

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



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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ died and rose again for us. As Christians, let us enter this Easter season overflowing with love and compassion for all those we meet. Let us spread the love of Christ to everyone!

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.

Palm Sunday, April 9 / 10

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	9,820	240
Mailed Envelopes	6,304	74
Total Collection	\$16,124	314

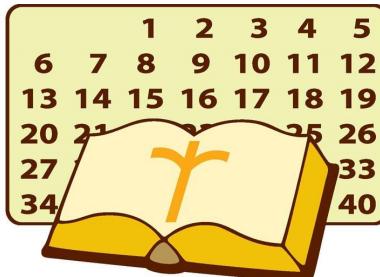
Readings for Next Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading.....Acts 5: 12-16

Second Reading...Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel.....Jn 20: 19-31



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 1st and 3rd 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 - April 18th

Frankie De Stefano

Tuesday - April 19th

Amos Reilly

Wednesday - April 20th

Elinor Finegan

Thursday - April 21st

Robert M. Aretakis

Friday - April 22nd

Patricia Lunetta

Saturday - April 23rd

Felipe Antonio Suriel
Rev. Chris Aridas

Sunday - April 24th

8 am

Margaret Esposito

Special Intentions Anna Zakrzewska

10 am

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12 pm

Claudia Bowen

Joseph Kempski

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

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 Wowk	Natasha Roucoulet
James Reynolds Jr.	John Reynolds

Ray Klyn

Babies Aubrey & Greyson

Marie & Tony Caruana

Veronica Sheridan-Cox

Wendianne & 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.

EASTER COLUMN

In the gospel for Easter Sunday, we have Saint John's account of the two apostles, Peter and John, discovering the tomb empty. The evangelist records how John, the younger of the two, outran Peter and arrived first at the sepulcher. But the younger apostle deferred to Peter and allowed him to enter first. John followed and the evangelist remarks of him that he saw and believed. (cf. Jn 20:8)

Seeing leads to believing. But why is it said of only one apostle that he believed? John is the beloved apostle. (cf. Jn 21:20) He sees and believes out of love.

Love is not an illusion, it's not a deception. It doesn't mistake beauty for dread but it sees the beauty in dread. And here I'm referring to the Cross. The apostle who sees and believes out of love is there at the Cross too. (cf. Jn 19:26) He is the only apostle on Calvary; all the others had scattered. The ten others (excluding Judas whom we believe took his own life) couldn't bring themselves to see a suffering and dying Jesus. Their eyes couldn't stand the sight.

Christian love doesn't turn a blind eye to the unpleasant and the embarrassing. It sees and beholds it. Recall that just a few days ago, in the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, the priest held aloft a wooden cross and sang: "This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world." (*Roman Missal*) Our response was not exactly timid or retiring: "Come, let us worship," we cried out. (*Roman Missal*) All these centuries later, it's easy to sing out in full measure – after all, we are just gazing on a replica of the real thing. But John saw the real thing: a real crucifixion and a real Risen Christ.

Paul of Tarsus was a man who thought he saw things accurately but he was terribly wrong about his first perception. In the Acts of the Apostles, the sacred author describes a blind Paul (cf. Acts 8-9) before his conversion. The blindness is removed when Ananias lays hands on him. (cf. Acts 9:12) Amazingly, "things like scales fell away from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized." (Acts 9:18)

What accounts for this conversion? I would suggest it is love. It is the more excellent way in Saint Paul's estimate and leads the apostle to write that magnificent ode to love in his First Letter to the Corinthians. After the wonderful description that he offers – Love is patient, love is kind . . . – he writes the following: "At present we see darkly, as if through a glass." (1 Cor. 13:12)

There is a radical incompleteness to our lives. We think we see sharply but we really don't. What the Resurrection does is allow us to see with the eyes of faith. We are given a glimpse of what is in store for those who love. For us, there is no surprise when Jesus calls loving God the greatest commandment. (cf. Matt 22:34-40) Yet, the most remarkable thing of all is not that we love God, but that He loves us first. (cf. 1 Jn 4:10)

If the Incarnation is the first installment in divine love, the Resurrection must be close to the end then. All that's left is for the Lord to give us a body on the pattern of the Son's glorified body. (cf. Phil 3:21) That is what we hope and pray for as Catholic Christians – a body on the pattern of the Son's glorified body. It is also what we catch a glimpse of in the act of Eucharistic Communion. We who receive Holy Communion worthily eat the Bread which has come down from heaven and will bring us to heaven. (cf. Jn 6:51) There isn't a more profound union with the Lord we can have now, in this life. It foreshadows the life which is ours for all eternity in heaven.

Happy Easter!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Divine Mercy Sunday
April 24th ~ 3 PM in the Church

Jesus I Trust in You

From the Pastor's Desk ~ Easter Greetings

Today, the Church rejoices that Our Lord is risen from the dead. And so, we say to one another:
Happy Easter!

We celebrate God's victory over sin and death in a community, a parish community. And, thus, the Parish of Saint Margaret, in union with all other Catholic parishes and with Christian people all over the world, sings once again:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Risen Christ be with us as we pray, worship, learn and serve. May the Risen Christ animate us to be just like the first Christians whose faith was dauntless in the face of every trial and hardship.

Easter Thank you

We pause for a few moments today and give thanks to all who help us at Saint Margaret to profess our faith in the Risen Lord. They include: our priests, our deacons, our musicians and choirs, our lectors, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, servers, catechists, ushers, volunteers in parish outreach, and the office staff of the parish and custodians. We appreciate their efforts all through the year, and Easter seems such a fitting time to say thank you for all they do in service to our parish.

Msgr. Batule ~ Pastor



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

And in June, on the 19th, 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

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 5th at the 12 noon Mass. In advance of that day, there will be catechesis offered on Wednesday nights beginning April 27th at 7:30 PM in the parish center building. The sessions will last five (5) weeks and conclude on May 25th. 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.



Baptisms

Liah Michelle La Guerre, Carter Joseph Carty,
McKenzie Jean Bennett, Charlotte Ann Bennett





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Every Easter, as we celebrate our Lord's victory over death, we delight in the consolation that all is restored through the Resurrection, and we ponder God's relentless invitation to live the divine life given at baptism.

This is the good news of our faith: Christ has conquered death and we are invited to life. This good news needs to be heard time and again. Even when things are bleak, we remember Christ is victorious and that we have been invited to witness to his victory. As Pope Francis says:

"Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit. On razed land life breaks through, stubbornly yet invincibly. However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history. Values always tend to reappear under new guises, and human beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power."¹

We know well the bleakness that can overwhelms us. How good it is to recall God's goodness! The Risen Lord moves through the locked doors of fear to lead us, to lead our families and to lead the world to peace. May we never forget God's triumph over death and our baptismal call to be an instrument of that power. May we show the Risen Lord to all we meet.

This Easter, as we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection, let us remember especially those who suffer in Ukraine and the millions who have been displaced by that tragic war. Together, we pray that the Risen Christ bring light to their darkness and give them peace.

Be assured of my prayers for you in these holy and joyful weeks.

Happy Easter!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, n. 276.

Sunday, Apr 17, 2022 SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY) The tree of life

blossoms again

A teaching from the Law of Moses says it all: "Cursed be the one who hangs from a tree" (Deut. 21:23). The body of such a person was to be buried the same day, or the land would be defiled. Religious leaders sought a verdict of crucifixion from the Romans for precisely this reason: to quell talk that Jesus was God's chosen. It's also why Jesus' disciples rushed to gain permission to take him down from the cross that same day. Like every kingdom paradox, of course, the "cursed tree" becomes a tree of life for those who believe. Celebrate this hope today! TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Luke:24:1-12 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46).* "They put [Jesus] to death by hanging him on a tree."

Monday, Apr 18 MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER How do you solve a mystery named Mary?

There are so many women named Mary mentioned in the New Testament that we're not even certain how many there were—could be six to nine—because the same women might be identified different ways. The various Marys get mentioned 54 times in 49 verses, so it's hard to sort them all out. Not only does it reveal to readers that Mary was a popular name then, but also that Jesus had a lot of women followers who were very close to him—women who were key figures in the key moments of his life and ministry, his death, and his Resurrection. Which Mary was which might confuse us today, but their various important roles in his life are clearly deserving of honor. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261).* "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb . . . and ran to announce the news to his disciples."

Tuesday, Apr 19 TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Grant us peace

Today is the anniversary of Benedict XVI becoming pope in 2005. As a theologian, Benedict wrote extensively of faith and politics in pluralistic societies. One of his prayers pleads: "God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth." This is a good prayer to have on hand, particularly on a day that marks the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262).* "Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'"

Wednesday, Apr 20 WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Look up!

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were grieving Jesus but failed to recognize him when he approached them. In our daily rush to and fro, it is easy to overlook what is happening all around: the dance of creation, day in and day out. As Earth Day approaches, take a moment from the busyness to contemplate with awe the beauty great and small. Keep these words of Saint Augustine in mind about the book of God's creation: "Look above you! Look below you! Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?" TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263).* "Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."

Thursday, Apr 21 THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Journey into the unknown

The worldwide church is now about halfway through a process with a rather unwieldy name: "Synod on Synodality." The idea is for the church at all levels to "listen and dialogue." The word synod means "to travel together," and this synod is refreshing, as a bottom-up approach in a church accustomed to top-down leadership. By its nature, there is no clarity about where it leads, but the process itself is the main point. Let's pray the church's Synod Prayer for Unity, that the process "lead us closer to [God's] Son and so to one another." TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264).* "He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

Friday, Apr 22 FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Embrace the Resurrection: Plant a garden

The Easter season gives us ample time and resources to delve into the Paschal Mystery. Scripture, liturgies, and feast days all help us embrace the Resurrection as part of our own story. That's not always easy to comprehend. Fortunately, there are glimpses of Resurrection everywhere! So much of Easter is represented through nature—lilies, tulips, lambs, bunnies—indeed the whole season of spring helps us bodily embrace the Resurrection. This Easter season, consider planting a garden or fostering a kitten (April is National Garden Month as well as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, and today happens to be Earth Day as well!). Embrace the Resurrection in the world all around you. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265).* "Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish."

Saturday, Apr 23 SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Every day an Easter

Easter isn't just a day, it is a season, an ongoing feast. The Octave of Easter (Easter Sunday and the seven days that follow) has been, since the earliest centuries of Christian history, a time of extended celebration. The joy of Easter Sunday is prolonged for a full eight days, an octave of rejoicing. Every day of the Octave is treated as another Easter, a tradition preserved in our liturgy, with readings and rituals that mirror what occurs on Easter Sunday. Rise up! It's still Easter! TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266).* "When Jesus had risen . . . he appeared first to Mary Magdalene."



Parish Outreach



PLEASE bring all donations to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or bring to the box in the rear of the Church.

We are in need of: Small Jelly Jars, Non Sugar Cereal & Egg Noodles
A very special THANK YOU to all!

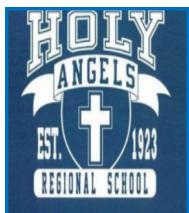


Hands Needed!

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.

**Please Pray for our
Our First Communion
Children**

**as they prepare to receive on May 7th
And
Confirmation Candidates
as they prepare for the
Sacrament on May 19th**



Holy Angels Regional School Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade.

Contact us to schedule a tour
631- 475-0422
1 Division St., Patchogue
JEANNINE STEWART, Principal



A HUGE thank you to the Holy Union Sisters who have given us a \$9500 grant via the Mother Helena Fund. This will be used to help pay for our i-Ready and STEAM programs. We are so appreciative to Sister Pat, Sister MaryCatherine and all involved in this gift for our students!

VETERANS BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

A representative from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will once again be on hand to assist veterans with submitting disability claims as well as benefits for widows/widowers of deceased veterans. Veterans should bring their DD214 and any service documents they may have.

Where: Middle Country Library-Selden and Centereach Library.

When: First Wednesday of every month in Selden & the third Weds. of every month in Centereach from 9:30am to 1:30pm.



Prayers for our military
Jaime Ottenwalder, USN
Anthony Anglikowski, USN
Ivan Slawsky, USN

Molloy College Open House

Spring Open House will be Sunday, April 24th at 1:00 pm. Visit molloy.edu/openhouse or call 516-323-4000. 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date!



July 11~15, 2022

Catholic Gifts

Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine , 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. Hours 10-4 weekdays & 10-5 Sat./ Sun. They carry a large variety of religious articles.

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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 _____