

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

## **Confessions:**

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent ~ 7:00 pm



April 1, 8, 15

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## March 27, 2022

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# Time, Talent & Treasure

## Stewardship Thought for the Week.

**Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :**

This week, take a look back to the beginning of Lent. How have you been more hospitable to your brothers and sisters, these past few weeks? What is one way you could show more love to those around you?



## Sacrificial Giving

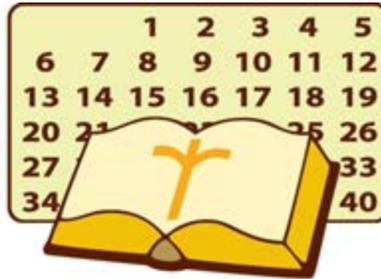
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

**March 19 / 20**

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	7,377	194
Mailed Envelopes	3,600	52
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,977</b>	<b>246</b>

### Readings for Next Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

- First Reading.....Is 43: 16-21
- Second Reading .....Phil 3: 8-14
- Gospel.....Jn 8: 1-11



**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:** Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:**  
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment - x131.

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:**  
Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am – 1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

## Masses for the Week

**Monday - March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Joseph Riccobono

**Tuesday - March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Mary Garrick

**Wednesday - March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Hanora Reilly

**Thursday - March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Norman Gottfried

**Friday - April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Artie Massett & Frank Piraneo  
Special Intentions Fr. Patrick

**Saturday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
5<sup>pm</sup>

Margaret M. Miklitsch  
Steven Lingg

**Sunday - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
8<sup>am</sup>

William Sammon  
John Fiscina

10<sup>am</sup>

John Schlageter  
Adam Slysz & Miroslaw Krol

12<sup>pm</sup>

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

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

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Patricia Fiscina   | Marilyn Vacchio     |
| Kathy Micheli      | John Roucoulet      |
| Logan Baar         | Joseph Dulovic      |
| Joseph Laria       | Terri Persina       |
| Estelle Beauchamp  | Alyssa Baisch       |
| Eppie Larke        | Jillian Brown       |
| Virginia Butler    | Robert J. Heege     |
| Eric Cohen         | Kathleen Weiss      |
| Lorraine Vogel     | Steven Vacchio      |
| Laura Durant       | Joseph De Aguiar    |
| Frank Guttilla     | Robert Valletta     |
| Joseph Kiely       | Sharon Klyn         |
| Warne Family       | Michael C. Liotta   |
| Anne Logan         | Christine Mc Cusker |
| Dominic Percoco    | Gina Rosenberg      |
| Laura Positano     | De Santis Family    |
| Patricia Wovk      | Natasha Roucoulet   |
| James Reynolds Jr. | John Reynolds       |

Babies Aubrey & Greyson  
Marie & Tony Caruana  
Veronica Sheridan-Cox  
Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri  
James & Catherine Reynolds  
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.*

***This reflection is on praying for the living and the deceased, another of the spiritual works of mercy by which we deepen our relationship with Lord Who is rich in mercy. (cf. Eph 2:4)***

As we started our Lenten observance on Ash Wednesday, the Church listened to a passage from Saint Matthew's Gospel in which we were counseled about practical matters related to prayer. The instruction is from Jesus Himself and it recommends that we not babble in our prayer. (cf. Matt 6:7) "Your Father," He says, "knows what you need before you ask him." (Matt 6:8)

Some, upon hearing or reading these words of Christ, may wonder then what's the use in praying if God already knows what we need. Can't He just give it to us without our asking? Yes, God could certainly do that and we could bypass prayer altogether. It's good though to remember that prayer is not all about asking for things. It's essentially about deepening our communion with the One Who made us, redeemed us and sanctifies us. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it, "the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him." (2565)

The communion we deepen in prayer is of fundamental importance because we are the only ones the Lord has made for Himself. Being in His image and likeness (Gn 1:27), we are essentially different from things in creation. And that's the point really: we are not things; we are persons. We are persons in relation to the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. When we pray, our relatedness to God intensifies and we become as the Lord is: holy!

The *Catechism* underscores another critical point for us. And it is this: communion with Christ is extended *throughout the Church* by prayer. (2565) Our communion with the Lord is also a communion with those who belong to Christ's Body. We refer to this reality as the communion of saints. Life in Christ is deeply communal then because the Blessed Trinity is the community par excellence. Thus, we have a relatedness to other baptized persons. The Pauline ecclesiology of the New Testament presents this reality in the following way: "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I do not need you.' . . . the parts [must] have the same concern for one another." (1 Cor. 12:21,25)

Our prayer for one another expresses that concern which marks participation in the Body of Christ. It is a concern for one another irrespective of condition. Again, Saint Paul insists that "[i]f one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." (1 Cor. 12:26) We are all inextricably linked together in this life. And the next one too.

Indeed, not even death can rupture communion. For the Church in pilgrimage prays that our brothers and sisters who have died may enjoy a heavenly communion with God and all the saints. She prays too that deceased loved ones in need of purification may receive this gift through the Lord's mercy. At the same time, the Church in destiny prays for those still on the earthly journey, that they might be joined with the elect for all eternity.

The prayer which unites all of us together of course is the Holy Eucharist. Those enjoying the gift of heaven and those striving to attain it are brought together in the one sacrificial prayer of Christ. The Mass is also a meritorious act for those who being cleansed and awaiting their admission to the heavenly banquet. And lest we not forget, the divine liturgy builds and strengthens the bonds of communion with those men and women who through time and space hear the Lord's Word and eat the Lord's Body and drink His Blood. Praying the Mass devoutly is how the Body of Christ reaches its full measure in history so as to be ready for the glory of God for all eternity.

We live to pray and we pray to live. Sustain us, O Lord, by your gift of mercy!

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



## From the Pastor's Desk

We are getting closer to Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. With that in mind, I ask all of our parishioners to consider joining with us on Holy Thursday night for the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. Following that Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be available in the church for personal adoration. There is a sign-up book in the vestibule.

The time for adoration is from the close of the Mass until midnight.

Let us know if you can spend one hour with the Eucharistic Lord on the night we commemorate Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist.



## Baptisms

Kyle Henry Zasowski, Ava Rose Bretscher,  
Sienna Marie Sabanos



### From the Pastor's Desk



We wish to announce that adult Catholics who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so are going to be able to do just that on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the 12 noon Mass. In advance of that day, there will be catechesis offered on Wednesday nights beginning April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the parish center building. The sessions will last five (5) weeks and conclude on May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet contacted us, please do so that you may be included in the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

We invite any interested adult parishioners who are already confirmed to join us for these sessions. We will consider the following topics over the five weeks: Faith, Christ, Church, Sacraments and Morals. We anticipate each session going about 75 – 90 minutes.

Msgr. Batule and Fr. Patrick will lead the sessions.

## CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Lent ~ 3:00 ~ 4:00 pm  
March 23, 30 ~ April 6



## Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 11  
2:00 ~ 4:00 pm and 6:00-9:00 pm

### Hands Needed!

Our Music Ministry is in need of someone to assist in placing the words on our screen during Mass. All that is required is clicking the next screen with one button. Please see Dan, our Music Minister, after Mass or call at 631-732-3131 x117. Prayerfully consider.



### Prayers for our military

Jaime Ottenwalder, USN  
Anthony Anglikowski, USN

### Not All Parishioners are able to get to Church ~ Can you Help?

If you are a Extraordinary Minister with part B training & could assist in home visits to bring the Eucharist, please call Julie at 732-3131 x133. **THANK YOU!**

### Vacation Bible School

Save the Date!  
July 11 ~15, 2022



### Multiple Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities

For a full list of jobs F/T and P/T, go to [WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBS](http://WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBS). You can respond by mail, email, or fax. The website will assist you.

## From the Pastor's Desk

As we move closer to Holy Week and Easter, we remind you of the following scheduling matters.

There are rehearsals for the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum. We ask the assigned liturgical ministers, which includes deacons, lectors and servers, to attend the rehearsal for the liturgy to which you are assigned.

For the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the rehearsal is  
**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the church.**

For the Good Friday Passion of the Lord on April 15<sup>th</sup>, the rehearsal is  
**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the church.**

For the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil on April 16<sup>th</sup>, the rehearsal is  
**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM in the church.**

We have Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at **8:30 AM in the church.** We ask you to join us each of those days. There is **no Mass in the morning for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.**

We ask our ushers to sign up for the liturgies of the Triduum.  
 The sign-up sheets are in the ushers' room on the bulletin board.

Once again, there will be a blessing of food on Holy Saturday (April 16<sup>th</sup>) at 11:00 AM. In the event of a funeral service in the morning at that time, the blessing will take place outdoors (presuming the weather is favorable).

We encourage you to join us on Friday nights at 7:00 PM in the church for Stations of the Cross. We mark the Passion and Death of Our Lord with this devotion. It is a good way to maintain our Lenten focus and prepare us for the Liturgies of Holy Week.

On the Sunday after Easter (April 24<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM in the church. All are invited to join us.

This is a reminder that a priest is available in the church on most Wednesday afternoons during Lent between 3:00 and 4:00 PM for those who would like to go to sacramental confession. We are providing this opportunity because Lent is a season of penance and for those who are unable to come to the church on Saturday afternoons at 4:00 PM.



Further down the road, in the Easter Season, we will have a May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> following the 12 noon Mass.

And in June, on the 19<sup>th</sup>, when the Church marks the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 12 noon Mass.

Msgr. Batule ~ Pastor

### ***Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence***

All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence.

Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Good Friday fast and abstinence.

## Sunday, Mar 27, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; SECOND SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT An investment worth making

It's not uncommon to identify individuals, or groups of people, as unworthy of our time and attention. Sometimes these folks just plain bore us to tears. But more often, we view them as freeloaders, untrustworthy, or even bad to the bone. Jesus was criticized for dining with the wrong people: prostitutes (immoral), tax collectors (unpatriotic), and sinners (generally unsavory types). Jesus tells a story of a feast thrown for a "worthless" son to explain why he himself chooses to "waste" time on the undeserving. The lost need finding, and the dead need life restored. "Hospitality opens the gates of paradise," wrote Orthodox Elder Amphilochius of Patmos. Set another place at your table. TODAY'S READINGS: *Year C: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (33)*. *"Your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."*

## Monday, Mar 28 LENTEN WEEKDAY Tiny miracles

"Do you believe in miracles?" was a famous statement made by a sportscaster who was announcing an Olympic hockey game between the United States and Soviet teams in 1980—the underdog Americans won. Catholics believe in miracles, of course—but there has to be something more than mere unlikeliness to qualify. The church defines miracles as a "sign or wonder such as a healing, or control of nature, which can only be attributed to divine power." While we might not understand how or why miracles happen—or don't, even when we desperately ask—we can be assured that the God of the universe is constantly involved in our little lives out of boundless love. What's a greater miracle than that? TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244)*. *"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."*

## Tuesday, Mar 29 LENTEN WEEKDAY A day for the Knights

The Knights of Columbus organization for Catholic men turns 140 years old today. The organization originally got its U.S. start as a mutual aid society for poor immigrant families, particularly those that lost their main source of income whenever fathers died on the job. To this day, "whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights," says Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. The Knights run the National Shrine of Saint John Paul II in Washington, D.C. Visit the shrine virtually, via its 38-minute "A Gift of Love" Virtual Exhibit Tour. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245)*. *"Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your mat, and walk.'"*

## Wednesday, Mar 30 LENTEN WEEKDAY Let it be a hopeful Lent

Our faith is one of hope. Often we concentrate on the sacrifices and commitments we make during Lent: abstaining from certain treats, attending daily Mass, giving alms generously. But we do this in the hope that Easter will come and Jesus will rise from the dead. Reflect on the spirit of hope that is at the root of your Lenten observance. Here are some words of inspiration from Pope Francis: "No matter where God has planted you, hope. Always hope. Believe in the existence of the most noble and beautiful truths and trust that God, through the Holy Spirit, is ushering everything toward the good, toward Christ's embrace." TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246)*. *"The hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life."*

## Thursday, Mar 31 LENTEN WEEKDAY Rigor has a reason

We are now four weeks into Lent, at which point, disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving might not deliver much pious glow. The church developed the tradition of 40 days of Lent based on the 40 days Jesus was tempted in the desert prior to his public ministry. A six-week season of prayer, penance, and almsgiving is meant to instill in us awareness, humility, and love, but most of all, the realization of our utter dependence on God. As Saint Teresa of Ávila says, "Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices." Take a few moments to reflect on the ways God has sustained you. TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247)*. *"How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God?"*

## Friday, Apr 01 LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE Make the uncommon choice for the common good

The "common good" is central to being Catholic. Defined at Vatican II, the common good is the "sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment" (Gaudium et Spes 26). It requires appreciation for the relational nature of human beings and an absolute respect for the dignity of all persons, including but never limited to our own self. It also means ruffling a feather or two as we stare rampant individualism in the face. The common good is always evolving, but our motivation in its pursuit never changes: love of neighbor as ourselves. Where will such love take you next? TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)*. *"Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, Reproaches us for transgressions of the law."*

## Saturday, Apr 02 MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF PAOLA Small wonder

Francis of Paola lived in a cave but he could see well beyond his confines. His vision for a community of "Minim" ("the least") inspired countless followers to join him in a life of service to the poor and forgotten. Talk about countercultural living! Such radical service requires a whole different set of priorities. For Francis it was a desire for holiness achieved through humility. Each of us can take some steps to "minimize" the excesses we might indulge in and join Francis in serving others in some small way. It's the least we can do! TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249)*. *"Never before has anyone spoken like this man."*



## You Can Help Heal Your Marriage! ~ May 13-15, 2022

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend **please call 1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.



**Please call or go on the web to make a reservation! ~**

**Weekends get filled up very quickly. 1-800-470-2230 website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)**

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required.

For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or go to <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

### **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 In-Person & Virtual Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

In-Person – Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group

Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center

200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson

Thursday Afternoons

March 24 thru May 19 / 3:00PM-4:30PM\*No Group April 14th

Registration Required. Call Jennifer Kimlingen, LMSW @ (631) 828-7636

In-Person – Adult Loss of Parent Support Group

Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center

200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson

Thursday Evenings

March 24 thru May 19 / 5:00PM-6:30PM \*No Group April 14th

Registration Required. Call Jennifer Kimlingen, LMSW @ (631) 828-7636

Virtual – Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group

Wednesday Afternoons

March 23 thru May 19 / 3:00PM-4:30PM

Registration required – Call Roger Sullivan, LCSW @ (631) 465-6332

Virtual – 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Bereavement Support Group

\*For those who have previously completed a group with Good Shepherd

Wednesday Afternoons

March 23 thru May 19 / 1:00PM-2:30PM

Registration required – Call Roger Sullivan, LCSW @ (631) 465-6332

