

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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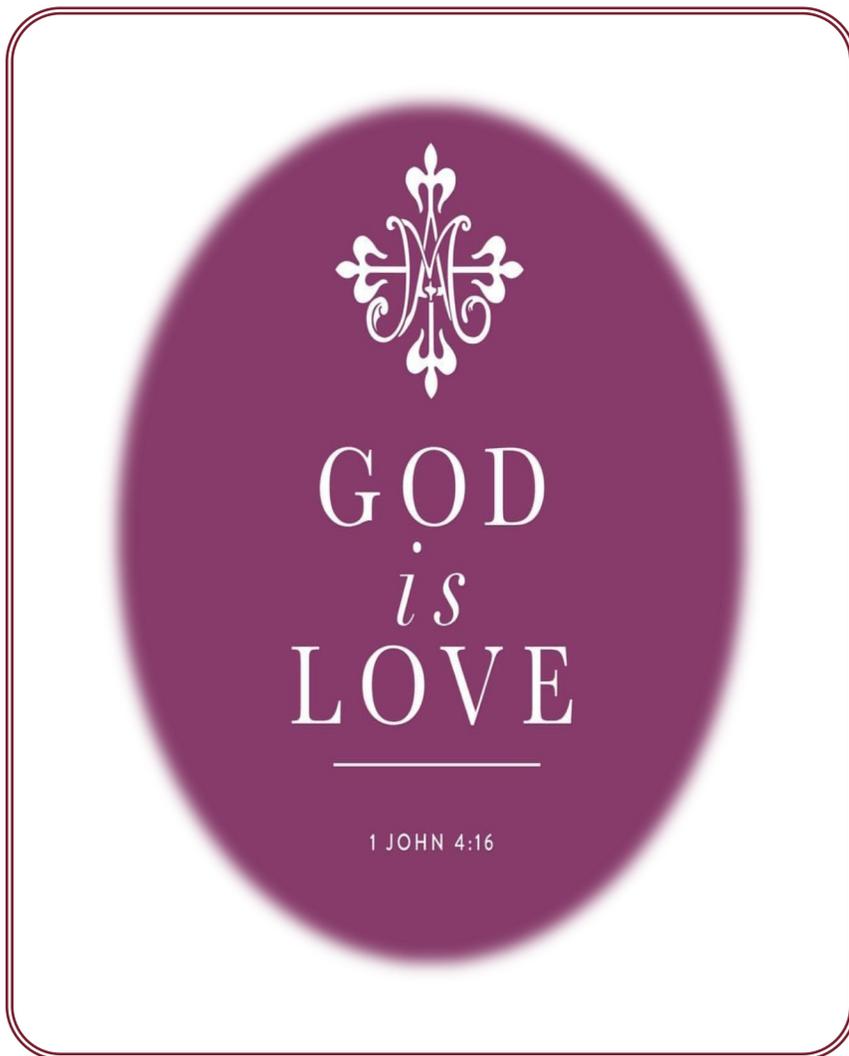
Celebration of the Eucharist

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.



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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,

On this last Sunday of the Easter Season before Pentecost, we listen to part of Jesus' final prayer at the Last Supper that he offers for his disciples before he makes his final journey to God. Jesus is concerned about those whom he loves so dearly, who will be left to carry on the work of evangelization and the mission of love. Jesus' prayer captures his deep concern for his beloved ones as he entrusts them to God. The fruit of Jesus's act of trust in God the Father is that his spirit remains alive in our midst. An example of that is offered in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Having heard Jesus promise that he will send his Holy Spirit, they prepare themselves for the unknown.

The reading from the First Letter of John builds on what we have heard from the same Letter during the past couple of Sundays. God's love for our human family is deep and generous, and the author urges his listeners to love one another in the same way that God loves each person. Loving one another as God loves is a tangible sign of God's life and presence within those who act in that way. Jesus is the expression of God's love par excellence. Those who love remain not only in communion with Jesus but also in union with God. To love as God loves, however, is not easy, but we do not face this commandment alone. For us, love at its depths is an invitation to let go to God, knowing that God will be present to all our concerns and will bring all of our efforts to completion. ~ *Fr. Jim*

PS. The Diocese has upgraded its pandemic guidelines. That means that there will be some small differences when you come to church next weekend. Wearing masks and being aware of social distancing will still be in place.

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, stand, 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.***

Our Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland gives congratulations and thanks for

Deacon Bill Kogler

on his 40th Diaconate Anniversary

May . 2021

A celebration will be forthcoming in the fall of 2021.



PENTECOST – MAY 22/23

Pentecost is the third most important feast of the Church Year, after Easter and Christmas. Yet, even though it is sometimes called "the Birthday of the Church," it is easily overlooked or forgotten. Pentecost celebrates the Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, the Blessed Mother and many other disciples forty days after Jesus's Resurrection. His Descent lifted any fears they had, let them experience the Lord's peace and joy, and gave them the strength to continue the mission of the Risen Lord.



RED is the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit. **As a way of making our Pentecost Masses special next weekend, all parishioners are invited to wear something RED.** It could be a jacket, a sweater, a dress, a shirt, pants or slacks, a tie, a scarf...anything that will help us to see in a colorful way that we are all blessed by the same Holy Spirit!



Fr. Jim's Goodbye Celebration

Our Parish will be celebrating with Fr. Jim on Sunday, June 13th after the 12 noon Mass.

Please see inside back page for details.

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.**

Juice Boxes, Applesauce, Snacks, & Baggies Sandwich size.

We currently have plenty of cereal

*A very special
THANK YOU to all!*

St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Bins are open

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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ Ronkonkoma, Spring Basket Raffle

Over 40 baskets ~ \$25 and up. Drawing on June 13th after 11 am Mass ~ Do not need to be present. \$5 ea or 5 for \$20

Go to WWW.STEAS.ORG to view all baskets. Purchase online, at the parish office or after mass. 800 Portion Rd., Lk. Ronkonkoma



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 _____



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

Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)

The EBB is a temporary Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect children to school, seniors to telemedicine services and New Yorkers to jobs and other vital services. Go to www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, call 877-669-2572 or email info@utilityproject.org for information and guidelines to see if you are eligible.

Covid 19 Mortgage Assistance

If you have been financially impacted by the Coronavirus, you may have mortgage concerns. The Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP) is a non-profit HUD certified housing counseling agency with a mission to assist Long Islanders with their housing needs. LIHP has well trained, certified and caring housing counselors on staff with experience. We strongly encourage you to talk with us BEFORE you talk with your lender or sign any forbearance agreement. For info go to LIHP.org for guidelines or email info@lihp.org for assistance.

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) 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)

Faith Formation



Our Parish Celebrates Confirmation

Friday ~ 21st & 28th ~ 5 pm

May 21st

May 28th

Lea C.	Addison R.	Joshua A.	Brooke G.
Salvatore F.	Desiree S.	Francesca A.	Alivia J.
Hannah H.	Annabella S.	Leszek B.	Lauren K.
Anthony I.	Daniella S.	Adrian B.	Victoria K.
Justin J.	Michael S.	Joseph C.	Julia L.
Thomas L.	Gregory S.	Cole C.	Kayla M.
Tyler N.	James S.	Arianna C.	Zofia S.
Christopher N.	Alexander Y.	Michael F.	Daniel S.
Jake P.	Jenna Z.	Edward G.	Cara W.
Ryan R.		Alexa K.	Ajani V.



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 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.

Bishop Barres's Letter – National Nurses Week, May 6 - 12, 2021

In this last year, no one was left unaffected by the trials and tribulations of the COVID-19 pandemic, but nurses, in a most profound way, were at the frontline from the very beginning, have been there during the darkest hours, and will be there to the very end. I am most grateful for the dedication of every nurse in Nassau and Suffolk who, called to duty in these unprecedented times, demonstrated the grace, strength, and perseverance that epitomizes the Nursing profession and its care for the sick and suffering.

But it is more than just this last year. I thank every one of you in our hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, home care environments, hospices, primary care and specialty clinics, schools, and most especially in our Catholic Health system, for giving selflessly, throughout your careers, and bringing Christ's compassion and consolation to so many. I thank you for seeing the beauty and dignity of the human person in every patient you serve.

In the last year, I know how so many of you, painfully aware of the dangers you faced with an unknown infection, bravely donned full body Personal Protective Equipment to minister to the sick and dying in our hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. But I also know of the less-chronicled times you have been away from your own families for extended shifts during a snowstorm or hurricane, when you have brought cheer with a small token of love for a lonesome patient, when you have listened or prayed with a family member, and when you have rejoiced over the news of a cure or recovery. At the same time, you have been there to comfort, console, and accompany many patients and their families through difficult times. You have been at the foot of the Cross.

And so, as we mark National Nurses Week, it is with the sincerest gratitude that I thank you for all you do to serve all people here on Long Island, for bearing witness to God's call to love our neighbor: "For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Gal 5:14).

May God bless you in your dedicated work and in your heroic sacrifices and charity.



Monday, May 17, 2021 EASTER WEEKDAY Solitude and solidarity

Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it'd be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have a strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. The monastic life, for example, is all about withdrawing from society to draw closer to God and ultimately to each other. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life—in the midst of grief and stress and fear—helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger—let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297)*. “*I am not alone, because the Father is with me.*”

Tuesday, May 18 MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR Define your terms

In 2011, the Nicene Creed in English changed from the poetic-but-imprecise “one in being”—recited at Mass for more than 40 years—back to a seemingly unusual, clunky Latin word: *consubstantial*. We learned that *consubstantial* was a critical distinction hammered out at various church councils to clarify that Jesus was divinely co-eternal with God. It was a pronouncement specifically designed to refute the Arian heresy that denied Christ's divinity. The struggle against Arianism cost Pope John I his life in 526. Words matter. Take time to choose the right ones. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298)*. “*Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.*”

Wednesday, May 19 EASTER WEEKDAY Going home

Final farewells are difficult. While there can be grace in the chance to express love and gratitude, there also can be great pain at the thought of never again seeing a face, touching a hand, hearing a voice. There is true heartache in accepting that there will be no more shared meals, meaningful discussions, shared futures planned together as we surrender the companionship of a loved one. It is a bittersweet time because the grief of anticipated loss is proof of an equally deep love. Yet it is not the end—faith promises us more. On this Easter Wednesday, with trust in the promise of new life, give thanks to God for someone whose love and faithfulness has enriched your life. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299)*. “*They were all weeping loudly . . . for they were deeply distressed that (Paul) had said that they would never see his face again.*”

Thursday, May 20 MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY History will be our judge

Church history is filled with admirable figures who stand out for their tender love and compassion. Bernardine of Siena was not that kind of saint. A fire-and-brimstone preacher with a moralizing temperament, he encouraged “bonfires of the vanities” where townsfolk pitched household items suggestive of luxury or leisure—mirrors, perfumes, games—into the fire. Seen from our vantage point, many of his sermons had antisemitic, misogynistic, and homophobic overtones. Though a commanding preacher who lived a life of devotion, Bernardine—like all of us—was a product of his times, limited by the pastoral and theological perspectives handed down to him. His innovations in vernacular preaching continue to inspire, yet his limitations in compassion and inclusion serve as a cautionary tale. None of us has a monopoly on moral purity. Kindness and compassion, however, never go out of style. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300)*. “*And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one.*”

Friday, May 21 MEMORIAL OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Live fully

Each of us is called to give our lives fully on behalf of our love for and commitment to God. Most of us will not die a martyr's death, but some of us will. Christopher Magallanes was one such person. Christopher's call to be a martyr was lived every day through his prayer and ministry as a priest: founding schools, providing work opportunities, and even constructing a dam to help the people. He was killed because of his love for the people, a love emanating from his deep faith. How does our faith inspire us to give of ourselves fully? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301)*. “*‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’*”

Saturday, May 22 MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS Hope is a perennial

We all could use a friend like Saint Rita of Cascia. Wed against her will at the tender age of 12, she somehow survived abuse and family feuds to become a reconciling force in a violent region of 15th-century Italy. She has acquired a following, along with Saint Jude, as the patron of hopeless causes. On her deathbed, it is said she asked for a rose from her garden. Though it was winter, we are told a single blooming rose was found and brought to her. Never lose hope—no cause is hopeless! TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302)*. “*There are also many other things that Jesus did.*”



Fr. Jim's Goodbye Celebration

Sunday, June 13th after the 12 noon Mass.

Deadline to reserve ~ June 7th

First come First Served—Limited Seating. Light lunch will be served.

Note: Due to Covid, requests are not guaranteed.

We ask that you fill out the form below and indicate the number of people with you.

Tables fit 8 comfortably. Masks are required.

If you would like to sit as a family or group, **HAVE ONLY ONE PERSON FILL OUT THE FORM.**

Name _____ [coming by myself]

Address _____

Phone # _____

of Person/People in party _____ **Print** names below using only the needed lines.

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_____	_____
_____	_____

You may drop the form off at the Parish Center during hours, place in the collection basket marked **Fr. Jim's Celebration**, or mail to us to arrive by June 7th.

Any questions or concerns, please call the office at 631-732-3131 x133.

Masks are required.