

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 :

How do you show others that you believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Do your actions say, "I am a believer. I am a Christian?" This week, make your actions align with your beliefs

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 16 / 17

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

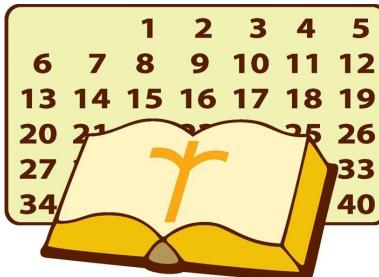
Readings for Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Second Reading.....Rv 7: 9, 14b-17

Gospel.....Jn 10: 27-30



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 - May 2nd

Ronald J. Weisse

Tuesday - May 3rd

John Christopher Reilly

Wednesday - May 4th

Juan David Garcia Erazo

Thursday - May 5th

Albert, Marion, Joseph & Joanne Pietrozziello

Friday - May 6th

Blanca Lopez Aliaga & Bruce Lee

Saturday - May 7th

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday - May 8th

Mother's Day Novena

Spec. Intentions Henryk & Margaret Chelminski

10 am

Dolores A. Ernst

Colleen F. Mc Cormack

12 pm

Spec. Intentions Jessica Beljour
Grazia Brunetti

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
Scott Spencer	Ray Klyn

Babies Aubrey & Greyson
Marie & Tony Caruana
Veronica Sheridan-Cox
Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
James & Catherine Reynolds
Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri
Christina Muller & Baby

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.

What follows is a second installment on a mystery of our Catholic faith. Last week, some thoughts were offered on the Holy Eucharist and being a sign of contradiction. What is offered this time are some thoughts on the ministerial priesthood and a model for priestly spirituality.

As we reflected upon the place of the Eucharist in our lives last week, it is right that we consider the ministerial priesthood too. The Lord, after all, gives us the Eucharist and the *means* by which the Eucharist is offered *at the same time*. Let us begin our reflection then with Peter since he received from Christ at the Last Supper the gift which makes the Lord's Body and Blood present every time on the altar.

In the gospel on Holy Thursday night, we see, first, Peter's refusal to allow Jesus to wash his feet. "You will never wash my feet," he says. (Jn 13:8) And, then, in an apparent change of heart, Peter wants not just his feet but his hands and head washed too. (cf. Jn 13:9) What is going on here?

As he does on other occasions, Peter is proposing in this instance his own design, his own plan. He presumes to have a greater wisdom than the Master. He is not content to accept what provisions the Lord has made for him. It is pride and hubris which get the better of Peter.

Like the anniversary of a priest's ordination, we take stock of the priestly life and ministry and I comment on what I have seen and heard in a ministry closing in on forty years. Well, for one thing, the priestly life and ministry have changed a great deal and they promise to change even more in the years to come as priests become fewer in number and sacramental practice drops off rather precipitously in parishes. As Pope Saint John Paul II used to write in his documents, the post-conciliar period has had both lights and shadows, pastorally speaking. Allow me to address one of these shadows.

It is the tendency I see to take the presumptiveness of Peter to heart. It is manifested in constantly seeking attention from others and craving their approval; it is shown in refusing to accept legitimate authority and being excessively preoccupied with personal needs and prerogatives. Now, do all priests demonstrate these qualities? By no means. But these characteristics, unfortunately, are present to greater and lesser degrees depending on how well or not priests have been formed from the inception of their vocation.

Back when I was a seminarian, I was fortunate to encounter the writings of one Joseph Ratzinger, then a priest in Germany and who later was consecrated a bishop and created a cardinal before being elected Pope in 2005. Ten years before his election to the papacy, he delivered a lecture on the 30th anniversary of *Presbyterorum Ordinis* (1965), the Vatican II Decree on Priestly Life and Ministry. In it, he referred to Saint John the Baptist as a suitable figure for every priest to imitate. He observed that John is the *voice* for the *word*. While the voice passes away, the word remains. "The priest's function," he said, "is very simple: to be a voice for the Word. . . . The only purpose of the voice is to transmit the word, and then disappear. Here we see both the sublimity and the humility of the priesthood. Like John the Baptist, the priest is only a precursor, a servant and minister of the Word. The focus is not on himself but on the Other."

Priestly spirituality is rightly centered on Christ, the great High Priest. But it ought to leave room theoretically and practically for Saint John the Baptist who, by the way, embodied the sign of contradiction posture as well as anyone could. Even though King Herod regarded John a holy and righteous man (cf. Mk 6:20), he still had him arrested on account that he had spoken truthfully. (cf. Mk 6:17-18) By his modesty and self-effacement, the priest risks a kind of banishment too. But even though he may pass from the scene, however that term may be understood, the word he preaches will not be lost. And that's because the focus is not on himself but on the Lord's transcendence and power. It's a transcendence and power working through the ministerial priest because the priest is forever *alter Christus* and, in a different way, bound also to John the Baptist who is forever free because he abides in the truth.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



On June 19th, when the Church marks the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 12 noon Mass.

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2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
- Pope Francis

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of
FAITH HOPE LOVE

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Happy Mother's Day! As we join together to celebrate the wonderful Moms in our lives, let's also take time to remember and pray for all the thousands of Moms who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children this week.



Please consider supporting the work of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** so that we can continue to care for God's children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.

Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

For more information visit www.drvc.org/CMA

or call 516-678-5800- ext. 296 Thank You!

Please make checks payable to **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

Parish _____ Total Pledge: \$_____

Name _____ Down payment: \$_____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



Mother's Day May Crowning

We will be honoring the Blessed Mother after the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, May 8th.

Our 1st Communion children and their families are invited to come and join as the parish processes to crown our Statue of Mary to thank God for the gift of such a loving Mother.



Memorial Easter Flowers

A Special Thank You to all donors for your generosity that helped make our church look beautiful this Easter Season.

The honor and memories of your loved ones shone through in the beauty of your contributions.

May God bless you and keep you.



Our Parish Celebrates First Communion

Saturday ~ May 7th

Ryder A	Alexander G	Jacob M	Sienna S
Joseline A	Jason G	Kathryn M	Christopher S
Josette A	Lorenzo G	Charles M	Victor S
Lovlie A	Brynn G	Madelyn M	Gianna S
Ava B	Olivia G	Anderson M	Dani S
Jordan B	Brendan H	Arianna M	Arianna S
Brandon B	Christopher H	Joseph M	Lucianna T
Dyllon B	Valerie H	Korilyn O	Aaden V
Kayla C	Aubrey H	Peter O	Andy V
Javier C	Elizabeth H	Cameron P	Alexandrea V
Malani C	Giovanni H	Isabella P	Alexandra V
Greyson C	Gabriella J	Regina P	Daphne W
Owen D	Maliah L	Sofia P	Hailey Y
Salvatore D	Matthew L	Jacob R	Logan Z
William E	Aubree L	Jaxon R	
Bella F	Zachary L	Isabella R	



Sunday, May 01, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Crown thy good with brotherhood

Some of us are born into an abundance of siblings in our families, and some not. But all of us are gifted with sisters and brothers in the church. Today on Religious Brothers Day, we're reminded how "The vocation of the brother is part of the answer that God gives to the absence of brotherhood which is wounding the world today" (Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church). If you feel stirred to be a special kind of brother to those in need, consider casting your net in the direction of this unique vocation. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 (48).* "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."

Monday, May 02 MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Stand and be counted

Called "Father of Orthodoxy," "Pillar of the Church," and "Champion of Christ's Divinity," Saint Athanasius the Great was an extraordinary early Christian leader. He was the bishop of Alexandria and best known for fighting the heresy of Arianism, which argued that Jesus was begotten by, but not co-eternal with, God the Father. He suffered for his efforts though, making lots of enemies and spending 17 years in exile. Historian Cornelius Clifford said of him: "His career almost personifies a crisis in the history of Christianity." You may not earn the honorific the "Great," but can you stand up for the truth even if it costs you something? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273).* "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

Tuesday, May 03 FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES Team up

Saint James the Lesser gets paired with various religious figures. He shares today's feast with Philip because their martyred bodies arrived together for burial. He shares his first name with Saint James the Greater, one of the first disciples to follow Jesus and the first apostle martyred. But James the Lesser—named for being younger than the elder James—is best known for being partnered with Jesus. Called the "brother of the Lord" though actually a cousin, legend says James looked so much like Jesus that even the Virgin Mary had trouble telling them apart. It is good to have a partner in faith to rely on. TODAY'S READINGS: *I Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561).* "He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles."

Wednesday, May 04 EASTER WEEKDAY Spread the good word

On this day in 1493, Pope Alexander VI issued his monumental papal bull *Inter caetera*, meant to resolve a dispute between the kings of Spain and Portugal concerning exploration and colonization of the Americas. The document helped spread the Catholic faith across the Americas but also led to brutal colonialism and slavery in the same lands. As the church continues to live in the long shadow of this watershed document, its core wish still rings true: that "the Catholic faith and the Christian religion be exalted and be everywhere increased and spread." TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275).* "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Thursday, May 05 EASTER WEEKDAY Viva our vibrant church

Today is Cinco de Mayo, a commemoration of a key Mexican military victory that, in the United States, has evolved into a general celebration of Mexican culture. Mexican Americans have made enormous contributions to the U.S. church, which is rapidly becoming majority-Hispanic. Take a moment today to learn about the V Encuentro, a broad-based effort to listen and respond to the wisdom and the needs of Latinos in the U.S. church. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276).* "I am the bread of life."

Friday, May 06 EASTER WEEKDAY Follow the way of healing

"Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christian faith," says Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his book *Jesus of Nazareth* (2007). "It can even be said that Christianity is a 'therapeutic religion, a religion of healing.'" Much of healing is beyond our control, whether it comes from divine grace or medical resources available to us. However, as disciples of Christ, we can be a healing presence to those who are sick and suffering by listening more than speaking and avoiding the temptation to have all the answers in situations that remain a mystery. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277).* "Lay his hands on him, that he may regain his sight."

Saturday, May 07 EASTER WEEKDAY Welcome back

It was hard to be a Christian during the early persecutions of the church. Many neophytes quit the faith to avoid imprisonment, torture, and even death. But when the persecutions ended with the Edict of Milan in 313, the question arose of whether they should be allowed back into the church. From that controversy it became apparent that the church was not an elite body of the sanctified, but a mix of saints and sinners, like the field of wheat and weeds. For the church to truly embody Christ, it must be dedicated to forgiveness and an open-door policy. Who can you forgive today? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278).* "Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?'"



Parish Outreach



Knights of Columbus Food Drive

Bags will be given out at all Masses on May 14th & 15th

Please select items from the list and return to the church the following weekend ~ May 21st & 22nd.

Thank you to all !



From the Pastor's Desk

There will be a meeting of all current Altar Servers on Tuesday, May 10th at 5:00 PM in the church. If you have been serving Mass the last couple of months, you are requested to attend. The meeting will not last more than one hour.



There will be training for all new Altar Servers in September, about the time that school resumes. There will be several sessions which any new server is **required to attend**. Sessions will be on a weekday afternoon after school. Those youngsters in grade 5 and up are eligible. Continue to watch the bulletin for more information on new Altar Server training.

From the Pastor's Desk

The second collection this weekend (April 30-May 1) is for the support of Catholic education in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Please be generous in your gift.

On Sunday, May 8th, we celebrate Mother's Day. A very good way to remember your mother, living or deceased, is to enroll her in our Mother's Day Novena of Masses at Saint Margaret. Envelopes have been mailed to parishioners. If you are without an envelope, one can be obtained from an usher or at the parish office during regular business hours.

Kindly join us after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, May 8th as we honor the Mother of us all – the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a crowning of the statue dedicated to the Blessed Mother on our property as soon as Mass is over. We invite our First Holy Communicants and their families to join with us.

Children's Bereavement Camp - Good Shepherd Hospice invites you to Bob Sweeney's Camp H.O.P.E. This FREE, professionally run one day camp is for children ages 5 to 17 who have experienced the death of an immediate family member. The camp will be held on Saturday July 16th, 2022 at beautiful Camp Alvernia, Centerport, NY. Call for an application – (631) 828-7628



**HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
May 10
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



Vacation Bible School

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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. OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG

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