

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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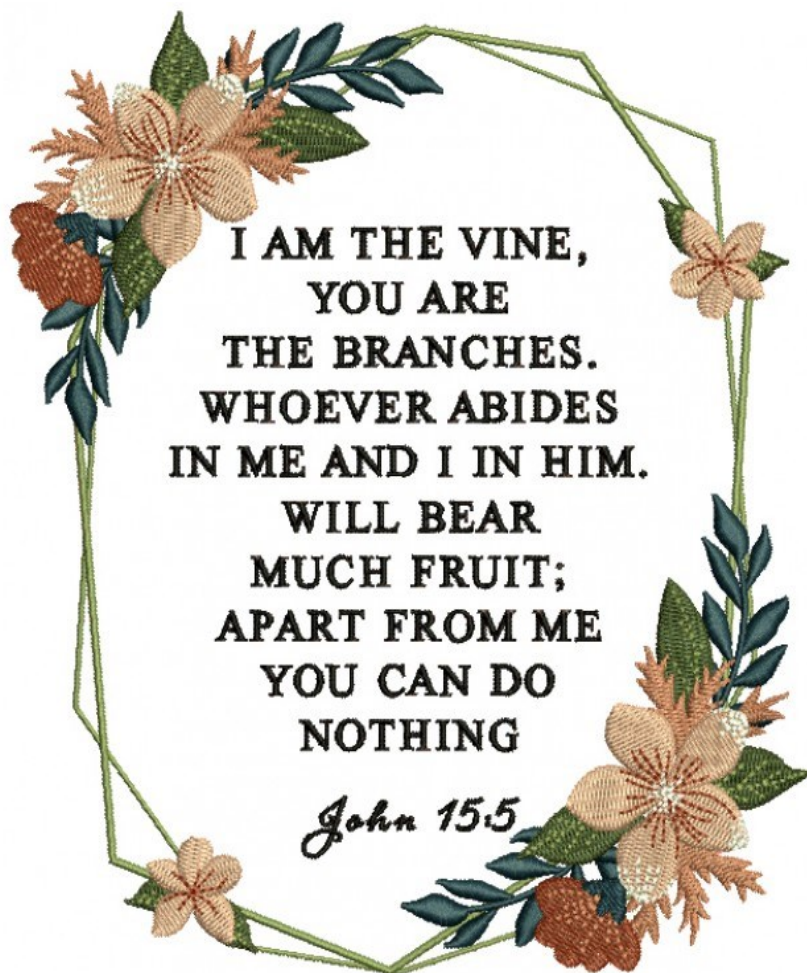
## ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

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.



## May 2, 2021

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**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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# Time, Talent & Treasure



## Stewardship Thought for the Week.

**Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship** Jesus, the Good Shepherd, loves us more than we can ever imagine. Let us return this love to Him by performing good works for our brothers and sisters.

## 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.

	2019	2020	2021	#
Collected at Mass	8,765 <sup>96</sup>	0	4,811	150
Mailed Envelopes	1,277 <sup>67</sup>	7,734	2,110	36
Electronic Donations	3,190	2,539	3,060	47
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>13,233<sup>63</sup></b>	<b>\$10,273</b>	<b>\$9,981</b>	<b>247</b>

Mass Attendance	5 <sup>pm</sup>	8 <sup>am</sup>	10 <sup>am</sup>	12 <sup>pm</sup>	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	136	99	129	129	493
2020		No	Public	Mass	
2019	212	156	n/c	263	631+

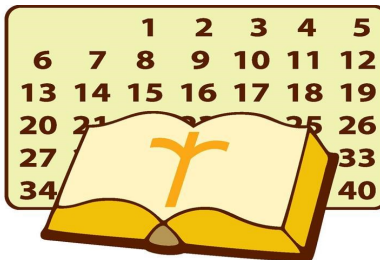
## Readings for Next Sunday

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading...Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading .....1 Jn 4: 7-10

Gospel.....Jn 15: 9-17



**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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Please note the change of office hours due to COVID 19 Pandemic.**

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:** Monday - Wednesday:  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment—x131.

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

## Masses for the Week

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

**Monday - May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Special Intentions of Tyler Beljour

**Tuesday - May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday-May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, - May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday - May 7<sup>th</sup>**

MaryJane Kogler

**Saturday - May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Special Intentions Margaret &

Henryk Chelminski & Family

Special Intentions Stanislaw  
Malinowski

**Sunday – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

8<sup>am</sup>

Mother's Day Remembrance

10<sup>am</sup>

Rose Jeanette & Ann Holland

Steven B. Hunter

12<sup>pm</sup>

Anita Mohammed

**For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as**



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.

Maryann Manelski

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,

Last week, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we heard about Jesus's personal relation with each of us. This Sunday continues that theme from another point of view: our relationship with one another. In the first reading, Saul (who became our St. Paul) – a committed enemy of the followers of Jesus – has had a powerful conversion. However, because of his past actions, the early Christians continue to fear him. One member, Barnabas, trusts him and relates Saul's conversion story to them. Only then is Saul accepted among the disciples. Saul is now "in relationship" with Christ, with God, with Barnabas and with the disciples.

In the second reading, the author encourages us to love in deed and truth. In other words, love means being actively engaged in relationship with one another. In fact, deeds of love are the surest signs that they do belong to God. This unifying love is a gift of the Spirit that abides in all and draws all together.

Today's Gospel has Jesus teaching about the relationship that exists between Jesus and God, Jesus and the disciples, and the disciples and God. Jesus likens himself to a vine and "his Father" as the vine grower. One of the tasks of the vine grower is to prune branches that are attached to the vine. With his care, both the vine and the branches are destined to bear fruit.

Thus, all our readings speak about the experience of being "in relationship" with God, Jesus and one another. ~ *Fr. Jim*

Last week, I wrote about my upcoming retirement plans. That letter is reprinted further in the bulletin.

## 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.*



**Thank you** to everyone who collected for Catholic Relief Rice Bowls. Our Parish was able to collect almost \$1400!

You may still bring your box with you to Mass or drop off at the Parish Center during hours.

## St. Margaret's Website

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

**SAINTMARGARET.COM**

## 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](http://www.drvcclife.org/projectrachel)  
or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or  
[projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). All information will remain confidential.

COVID 19 Protocols will be observed

## 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!*



## 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.**

### **Beef Stew and Cream Soups**

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.*



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

**GIVE BLOOD.  
SAVE LIVES.**

# BLOOD DRIVE

In memory of MaryJane Kogler  
**ST. Margaret of Scotland**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
2:00pm – 8:00pm**

**81 College Road, Selden – Auditorium**

**ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR A FREE  
LARGE MCDONALD'S SANDWICH OR SALAD**

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-933-BLOOD.  
or scan the QR code below and type in St. Margaret of Scotland



For more information, please contact Dianne 516-478-5066

#### DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19

- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

*Please be aware that we  
do **NOT** test for COVID-19. You should  
contact your health care provider if  
you want to be tested.*

## *Dear Parishioners and Visitors,*

John Henry Cardinal Newman, canonized a Saint in 2019, was a nineteenth century priest and theologian.

In one of his many books about faith, he wrote, “In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change...”

With that in mind, I want to tell you of an upcoming change. I will be retiring as Pastor this coming June. This was not a sudden or recent decision. Here in our Diocese, priests can request retirement beginning at the age of 72. Although I never considered that as an option, I was aware that a change would be coming. Now, approaching my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in November and with the lingering effects of various physical limitations over the years (the reconstruction of both my feet and a hip replacement), the time to make this change is here. (Having Covid-19 in January and dealing with its aftermath reinforced that reality.)

This change will allow me to set aside the administrative responsibilities of being a Pastor and explore other parts of life and continue to offer my service as a priest. I will not be staying in the parish nor in the area. My brother and sister-in-law have invited me to live in an apartment in their home in Nassau County. Hopefully, that will be the best of two worlds – having my space and being close to family!

Interestingly, I began my priestly work at a neighboring parish, St. Sylvester in Medford (1972-78). I am completing my active ministry here at St. Margaret of Scotland, in the same “neighborhood” of Long Island. God has a sense of humor! In my eleven years with you, we have celebrated our Faith in many ways and faced various challenges that life brought us. You made me feel welcome and supported. I have been blessed through the Staff and the volunteers whom I served with, and by all who make our parish a home. You will always be in my prayers. ~ *Fr. Jim*



## **Bankruptcy Case: The Diocese of Rockville Centre**

Information regarding filing proofs of claim for sexual abuse in the Diocese's chapter 11 bankruptcy case and the forms to use can be found on the Diocese's website ([drvc.org](http://drvc.org)) by scrolling down to Diocesan News and clicking the following link: • [Claim Deadline Notices and Forms](#) (February 10, 2021) Claims must be filed before August 14, 2021 (the Bar Date set by the Court). The entire Court notice that includes your rights and options can be found on our website ([saintmargaret.com](http://saintmargaret.com))



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## Faith Formation

### *St. Margaret's Parish*

*Celebrates Confirmation &  
First Holy Communion*

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Communion*

*May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>*



#### *Confirmation*

*May 14<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup> & May 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Please keep the children in your prayers.*

### **Free Comprehensive Child Care**

The Children's Community Head Start Birth to Five Program provides a FREE educational program including developmental activities and meals. Health, Nutrition, Family Services and Parent Involvement are also a part of our program. Children with special needs are welcome. Home based and center based programs available ~ children ages birth to five years in Central Suffolk County. To see if you qualify call 631-585-2020-Ronkonkoma & 631-476-9698-Port Jefferson or visit [WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG](http://WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG)

## 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.



## Our Parish Celebrates First Communion

May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 12 pm

Joseph A.

Luca C.

Connor A.

Robert D.

Brandon B.

Evelyn G.

Avelyn B.

Elise G.

Ayden B.

Daniel H.

Kyle C.

Cristiano K.

Nicholas C.

Kacper K.

Jasmine C.

Mary L.

Aiden C.



**Saturday**  
May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 12:00 PM  
May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:00 PM

May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 12 pm

Sophia M.

Gavin R.

Samantha M.

Mya R.

De Anna M.

Ava S.

Makayla M.

Sophia S.

Mason N.

Alexander T.

Gino O.

Andrew T.

Marck P.

Caterina W.

Connor J. P.

Emma W.

Benjamin P.

Gabriel W.

Nathan R.

## Sunday, May 02, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Search for the truth

We've entered an age when discovering the truth feels more complicated than ever. Some of us are leery of "facts," knowing how easily they can be manufactured, massaged, or politicized. Traditional sources of truth—government, news media, even organized religion—have proven to be subject to the same failures to which we ourselves are prone. How do we sort out truth from all the political noise that distorts what we hear? John says the Spirit's been given to us for precisely this task. Pray for the gift of holy discernment. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 (53). "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."*

## Monday, May 03 FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES Don't think less of others

Poor James the Lesser. The other apostle named James—the Greater—got the better nickname. We don't even know anything about James the Lesser, other than his name and that Jesus picked him to be one of the 12—but that alone speaks volumes about this James. We've all experienced what it feels like to have labels attached to us that make us feel less in the eyes of others, if we even feel seen or known at all. But God looks past those labels to the truth of our identity. That's where you'll find your value and dignity, even if others don't seem to. Remember that, like James, you are God's chosen. TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561). "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"*

## Tuesday, May 04 EASTER WEEKDAY May their force be with us

Today is Teacher Appreciation Day, recognizing teachers as a force for good—especially in this pandemic year. Through John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of all teachers, we might say the best educators naturally follow a "Lasallian" philosophy of education. "The Lasallian tradition emphasizes the fact that all people, especially the young, have an inherent dignity which comes from their being created in the image of God," explains St. Mary's College of Winona. "Education is a means of developing this dignity for the well-being of each student as well as for the well-being of our society." Thank a teacher today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

## Wednesday, May 05 EASTER WEEKDAY Celebrate the dignity of diversity

Though today's "Cinco de Mayo" celebrations commemorate but a single Mexican victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, in the United States it has become an opportunity to honor the heritage and culture of Mexican people. As folks revel in parades and festivals, enjoying Mexican cuisine and music, we recall these words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Human interdependence is increasing and spreading through the world . . . embracing people who enjoy equal natural dignity." Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a prayer of gratitude for the richness of human diversity. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). "I am the vine and you are the branches."*

## Thursday, May 06 EASTER WEEKDAY Focus on the essentials

One of the earliest conflicts in the church had to do with whether Gentiles should have to follow the laws and customs of Judaism. Because Christianity grew out of Judaism, early church leaders had a hard time sorting out what was essential to the emerging Christian faith and what was simply the "way we've always done it." This question continues to vex church leaders to this day and has gone through many iterations—from questions about ritual practices, to prayers and social norms. What is essential to the faith? That we love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Everything else may well be a matter of custom. When it comes to faith, take time today to get back to the basics. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11 (288). "It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God."*

## Friday, May 07 EASTER WEEKDAY Connect with creation and Creator

If you have a garden, you might be checking the forecast these days to see if conditions are right for planting. Gardens play an outsize role in the Christian imagination. From the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethsemane, key events happen in gardens. For centuries communities of sisters, brothers, and priests have cultivated gardens for food, edification, and connection to a major metaphor for spiritual development. Seek out a patch of green, and whether you plant a seed or enjoy a bloom, connecting with creation will connect you with the Creator. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."*

## Saturday, May 08 EASTER WEEKDAY Elevate your spiritual gaze

Blessed Teresa Demjanovich (1901-27) has been called America's "Little Flower." Like Thérèse from Lisieux, France, Teresa from Bayonne, New Jersey was a spiritual writer of great insight who also died young. Because of her virtue, her writings, and a miracle healing attributed to her intercession, she was beatified in the Newark cathedral in 2014, the first-ever such ceremony held in the United States. Her elevation to sainthood awaits confirmation of a second miracle. Teresa's mother died in the 1918 pandemic, which killed well over 500,000 Americans. Sound sadly familiar? Ask Blessed Teresa's intercession for all who have suffered because of COVID-19. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). "You do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world."*





## 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**

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**Thank You!**