

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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Happy Mother's Day

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Time, Talent & Treasure



Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

When you hear the Acts of the Apostles, ponder how you can spread the Word of God to those around you. Let the Holy Spirit guide you, as the Apostles were so guided.

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.

Easter Sunday, April 16 / 17

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	19,638	367
Mailed Envelopes	7,169	128
Total Collection	\$26,807	495

Masses for the Week

Monday - May 9th
Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday - May 10th
Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday - May 11th
Mother's Day Novena

Thursday - May 12th
Mother's Day Novena

Friday - May 13th
Mother's Day Novena

Saturday - May 14th
Mother's Day Novena

Sunday - May 15th
For All St. Margaret's Parishioners
10^{am}
Joseph, Anne & George Prementine
Steven B. Hunter
12^{pm}
Mother's Day Novena
Special Intentions Joseph Fields

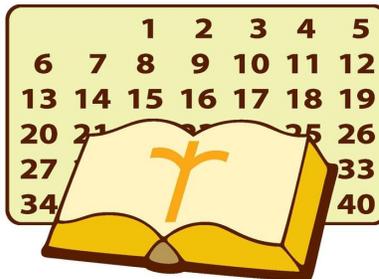
Readings for Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 14: 21-27

Second Reading.....Rv 21: 1-5a

Gospel.....Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35



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.

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 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.

For the last few weeks, I have been reflecting on the mysteries of our Catholic faith in the bulletin. I continue with this week's installment on the Church. Soon, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost (June 5th) and recall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church in Jerusalem. Since then, the Church has spread all over the world. How important is it to belong to the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church? It is not an incidental question, as if we can be in communion with Christ but not be in communion with His Church. No, it is an essential question. In support of the Church's indispensability are the following remarks.

Even now, the risen life of Christ is ours – such that Saint Paul can say in his Letter to the Romans that we who are baptized already have a newness of life in Christ. (cf. Rom 6:4) To reinforce this conviction, we professed our baptismal promises at Easter Sunday Mass once again and the priest sprinkled the congregants with newly blessed holy water. We are reminded that Baptism holds out to us the promise of eternal life with a glorified body on the model of Christ's glorified body. (cf. Phil 3:21)

Besides the prospect of the Resurrection, Baptism is an incorporation into the Body of Christ, the Church. As the Second Vatican Council teaches us, the Church is the edifice or building of God. (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 6) We who belong to the Church are living stones then. (cf. 1 Pt 2:5) But how the building is done is of no small consequence.

“In vain do the builders build,” says the Psalmist, “unless the Lord builds it.” (Ps 127:1) We who work in the Church must build on the cornerstone who is Christ. (cf. 1 Pt 2:7) Our building must always respect the Lord's design for His Church. He is, after all, the stone rejected (cf. Matt 21:42), and thus what is suitable for other projects is not always going to be acceptable for ecclesial building. Christ established the Church with a foundation upon the apostles (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 6) and we cannot build floors which are separated from the foundation. Our building will collapse under the slashing of cultural storms if we forsake the foundation in favor of opinion polls and whatever is popular at any given moment in history. The Lord builds a durable and indestructible edifice with faith, hope and love, and not with efficiency, pragmatism and social conformity.

In the beauty of the Easter season, the Church reads at daily and Sunday Mass from the Acts of the Apostles. These passages tell us of the wonderful things carried out by the apostles in the name of the Risen Lord. We can do great things apostolically too. But we must heed the Lord's example and have a modesty concerning our own ideas.

This was not well understood by Peter before the Lord's death and Resurrection. In Saint John's Gospel, the evangelist describes how Peter tried to resist Jesus' example at the Last Supper. When Jesus started to wash Peter's feet, the apostle at first refused and then demanded that his hands and head be washed too. (cf. Jn 13:6-11)

What the Lord has provided is enough – if only we give it a chance. It was reported in the media a couple of years ago that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI gave an interview in which he said that much confusion has resulted in the post-conciliar period from a kind of thinking which proposes that the Church is really not that important to people if you can get to heaven by a myriad of ways and one way is as good as another.

As Jesus is the Way (cf. Jn 14:6), so is the Church the Way for us. She is the Way for us to the Lord. The inseparability of Jesus and the Church is found in the Acts of the Apostles, most clearly seen in the conversion of Saint Paul. While on the way to Jerusalem to persecute the Way (cf. Acts 9:2), Paul heard a voice which said to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” (Acts 9:4) The glorified Christ in heaven is at one with the Church on earth. This is the express teaching of Vatican II (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 8) and Easter is a good time for us to renew our faith in the Church. And thus there is no better expression of this confidence in the Church than by coming to Mass every Sunday where we are sure to find the crucified and risen Lord in word and in sacrament. Be with us at Mass now and always because this is where the Lord is now and always!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Mother's Day May Crowning

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

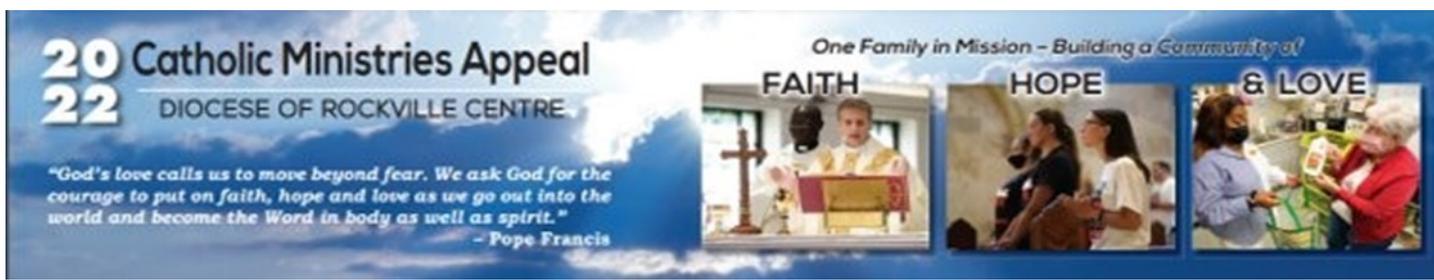
Our 1st Communion children and their families are invited to come and join as the parish processes to crown our Statue of Mary to thank God for the gift of such a loving Mother.



Baptisms

Luna Ray Anderson, Thomas Dennis Knepple,
Sophia Isabella Marino, Steven Andrew Teague





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!**

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

Parish _____ Total Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



From the Pastor's Desk

To all of the mothers in Saint Margaret Parish, I extend the greeting: *Happy Mother's Day!*

This is your day, and we give thanks for bringing your children into this world. The human race grows as does God's family by accepting your vocation as a mother. May your satisfaction in motherhood help us all to appreciate the gift of life, the gift of children and the gift of love.

Today, we venerate the Blessed Mother – Mother of Christ and our Mother. Following the 12 noon Mass, we will crown the statue of Our Lady at the grotto on our property. Join us in our devotion to the Mother of the Church.

Mothers may be enrolled in the Novena of Masses held here at Saint Margaret. Envelopes for this purpose which have been sent to envelope-using parishioners may be returned in the collection basket at Sunday Mass or dropped off at the parish center office. If you need an envelope, one is available in the church in the ushers' room or in the vestibule of the church.

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.



Our Lady of the Island Shrine Fatima Day

Our Lady of Fatima Day will be held on **Friday, May 13th** beginning at 10:30 AM with a at 11:00 AM Rosary, followed by Mass & Conference ~ ending at 3 PM with Chanting of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. For info call 325-0661 / shrineoffice@optonline.net



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.

Msgr. Batule ~ Pastor

Retrovaille ~ You Can Help Heal Your Marriage! ~ May 13, 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?

Retrovaille 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 Retrovaille 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 Retrovaille who can help. ~ **website www.helpourmarriage.org**



Sunday, May 08, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY **Be a goodness trafficker**

Many of us are proud to be good at what we do whether it is a trade, craft, profession, or pastoral role. Yet few of us claim to be experts at our special task. Sister of Charity Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich of New Jersey is called a "genius of the soul" for her instructions on the mystical life collected after her death in 1927 under the title Greater Perfection. In a key closing lesson, she writes: "Union with God, then, is the spiritual height God calls everyone to achieve—anyone . . . who specializes in the traffic of eternal good, who says 'yes' constantly to God." On this Mother's Day, pray that every mother may become, and also nurture, "soul geniuses" and traffic in eternal good. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30 (51)*. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Monday, May 09, EASTER WEEKDAY **Flying in formation**

Did you think that Catholic cardinals came to be so called because their red robes were reminiscent of the birds with the same name? Nope—it's actually the other way around. Cardinals—that is, the senior members of the clergy—wear red because it symbolizes their willingness to sacrifice for their faith. The birds came to be called cardinals because they reminded people of the red-clad men who make up the church's College of Cardinals. The word cardinal comes from the Latin word for "hinge"—upon which a gate or door opens. Pray for these leaders and their flocks to open their eyes, ears, and hearts as we find our way together into the future church. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 (279)*. "The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice."

Tuesday, May 10 MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF ÁVILA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **Thank you, God**

German Catholic mystic Meister Eckhart gets credit for these eloquent words: "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'Thank you,' it will be enough." More than a century later, another Catholic mystic would offer a slightly different view. Spanish priest Saint John of Ávila, recognized as a doctor of the church, wrote: "A single 'Blessed be God' in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity." But in the end, you can't go wrong following King David's direction in Psalm 34 to "Bless the Lord at all times"—even when it seems impossible. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280)*. "He rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart."

Wednesday, May 11 EASTER WEEKDAY **Cultivate a missionary's heart**

Today we celebrate the feast of Servant of God Matteo Ricci, a Jesuit missionary to China during the 16th and 17th centuries. He was known for his multitudinous academic ventures for the benefit of his constituents and for his openness to (and adoption of) the local culture. He is famous for creating a Chinese map of the known world, for his consultations with Chinese royalty on matters of astronomy and science, and for his assistance in translating important works from Latin to Chinese—and vice versa. Let your own gifts overflow in a life of witness. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281)*. "So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation."

Thursday, May 12 MEMORIAL OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRAS, MARTYR

Pray for the courage of conviction Today we honor three martyrs, Saints Nereus, Achilleus, and Pancras. Attitudes toward martyrs can run hot and cold. "Ugh, they just want to be a martyr," we say about the self-aggrandizing who put their sacrifices on display. In one of his sermons, Saint Augustine chided false martyrs, those who flaunted punishments they received for promoting schismatic beliefs. But when we see the real deal, a person whose heart is so big that "sacrifice" feels less like pain and more like love, we applaud their martyrdom. Open our hearts, O God, so that we can sacrifice like that. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282)*. "Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Friday, May 13 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA **Let a new era of peace begin**

In 1917 during a time of great turmoil in Europe, three Portuguese children reported seeing an apparition of Mary in which, it was later revealed, the Blessed Mother called for people to imitate her faithfulness to Christ as a way to achieve peace. According to Carmelite Sister Lúcia dos Santos, one of the children of Fatima, Mary also promised that the consecration of Russia by the world's bishops would lead to an era of peace. Amid the devastation of Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the Catholic bishops of Ukraine requested Pope Francis to consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which he did on March 25, asking all the world's bishops to join him from their own dioceses. May we continue to follow Mary's example of discipleship as a way of achieving peace at home and abroad. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283/563A)*. "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

Saturday, May 14 FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE **The making of an apostle**

There are alternate ways of becoming an apostle. Number one is being called directly by Jesus, as were the 12 apostles. Then there's today's saint, Matthias, who was chosen by drawing lots. Saint Paul was a self-proclaimed apostle. Junia and her partner Andronicus are called apostles in Romans 16:7. The church also designates apostles: Patrick was the "Apostle of Ireland," Boniface the "Apostle to the Germans," and Mary Magdalene has the honor of being the "Apostle to the Apostles." The word apostle means sent, so in a sense when we are sent forth at the end of Mass, we're all apostles. How does that change your understanding of who you are? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564)*. "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

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 !

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF LONG ISLAND

Our current job openings include the following:

Customer Sales and Service Representative

- Monday to Friday
- 9 am to 4:30 pm - 35 hours per week
- Westbury area – Nassau County
- Coram & Central Islip areas – Suffolk County
- Generous benefit package
- Bilingual English/Spanish a plus

Customer focused position for a compassionate individual to assist customers to make informed decisions regarding their individual burial needs.

Part-time Receptionist (front office)

- Monday to Thursday
- 9 am to 1 pm - 16 hours per week
- Westbury area – Nassau County
- Coram & Central Islip areas – Suffolk County
- Bilingual English/Spanish a plus

Customer focused position for a compassionate individual to assist visitors by telephone and in person with cemetery inquiries.

Mechanic

- Monday to Friday
- 7 am to 3:30 pm - 40 hours per week
- Westbury area – Nassau County
- Coram & Central Islip areas – Suffolk County
- Generous benefit package
- CDL Class A license a plus

Must have valid driver's license and provide your own tools. Responsible for maintenance and repair of heavy/medium equipment, vehicles and tools.

Semi-Skilled Laborer Cemetery Field Worker

- Monday to Friday
- 7 am to 3:30 pm - 40 hours per week
- Westbury area – Nassau County
- Coram & Central Islip areas – Suffolk County
- Generous benefit package
- CDL Class A license a plus

Must have valid driver's license. Perform landscaping and grounds maintenance. Assist with burials. Operate hand and power tools, mowers and trucks.

Send resumes or inquiries to: Employment@CCLongIsland.org

For more information about Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island see our website: www.CCLongIsland.org

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date! July 11 ~15, 2022



Prayers for our military

Jaime Ottenwalder, US Navy
Anthony Anglikowski, US Navy
Ivan Slawsky, US Army