

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.



March 28, 2021

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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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Stewardship Thought for the Week.

As we enter Holy Week, take some time out of your week
to come to Church throughout the Triduum
(Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.)



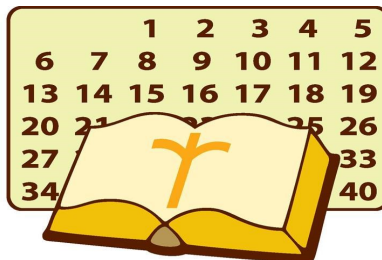
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

	#	2020	2021	#
Collected at Mass			5,082 ⁹⁰	137
Mailed Envelopes	55	3,176	1,725	28
Electronic Donations	46	2,767	2,705	41
Total Collection	101	\$5,943	\$9,512 ⁹⁰	206

Mass Attendance	5^{pm}	8^{am}	10^{am}	12^{pm}	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	86	102	118	111	417
<i>Last Year</i>	No Public Masses – Covid				0

Easter Sunday

Gospel.....John 20: 1-9



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.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center: Thursday 10 am –2 pm.
Or call for appointment— x119.

*As We Resume Public Masses, all
attending: please **observe social distancing***

Monday - March 29th

Tuesday - March 30th

Wednesday-March 31st

Norman Gottfried

Holy Thursday, - April 1st

8^{pm} ~ In Thanksgiving

Good Friday - April 2nd

3^{PM} ~ PASSION

Holy Saturday - April 3rd

8^{pm} ~ For All Parishioners

Easter Sunday – April 4th

8am

Betty Zorn

10^{am}

Jeanine Potter

MaryJane Kogler

12^{pm}

Special Intentions Jessica Beljour

Logan Baar
 Marilyn Vacchio
 John & Patricia Friscina
 Estelle Beauchamp
 Lucy & Sarah Behie
 Virginia Butler
 Eric Cohen
 Lorraine Vogel
 Laura Durant
 Frank Guttilla
 Joseph Kiely
 Warne Family
 Anne Logan
 Dominic Percoco
 Laura Positano
 Patricia Wowk
 James Reynolds Jr.

Terri Persina
Alyssa Baisch
Jillian Brown
Robert J. Heege
Kathleen Weiss
Steven Vacchio
June Tamillow
Robert Valletta
Sharon Klyn
Michael C. Liotta
Christine Mc Cusker
Gina Rosenberg
De Santis Family
Natasha Roucoulet
John Reynolds

Veronica Sheridan-Cox
Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
Christina & Baby Muller
James & Catherine Reynolds
Babies Greyson & Aubrey
Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri

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

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The Passion of Jesus invites us into a new way of seeing what love truly is – beyond words and feelings. During his three-year ministry, the Lord consistently showed that true Love exercises power for the sake of the powerless, the exact opposite of the usual use of power. His Passion and Death reveal that Love is willing to surrender its prerogatives and even to suffer in order to open the door so that the beloved may follow. In summary, Love does not collect and store; it relents and self-empties. These ideas are so countercultural, they could get a person killed. The legacy of the Lord and the martyrs who followed him confirms that it is no exaggeration to say this.



The Son of God chose not to come down from the cross. That would have been a misuse of power. Rather, having reached its limits, his lifeless body had to be taken down. Well-meaning men secure it in a tomb and depart: they see the story as ended. They do not stay to see more. There can be no more. When the Son of God has been poured out like a libation and the vessel is empty, what more can be expected? But, Mark's gospel points in another direction. Out of love, the women remained there, helplessly facing the tomb. For us, this Holy Week can be the time to join the women in their watching and waiting for our loving God to do the unexpected. ~ *Fr. Jim*



Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 29th ~ 3 - 9 pm ~ Church

*Also available at neighboring
parishes at similar times*

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.

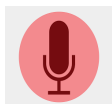
Holy Land Collection

**On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.**

Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. **Please be generous.**

Parish Radio Transmission

Easter Masses are by reservation. However, if you have not made a reservation and you want to be here on the Church grounds for Easter, you can listen to Mass live from your car, transmitted on 103.3 FM. You will need to stay in the church parking lot area or on the street in front of the church.



Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday April 1

8:00 PM — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Quiet Prayer Time immediately following

Good Friday April 2

3:00 PM — The Lord's Passion
A day of fasting between meals and abstaining from meat.

Holy Saturday April 3

8:00 PM — Easter Vigil
No Confessions or 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday April 4

Church ~ 8:00 & 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
Reservations only.

Stay and Pray Holy Thursday Evening

One of the poignant parts of the Agony in the Garden is Jesus's question to his friends, "Can you not stay awake with me for one hour?" At a time in his life's journey when the Lord needed company, there was none. Each Holy Thursday, this waiting time is expressed symbolically with the time for prayer after Mass in front of the special tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is placed (the Repository).

You are invited to spend a half-hour or an hour of quiet time in church from the end of Mass (approximately 9:30PM) up to 11:00PM.



Faith Formation

A Blessed Easter to All ~

From Jackie Mirenda and the Faith Formation staff.



Classes Resume April 6th

Parish Social Ministry

**There will not be Thursday Drop off
on April 1st, 8th and 15th.**

**You may bring donations to the front
door on Monday or Tuesday
mornings from 9-12. Thank you!**

**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.



Thank you to everyone who
collected for Catholic Relief Rice
Bowls. You may drop off you box in
the church lobby before
any of the Masses.



SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5^{pm}
Saturday and 8^{am}, 10^{am} 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. 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  **YouTubeTV** video for current

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.



Creative Ministries Performing Arts Center Presents

JOURNEY
CROSS & CRUCIFIXION

Good Friday, April 2

12:00PM • 3:00PM • 7:00PM ~ Reservations needed.

931 Montauk Highway, Oakdale NY ~ 631-218-2810 ~ cmpac.com



Living the Gospel Through our Support of the CMA

During this final week of Lent – the Great Week, may we continue to grow in a spirit of holiness and mission so that we can truly be missionary disciples of our Lord. Through prayer, almsgiving and service, we show our gratitude of God’s love for us. The Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us an opportunity to be stewards of God’s gifts in many different ways.

Gift of Financial Resources: More than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers receive support and assistance from the funds shared through the CMA each year. These programs include pastoral care to those in need through Catholic Charities food and nutrition programs, affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people.

Gifts of Time and Talent: The CMA offers opportunities to share our time and talent. Our parishes CMA committees support a smooth and organized Appeal effort. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports. One of the great benefits of the Appeal is communication. People are informed of the many good works, programs and opportunities in this diocese. The CMA tells of the good works of the Church and communicates the opportunities to share our God-given gifts.

Gift of Prayer: The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to be socially responsible as we support those in need. May we keep those who support us and those who are served by us in our daily prayers, especially during Holy Week and Eastertide.

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Thank You!

Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade.

For more information, please visit
WWW.HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG

Through Faith We Grow!



Sunday, Mar 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Remember kindly

None of us needs a reminder that life is full of suffering and loss. We'll all have a generous share of sorrow before we're through. What bears constant reminding is that seeds of kindness are sown each hour as well. In the final days before his Passion, an unnamed woman anointed Jesus with costly perfumed oil. It was a symbolic act, signaling his role as God's anointed and one prepared for death. It was also a gentle act in a week that would hold much cruelty. Seed the world with small kindnesses to testify against the darkness. TODAY'S READINGS: *Procession: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 (38). "Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."*

Monday, Mar 29 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK A most worthy work of mercy

Among the corporal works of mercy, there's one you might take for granted: bury the dead. We bury our own friends and family, but what about those in your community who die with no one to bury them? There are pallbearer ministries—sometimes named after Saint Joseph of Arimathea, who provided a tomb for Jesus' burial—for the homeless, often veterans, and others left alone in the world who need someone to see them home one final time. See what your parish and local funeral home does for those who die alone. Can you offer them the dignity of your presence or, at the very least, during this time of COVID, your specific prayers? TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). "Let her keep this for the day of my burial."*

Tuesday, Mar 30 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Can I get an amen?

We know the word *amen* typically ends a prayer. It's there to signal a shared agreement to what's been said, as in: "Yes, it's so." But what about an *amen* at the beginning of a statement? And what if it's used twice, as is common in the Gospel of John? "Amen, amen, I say to you," Jesus says repeatedly. According to scripture scholar Raymond Brown, Jesus uses the phrase to show he speaks with the authority of God. Jesus speaks God's truth—which is why some translations say "Truly, truly" instead. Listen closely for God's truth this Holy Week. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). "Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."*

Wednesday, Mar 31 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Patience, people

Tomorrow being Holy Thursday, today is the last full day of Lent. And how was our Lent? Do you feel relief that your Lenten resolutions can be set aside? Saddened to lose the extra time set aside for prayer? Perhaps regret that your anticipated Lenten practices got lost in the daily commotion of the past six weeks? Here is the important question: Is your heart open to God and God's love? Lent is a gift of time, to be sure, but the opportunity to fast, pray, and give alms, to grow in the love of God is ours every day. The words of Saint Francis de Sales come to mind: "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself." TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). "Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear."*

Thursday, Apr 01 HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Get down and dirty

Some parishes have trouble finding parishioners willing to have the priest wash their feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The idea of washing hands instead has been proposed. But the church has been firm: The stooping down to wash lowly, possibly dusty feet sends the message of humble, loving service that Christ intended when he performed this act himself. The next time you are called on to wash dishes, take out the garbage, or do a bit of dirty work, see it as a chance to live the spirit of Christ's act of washing his disciples' feet. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Friday, Apr 02 FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE Mercy me

Mercy is not always something we think about—until we are in need of it. Mercy refers to God's compassion and kindness toward us, especially when we have not been our best selves. On Good Friday, we see clearly, though painfully, the extent of God's mercy in a love so great that Jesus, God's beloved, is willing to go to the cross. We keep ourselves ever mindful of mercy as a way to understand a God whose fundamental "disposition" is one of loving kindness—no matter what. As you pray through this holy day, remember your own experiences of God's mercy. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 (40). "And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit."*

Saturday, Apr 03 HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL This holy in-between time

Scripture commentator John T. Squires calls Holy Saturday a "liminal space" marked by waiting and not knowing. This is the quiet, uncertain day between Crucifixion and Resurrection. In some sense, this entire past year has been a liminal year, as we are caught between the emergence of a history-changing virus and its hoped-for suppression. What can we learn from the disciples who waited and prayed? They prayed that life would emerge victorious over death. Let that be our prayer as well. TODAY'S READINGS: *Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7 (41). "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."*

