. For info call (516) 678-5800 x 223.

NY Medicaid 2020

Free program open to the community on Saturday, March 21 ~ 9-10:30 AM. Long Island State Veteran's Home, 100 Patriot's Rd., Stony Brook Continental Breakfast served ~ presented by David Okrent, Esq. Questions? Call 631-444-8606 or visit WWW.LISVH.ORG

Free Benefits & Resource Event

Open to ALL Veterans & non–Veteran Community Members

Saturday, April 25 ~9am-1pm at the LI State Veterans Home located at 100 Patriots Rd., Stony Brook (hospital property). Free Health Screening including vision, blood pressure, oral health and more. Resources and info available also. Continental Breakfast served. Call 631-444-8606 or visit LISTATEVETERANSHOME.ORG.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Ancient Order of Hibernians Div. 8 Hall 80 Magnolia Dr., Selden

Saturday, March 14th from 6-10 PM

\$40 PP includes Buffet, Soda Bread, Coffee, Tea & Dessert. Must call to reserve $\sim 631\text{-}846\text{-}3106$ or 631-828-1711.

Music by the Boston Burglars!



Wonderfully Made Mother & Daughter Tea

The Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation invites all Mothers and Daughters to a wonderful afternoon tea.

St. James, Setauket-East Setauket-631-941-4141 Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays ~ **631-728-9461** Sunday, April 19, 2020

Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



If you have any questions please contact our office at faith-formation@drvc.org

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Long Island Birthright cares about you! Free, Confidential assistance, free pregnancy kits, maternity clothes, baby clothes and referrals. 106 Prince Rd., Rock Point 631-821-9727 / 24 Hr. Help 1-800-550-4900



One Family in Mission Called to Evangelize

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Dear Friends:



Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) and our parish communities here on Long Island Every year when we support the CMA, we renew the opportunity to witness Jesus. The Appeal fuels the engine of *dramatic missionary growth* in our Diocese and unites us as **One Family in Mission**.

The spirit of joining together to witness Christ in carrying out these works of mercy is what Pope Francis envisioned when he encouraged us to become an "evangelizing community of missionary disciples".

As you prayerfully consider a gift to this year's CMA, please take a moment to reflect on the many ways our families and neighbors are able to witness Christ because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal

My prayers and best wishes to you and your family.

+ Aph O. Banes

Most Reverend John O. Barres - Bishop of Rockville Centre

Evangelization is our mission in the Church. It is the mission Jesus gave us when He said, "Go and make disciples of every nation..." (Matt. 28:19). If we have been baptized into the Body of Christ, and given the Holy Spirit to share in Christ's mission, we must do what He did: seek out the lost, gather people together, and share the good news of salvation. At the end of Mass, we are sent forth like the Apostles: "Go, and proclaim the Gospel with your life."

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy also embody this call. The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is an opportunity to support the ministries that help us as we build up the Body of Christ.

Ways to Give

Gifts of Cash – Checks should be made payable to the "Catholic Ministries Appeal," and you can pledge your gift over ten months.

Credit Card – We accept American Express, Discover, Mastercard and Visa. Simply provide your credit card information on your pledge card/envelope or give online at www.drvc.org/CMA.

Matching Gifts – Go to www.matchinggifts.com/drvc to see if your employer will match the charitable contributions of employees.

IRA Charitable Rollover—If you are at least 701/2 years old on the date you make your gift and your IRA is a traditional or Roth, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to charity—without incurring income

taxes today or estate tax in the future.

Gift of Securities – Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

Donor Advised Funds – You can recommend a gift to the CMA through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF). For more information on any of the **Ways to Give**, please call the



