

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.



Touch Me and see ~ Luke 24: 39

April 18, 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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Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship Thomas doubted the appearance of Jesus to the other Apostles. It was simply too much for him to believe without seeing. When you pray, do you pray with a strong faith? Or do you pray with doubts that your prayer will be heard? This week, pray with a firm belief and trust that your prayers are being heard by God.

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,

Despite the calendar saying it is April, there still is a hint of Winter hovering around us. Whatever is going on weather-wise, we are in Easter time – the 50 days between Easter Day and Pentecost Sunday. This church season, which we so easily overlook (unlike Lent), is a time for focusing on the great gift of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Last week's Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates the heart of what the Resurrection brought into the world – God's mercy always available to those who turn to him. Pope Francis made "Mercy" the centerpiece of his Holy Year of Mercy in 2015-16. In addition to his dedication to Mercy, his writings continue to invite us to see the fruit of the Resurrection in our lives. The titles of his writings over the years - *The Light of Faith, the Joy of the Gospel, the Joy of Love, Rejoice and Be Glad, Christ is Alive* – explores different aspects of the Resurrection in our faith journey. And, true to his papal name (Francis) and in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, he reminds us that the power of the Resurrection is for not only Christians or even the human family. *Laudate Si* ("On Care for Our Common Home") calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to bring Resurrection life to our hurting planet.

May we follow the example of Pope Francis and look for ways to embody the Resurrection in our lives. ~ 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.***

St. Margaret's Parish Celebrates Confirmation & First Holy Communion

1st Communion
May 1st & May 8th



Confirmation

May 14th, May 21st & May 28th

Please keep the children in your prayers.

Diocese of Rockville Centre *Healing after Abortion*



Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

Day of Prayer and Healing for Women— Saturday, May 15, 2021

Register by: May 10, 2021

For more information and to register please visit

www.drvcclife.org/projectrachel

or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or projectrachel@drvc.org. All information will remain confidential.

COVID 19 Protocols will be observed



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



Wedding Banns

Banns II: Allison Rienzo & Robert Bader,
both St. Margaret of Scotland



If you have been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, you may be eligible for Early Childhood services for ages Birth-Five at no cost! Call today! (631) 758-5200

For ages three to five our Head Start program provides developmental screenings and on-going assessments, School Readiness – transition into Kindergarten, NYS Licensed Day Care Centers, Nutritious Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Snack), outdoor playgrounds, full-day UPK at select centers, before & after care available at select centers. The Early Head Start program provides services for expectant mothers, infants, and toddlers. This program for ages birth to 3 provides diapers and formula while in session, nutritious meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Snack), outdoor playgrounds, individualized Home-Based Services, before & after care available at select centers.

Enroll now! To apply please visit www.liheadstart.org or call (631) 758-5200 for more information



AFTERNOON OF PRAYER FOR MEN & WOMEN

*"I WANT TO SEE:
How do we find joy, hope
and peace in ourselves and in the world?"*

VIA ZOOM

Saturday, April 24th, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- What is sight? Where did we learn to see?
- What do we desire to see? What don't we want to see?

Join Bartimaeus at the roadside as we explore the many parts of ourselves and our lives that God invites us to see. Discover the parts of ourselves we might want to hide from and discover that they are the very things that open to us the **Path to Life...TO JOYOUS LIFE IN CHRIST!**

Presenter: Georgeann Dau, Ph.D.

Suggested Offering: \$25

Registering for (Zoom) **Afternoon of Prayer for Men & Women, April 24, 2021**

Please return your registration form with your offering to: St. Joseph's at La Providencia Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY 11717, Attention: Linda S

Please make offering checks payable to Sisters of St. Joseph.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____



Envelopes Do Help

A special thank you to the parishioners who have been using envelopes. Please remember that the parish is not able to record your donation for tax purposes unless it is in an envelope. Use of envelopes helps us when asked to sign forms attesting to eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor, determine Faith Formation parish support, as well as Catholic school subsidy for individual families.

*Please do not use staples or scotch tape.
Thank you!*



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW DIRECTION?
NEED A NEW JOB OR A NEW CAREER?

YOUR SEARCH COULD END ON

April 20, 2021

Come meet with up to 25 of Long Island's TOP Companies

AT THE LONG ISLAND JOB FINDER'S **SPRING**

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9:30am - 2:30pm

Plainview Holiday Inn

215 Sunnyside Blvd., Plainview, NY 11803

FREE ADMISSION FOR JOB SEEKERS!

PROPER BUSINESS ATTIRE IS REQUIRED

Bring plenty of copies of your resume.



BOOTHES WILL BE SAFELY SPACED APART, CROWD FLOW OF
JOB SEEKERS WILL BE REGULATED TO ENSURE SAFE SOCIAL
DISTANCING AND MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED

FOR DIRECTIONS, CALL 516-349-1240

Faith Formation

LEVEL 2

Your next gathering will be Mon. April 19th ~ 6 - 7 pm

LEVEL 6

Your next gathering will be Tues, April 20th ~ 6:30-8pm

LEVEL 5

Your next gathering will be Weds., April 21st ~ 6:30-8pm

LEVEL 8

Your next gathering will be Thurs., April 22nd ~ 6:30-8pm

Parish Social Ministry

We will be available to accept donations at the Parish Center Back Door on Thursday from 9am until 11am or during office hours listed on the front cover.

Saltine Crackers & Egg Noodles

We currently have plenty of cereal

A very special THANK YOU to all!

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.

Family Center ~ Middle Country Library

The Family Center at MCPL provides clients with free counseling, information & referral, and case management. Our social worker, Veronica, can provide these services via phone or telehealth services. For an appointment, please email Veronica at FAMILYCENTER@MCPLIBRARY.ORG or call the library at 631-585-9393 x170. All services are **Free and Confidential**.



SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5pm Saturday and 8am, 10am 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 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.

Molloy College Spring Open House

Molloy College will host a VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 PM

For info go to MOLLOY.EDU or call 516-323-4000.

1000 Hempstead Ave. In Rockville Centre.

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 _____

Sunday, Apr 18, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Each one teach one

Each of us walks through miracles eventually. Maybe we know it at the time and praise God heartily. Or perhaps we only look back later, realize the road's on fire behind us, and shiver. Sooner or later, we all experience the mystery of grace that carries us over obstacles, through dangers, and ferries us to safety. We are witnesses of these things. And even if we're reluctant to "talk religion" to friends, coworkers, and strangers, we'll inhabit hours when it's time to tell what we know about Divine Providence. Be attentive for when your testimony is required. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48 (47)*. "You are witnesses of these things."

Monday, Apr 19 EASTER WEEKDAY Seek a way to serve

Saint Timon, whose feast is today, is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (6:5) as one of seven deacons chosen by the apostles to assist in ministering to the community of believers in Jerusalem. As the apostles concentrated on preaching, the deacons assisted in providing for the material needs of the community. This focus on both word and deed, or evangelization and service, continues to be the hallmark of Christian discipleship. As the church teaches in *Lumen Gentium*, "Each one of the faithful must willingly hear the word of God and accept God's Will, and must complete what God has begun by their own actions with the help of God's grace." What will you do to continue the work of love that begins and ends with God? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273)*. "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

Tuesday, Apr 20 EASTER WEEKDAY Seek the light in learning

On this day in 1303, Sapienza University of Rome was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII. Sapienza, boasting such famous alumni as Maria Montessori and Federico Fellini, is considered the first pontifical university—an institution approved by the Vatican and committed to teaching theology, philosophy, and canon law. Today, all pontifical universities are governed by the document *Veritatis Gaudium*, a 2017 update written by Pope Francis. It begins: "The joy of truth expresses the restlessness of the human heart until it encounters and dwells within God's Light, and shares that Light with all people." How will you share God's light today? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274)*. "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Wednesday, Apr 21 MEMORIAL OF ANSELM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Love the questions

How would you define the term *theology*? Google it and you find it described as the critical study of the nature of God or the divine. Saint Anselm (1033-1109) said it another way: "Theology is faith seeking understanding." Every time you try to understand how God allows suffering, or wonder how it is that God loves every human being, or try to understand if God truly hears your prayers, you are doing the work of theology. As a French Benedictine monk and later archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm was a wise and learned teacher who challenged the secular power of kings. Your life may not seem extraordinary, but the pursuit of knowledge about God belongs to you as well. Don't be afraid of the questions. Ask for grace to allow the questions to help your faith grow. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275)*. "Everyone who . . . believes in him (the Son) may have eternal life."

Thursday, Apr 22 EASTER WEEKDAY Prepare your heart for encounter

Today's first reading about Philip explaining scripture to a receptive Ethiopian is a beautiful example of something that Pope Francis often emphasizes: the need for openness when we encounter another, especially someone different from us. In homilies, speeches, and documents, the Holy Father tells us we are called to encounter Jesus, to allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by that encounter, and to bring the same attitude to our dealings with people. Pray for the grace of openness toward the people you encounter today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:26-40, John 6:44-51 (276)*. "The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."

Friday, Apr 23 EASTER WEEKDAY Be the change

Prior to his conversion, Saint Paul, who earlier in life was known by his Hebrew name Saul, was most definitely no saint. He not only disliked those who followed Jesus, he attacked them. So what happened? He encountered Jesus the Christ. Jesus did not put Paul through what fiction refers to as a "mind wipe," or erasure of former personality and memory. Jesus called Paul to stop and see clearly the truth of his mindset and actions. And then Paul put in the work. This is something we all have to do—put in the work—especially when our dislike of those who are different leads to harm. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277)*. "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saturday, Apr 24 EASTER WEEKDAY Stay the course

Followers of Jesus have been disputing the meaning of the eucharistic meal and Jesus' instructions to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" ever since the words were first uttered. Many could not look beyond a literal interpretation of the words to see the powerful symbolism of the image of the paschal lamb offered for the sins of the community at Passover. So they simply walked away. Now that the sacrifice has been accomplished and Easter season is well underway, will you turn away as well, or are you with those who stayed with Jesus because, like Peter, you have come to believe that he has the words of eternal life? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278)*. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer walked with him."





Happy Easter! Alleluia! The Lord Is Truly Risen!

Christ is alive and His light has illuminated the darkness. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, may we continue to discover where Christ is truly alive in our life and on Long Island. Christ is alive through your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, *creating pathways of faith* through the ministries it serves by touching more than 600,000 people in our community.

Christ is Alive through our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities programs that serve the needs of the disadvantaged in our Community.

Christ is Alive through our Faith Formation programs, educating our Lay Leaders and children. And through our Seminary as we train our future priests and deacons.

Christ is Alive in our Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries as our young people grow closer to the Lord.

Christ is Alive in our schools as children learn in an environment that's vision is directed by the teachings of our Lord.

Christ is Alive in our Respect Life Office as we promote the sanctity of life at all stages.

And most of all **Christ is Alive** as we join together to celebrate the Eucharist at our Parish.

Thank you for your help in keeping Christ Alive in our Long Island Community through your financial support and prayers for the Catholic Ministries Appeal!

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!