

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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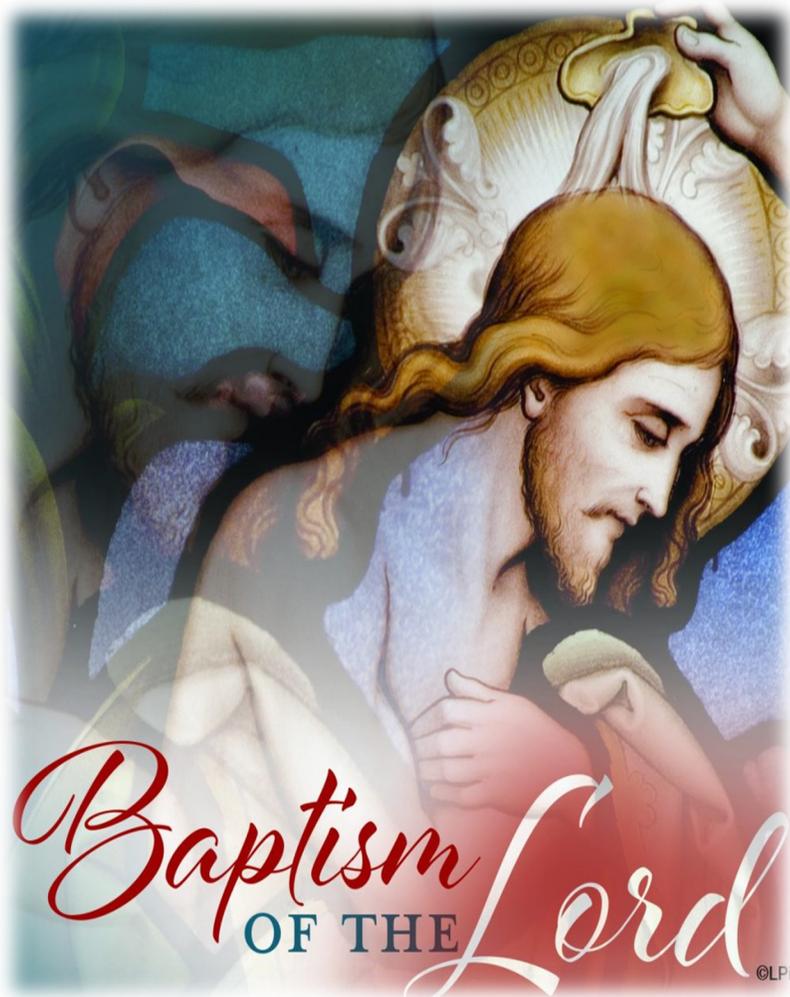
## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Weekday: (Mon, through Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

**Confessions:** Saturday—1-2 PM in the  
Parish Center or by appointment.



## January 10, 2021

**Phone: (631) 732-3131**

**the Parish Office**

*will be open limited hours during the week*

**Mon, Tue & Wed 9am to 1pm**

*Any meeting will be by appointment Only.*

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

## A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

One gift we give each other at Christmas is making the Season as festive as we can. More than in previous years, our efforts in 2020 were so very important. The decorations around us and in our homes were not only beautiful and reassuring. They became windows to look out beyond the pandemic and celebrate the promise of the Birth of our Savior!

At our parish as everywhere else, adaptation was needed due to trying to stay safe. Thus, instead of one big gathering of volunteers to take down the Advent items and put up the Christmas decorations, it had to be done gradually. But the result on Christmas Eve and Day and throughout the Christmas Season was one that lifted the heart!

And so, as we celebrate the last of the Christmas feasts, the Baptism of the Lord, I want to say THANK YOU to all who were able to assist in:

- ◆ Helping families to have a brighter Christmas than they could on their own through the Outreach Christmas boutique;
- ◆ Setting up the manger pieces over the weeks of Advent as well as the trees and other large decorations in the Church and lobby;
- ◆ Arranging all the flowers so artistically;
- ◆ Serving the parish family through the various liturgical ministries (Musicians, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers & Greeters), despite the depleted numbers due to the pandemic;
- ◆ Beautifying the Church through contributing for the church flowers;
- ◆ The extra behind-the-scenes preparation details needed, particularly watering the flowers.



Thanks, too, for the cards and delicious goodies that made the Parish Center and the Residence cheerier!

To one and all, thank you so much! ~ Fr. Jim

### RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION ~ Saturdays ~ 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Due to the need for privacy without using an enclosed room, we are using the Parish Center foyer. A screen divides the foyer between the priest and the penitent. There is no chair or kneeler since we could not disinfect them. You simply come in, stay standing, confess, receive your penance and depart.



In warm weather, the red front door is propped open. ***If you see someone in the foyer, do not come up the walkway! Remain on the sidewalk (or in your car) to keep a safe distance.***

In cold weather, the door needs to stay closed.  
***Please knock and wait to be invited in.***



### Long Island Coalition for Life

Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on Sunday, January 17, 2021, from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow), a hospital that commits abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL (631) 243-1435, [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

## Sacraments are Celebrations!



### Baptisms

Kieran Edward Voulo

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge. Upcoming Virtual Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

**Loss Due to COVID-19 Bereavement Support Group** 1/7/ 21 - 2/11/21 – 1:00pm-2:30pm

Registration Required - Please email/call: Jennifer Herzog, LMSW (631) 828-7636 / [Jennifer.Herzog@CHSLI.org](mailto:Jennifer.Herzog@CHSLI.org)

**Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group** 1/12/21 - 2/16/21- 12:00pm-1:30pm

Registration Required - Please email/call: Carolyn Lisi- Haas, LCSW-R (631) 828-7629 / [Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org](mailto:Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org)

**Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Bereavement Support Group** 1/12/21 - 2/16/21- 5:00pm-6:30pm

Registration Required - Please email/call: Carolyn Lisi- Haas, LCSW-R (631) 828-7629 / [Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org](mailto:Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org)

# Faith Formation

## LEVEL 2

Your next gathering will be Monday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 6-7pm

## LEVEL 7

Your next gathering will be Tues., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30-8pm

## LEVEL 4

Your next gathering will be Weds., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30-8pm



## Full Time Business Manager

The Parish of St. Gerard Majella in Port Jefferson Station is seeking a full time Business Manager to oversee the physical and financial resources of the parish. This position requires flexibility in schedule to attend meetings, coordinate projects and attend to emergencies. This position reports directly to the Pastor. College degree required, preferably in Accounting or related fields. Send cover letter and resume to Fr. Gregory Rannazzisi, Pastor, by email only: [frgreg@stgmajella.org](mailto:frgreg@stgmajella.org).

## Tax Statements

Call the Parish Center if you would like your 2020 tax statement at 732-3131 x133. Please leave a clear message with your name, address and if you know your envelope number which is located under the DATE. Statements will be mailed near the end of the January. Thank you.

*All Capital Campaign Contributions over \$250.00 will be mailed automatically and separately. If below this amount*

## Parish Social Ministry

**Thank You  
to all who have donated to the Pantry.  
We are able to keep our Selden  
families supplied with your generosity!**

## **St. Vincent de Paul Society has opened the Clothing Bins**

**next to the ballfield on the north side of our  
property for your donations.**  
*Thank you for your patience and donations.*

Please do not leave clothing at our Thrift Shop entrance or our Parish Center doors. We do not have a Thrift Shop open to accommodate. You may take items to St. Gerard Majella on Terryville Rd. PJS or Resurrection Parish on Granny Road in Farmingville. Thank you.

## SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5<sup>pm</sup> Saturday and 8<sup>am</sup>, 10<sup>am</sup> and Noon, the Sunday Mass continues to be streamed each weekend. There are two ways to watch it:

First, on our website [WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM](http://WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM). Click the "Learn More" link on the "Online Masses and Latest Bulletin" page. It will take you to an info page; click link for "Online Mass." All the Masses since March are available. (In addition to our Mass, there is a link for the masses celebrated each day from St Agnes Cathedral.)

Second, there is a St. Margaret of Scotland channel on YouTube. Go to the YouTube app, search for St. Margaret of Scotland and look for our logo. (There are other parishes with the same name.) Only the video for the current weekend is available.



## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

## St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all Faith Formation, info & bulletins. Go check it out & make it a favorite!

[SAINTMARGARET.COM](http://SAINTMARGARET.COM)

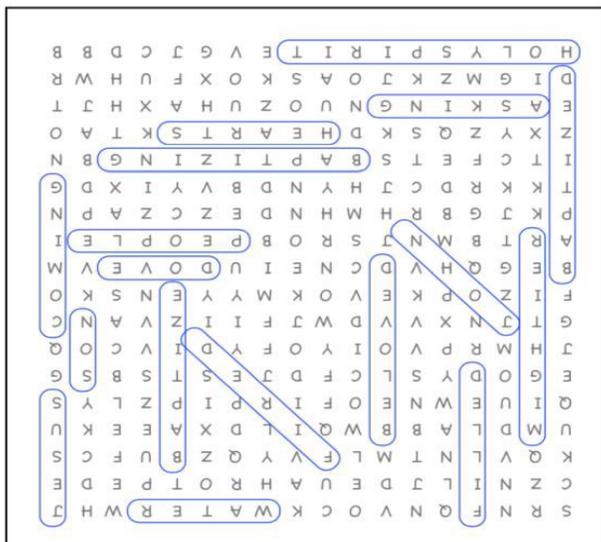
# Baptism of the Lord



ASKING  
BAPTIZING  
DOVE  
HEARTS  
JOHN  
SON

BAPTIZE  
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HOLY SPIRIT  
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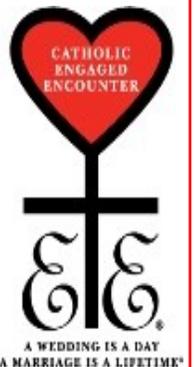
BAPTIZED  
COMING  
FIRED  
JESUS  
PEOPLE



## Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on March 6-7, 2021. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or to register visit

[www.longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://www.longisland.engagedencounter.com)





**“Religion and Rock”** is a nationally syndicated, 60 minute, classic rock program. It is hosted by **Msgr. Jim Vlaun**, a priest of our Diocese. Every week, Fr. Jim takes a theme and explores it through various songs.

Tune into **“Religion and Rock”** on Sunday from **7:00 AM- 8:00 AM** on **WBAB 102.3 FM** or **95.3 FM** on Long Island’s East End.

Listen on Saturdays at **11:00 PM** on **Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel** and at **11:00 PM** on **XM Satellite, Channel 117**. Each week’s theme is listed below.

To listen online or receive more information regarding **Religion and Rock** go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com) or at **“Religion & Rock”** on **ITUNES**.

Don’t forget to tune into **CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK**, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit [www.cfnv.org](http://www.cfnv.org) !

Msgr. Jim Vlaun ~ Executive Producer

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## January 2021

January 2021  
 3 Being Excited  
 10 Life’s Struggles  
 17 Unity  
 24 Searching for a Meaning  
 31 Spirituality

February  
 7 Forgiveness  
 14 Relationships  
 21 Sacrifice  
 28 Leadership  
 March

March  
 7 Renewal  
 14 Commitment  
 21 Traditions  
 28 Coping

28 Coping

## April

4 Triumph  
 11 Poverty  
 18 Issues in Life  
 25 Community

## May

2 Nature  
 9 Parents  
 16 Prayer  
 23 Boredom  
 30 Remembering

## June

6 Relaxing  
 13 Moving On  
 20 Being Joyful  
 27 Special Days

## Social Security Administration ~ Important Information

We are still available to help by phone. A local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9AM-4PM.

1-866-771-1991 ~ (TTY) 1-800-325-0778

We may be able to schedule an appointment if we cannot help you by phone. Please do not come into one of our local offices as we cannot accept walk-in visitors. You may also visit [SSA.gov](http://SSA.gov) to complete a service online.

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## Sunday, Jan 10, 2021 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Do justice

We sometimes imagine it's about collecting sacraments. Or stockpiling mountains of prayers. Writing fat checks to charities. Or being nice to people we don't like. But the prophets relentlessly insist that what God desires from us is a just world. Where there's a privileged class, abominable wage gaps, racist systems, and deeply disproportionate outcomes for a nation's citizens, the peaceable reign of God can't gain a foothold. Contemplate categories of injustice—education, health care, employment opportunities, criminal justice—to name a few. Make one your special cause, learn all you can, and educate others about it. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:1-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; 1 John 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11 (21)*. "A smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth."

## Monday, Jan 11 FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Nothing ordinary about the reign of God

Today is the first weekday of Ordinary Time—that period in the church's liturgical year after the close of the Christmas season that stretches until Ash Wednesday (and then picks up after Pentecost until Advent begins again). This time after the holidays can indeed seem "ordinary," when all the commotion dies down and all the decorations are put away. Some people, especially those who live with long, cold winters, might even feel a little blue. But while sacred seasons are important, getting down to business is too. After all, there's a reign of God to help build. Think about everything Jesus did between the bookends of his life that we celebrate—and roll up your sleeves for some extraordinary work. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20 (305)*. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

## Tuesday, Jan 12 The power of a name

The Holy Name of Jesus is a devotion that was championed by Saint Bernardino of Siena in the 1400s—with the Holy Name Society dating to the 1200s. As a feast day, it's been celebrated during the first week of January by various Christian denominations and by Catholic religious orders, most notably the Jesuits, who use a monogram of the name (IHS) as their emblem. For Catholics, the entire month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Pray the of the Holy Name of Jesus today, recalling how even the unclean spirits of Jesus' day recognized his name. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306)*. "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

## Weds., Jan 13 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Be gracious in your disagreements-

Catholics of the 21st century profess the belief that Jesus is both human and divine every time we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass. However, that profession of faith was challenged mightily in the fourth century when followers of Arius argued that Jesus was a great man—but not God. The conflict involved bishops and emperors on both sides and it went on for years. Hilary of Poitiers converted to Christianity at the age of 35 and was elected a bishop three years later. Hilary was a friendly and courteous man who persistently championed belief in Jesus' divinity. Even exile did not silence his voice. In our own times of conflict and division, Saint Hilary, guide us to God's grace. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307)*. "For this purpose have I come."

## Thursday, Jan 14 Reach out and touch an outcast

Jesus heals a leper in today's gospel. Leprosy is relatively rare now in most regions of the world, so it's hard to understand the fear and revulsion that people with this disease triggered at one time. Even someone as close to God as Saint Francis struggled to be comfortable with touching a leper. Every age has its outcasts, and the Christian challenge has always been to learn to accept those others find unacceptable, love those others find unlovable. Prisoners, poor people, those with dark skin or foreign accents, the homeless—the list of modern lepers is long. Who do you avoid? Acknowledging your aversion is a step toward acceptance. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308)*. "He . . . touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"

## Friday, Jan 15 Color blind no more

Today in Guatemala, a major religious procession honors an image of Christ on the cross carved from dark wood and renowned throughout the region as the "Black Christ of Esquipulas." The statue was commissioned by Spanish colonial leaders looking to convert the indigenous people who worshipped a dark-skinned deity. Today the image affirms the fact that in Latin America there has been a certain "fluidity between races through inter-marriage and more blending of cultures and religions when compared to the experience of Native Americans and African Americans," as El Paso Bishop Mark J. Seitz wrote in a remarkable pastoral letter on the history of racism, *Night Will Be No More*. Today would be a good day to dip into this document for insights into the history and persistence of racism, regionwide. May the Black Christ be a symbol of hope! TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309)*. "They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'"

## Saturday, Jan 16 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Be present to the Presence

The great paradox of God's kingdom is often expressed in the teachings of Jesus: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the last are first, the dead live. The first and most profound paradox is that the Virgin conceives. Our Blessed Mother experienced the coming Kingdom in her own body. She shares that experience with us in our communion with the Lord. We carry the Real Presence of the Savior in our own bodies. The ongoing paradox is that the Lord calls us, who are sinners, to be the vessels of his presence in the world. Express that presence today by lifting up the lowly. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310)*. "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."



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