

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 :

Jesus tells His disciples to “love one another.” This may sometimes be easier said than done, but if we make a commitment to do something nice to someone each day, to do a good deed for them, then we will be taking steps closer to God.



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.

May 7 / 8

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	6,905	163
Mailed Envelopes	7,217	74
Total Collection	\$14,122	237

Masses for the Week

Monday - May 16th

Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday - May 17th

Elinor Finegan

Wednesday - May 18th

Barbara Bryan

Thursday - May 19th

David Palmeri

Friday - May 20th

Special Intentions Christina Muller & Baby

Saturday - May 21st

Felipe Antonio Surlil

Rev. Chris Aridas

Sunday - May 22nd

8^{am}

Antonia, Rosa & Pasquale Palumbo

Matthew Singh

10^{am}

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12^{pm}

Darlene Pallino

Ernesto Macias & Liberata DePeon

Readings for Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Second Reading.....Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel.....Jn 14: 23-29

For the week of May 15th

Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of



Amy Grace
Quaranta

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 Wowl | Natasha Roucoulet |
| James Reynolds Jr. | John Reynolds |
| Scott Spencer | Ray Klyn |
| Sal Restivo | |

Babies Aubrey & Greyson

Marie & Tony Caruana

Veronica Sheridan-Cox

Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri

James & Catherine Reynolds

Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri

Christina Muller & Baby

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.

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.

Following on Mother's Day and our veneration of the Mother of God after the 12 noon Mass at our grotto last week, I take this opportunity to offer a reflection this week on the Blessed Virgin Mary. She shows us the way to follow her Son in times of great joy and in times of overwhelming sorrow. Let us do what we can to heed her example.

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost has an undeniable Marian dimension to it. The Blessed Mother is there in the cenacle, although she does not utter a word according to Sacred Scripture. The words she spoke previously – “I am the handmaid of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word (Lk 1:38)” and “Do whatever he tells you (Jn 2:5)” – have become paradigmatic for any disciple of the Lord, and echo through the ages in the hearts of all who want to serve God and the Church. Her close proximity to the apostles in the upper room on Pentecost is the preeminent wordless witness to faith. This lesson cannot be forgotten as we rightly take account of the high drama associated with Pentecost – its noise, its fire and its *glossolalia*.

The drama of Pentecost is the Spirit's freshness and vitality. Those who had huddled in fear are transformed into courageous and bold prophets. The Spirit does this in every era, renewing the Church and making her ready for the Bridegroom's arrival. The Spirit is indeed responsible for daring and innovative undertakings; more often than not however, we see His handiwork in the steady and mature commitment of those who answer the call to serve.

As I indicated above, the Blessed Virgin Mary is praying in the cenacle in anticipation of the Spirit's bestowal. She is also found at prayer after she gives birth to Jesus. The evangelist, Saint Luke, tells us that following the Infant's birth “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” (Lk 2:19)

Mary treasures and contemplates the mystery of a lowly woman's maternity (cf. Lk 1:48). As the Council of Ephesus (431) authoritatively teaches us, Mary is truly the Mother of God. But motherhood is never just a physical act, especially when the motherhood is a divine motherhood. Motherhood – Mary's and that of other women – doesn't just operate along material lines. There is a motherhood according to the Spirit, and it is no less important than a biological motherhood.

In his 1988 apostolic letter entitled *Mulieris Dignitatem*, Pope Saint John Paul II poses the following question: “Does not physical motherhood also have to be a spiritual motherhood, in order to respond to the whole truth about the human being who is a unity of body and spirit?” (21) On the level of the spirit, the Blessed Mother receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts received thus become in time the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Is not the fruit of joy evident in the *Magnificat* when Our Lady cries out, “[M]y spirit rejoices in God my savior (Lk 1:47)?” Is not the fruit of faithfulness evident when Mary stands grieving at the foot of the Cross? (cf. Jn 19:25)

The joy of faith does not remove sorrow; it does, however, transform it. This work of the Holy Spirit is not so much dramatically accomplished as it is quietly accomplished. It is not just the passage of time, but a deep, abiding trust that the Lord's promises to me would be fulfilled. (cf. Lk 1:45)

In the sorrows of our lives, the Lord touches us with His grace. And who better to imitate in this respect than Our Lady? When we take her into the home of our hearts (cf. Jn 19:27), Mary teaches us better than anyone else about waiting for the Lord's hour of victory.

With the holy rosary, we contemplate and reflect upon the joyful and sorrowful mysteries as a way of deepening our life in the Spirit. In honoring Our Lady as we do this month in a special way, we inexorably draw closer to her Son. True devotion to Mary does not take us away from the Lord; it only serves to fix our attention more closely on the Word which became flesh by Mary's *Fiat*. We remain in the Spirit if only we revere a motherhood according to the Spirit.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Rosary Night

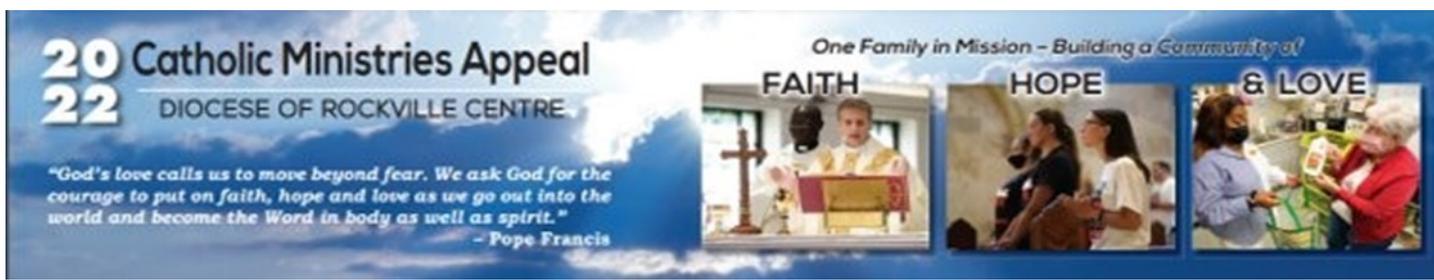
Tuesday, May 24th ~ 7:00 PM in the church

Honor our Blessed Mother Mary with the praying of the rosary, led by Fr. Patrick

Bring an extra set of rosaries you would like to donate to a future communicant, RCIA candidate or in honor of a deceased family member.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Heart of the Island, Council 7262





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: _____



May Crowning

Thank you to those who participated in the **May Crowning** held after the 12 noon Mass last Sunday at our grotto. We will hold the event again on Mother's Day next year, and of course it will involve our First Holy Communicants again. As always, please watch the bulletin for details.



From the Pastor's Desk

Next month, on the 19th, which is also Father's Day, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**.

Following the 12 noon Mass, there will be an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament on our property. It will conclude with Benediction in the church. Please follow the bulletin over the next few weeks for more details.

We express our appreciation to Henryk and Margaret Chelminski for the gift of the **Divine Mercy** image to the Parish of Saint Margaret. It was used at our observance of **Divine Mercy** on April 24th this year. We will have the **Divine Mercy** devotion next year too.



There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00 PM. The Holy Hour will close at 8:00 PM. All are invited to join us for this time of prayer.



Congratulations to all of St. Margaret's Confirmation Candidates ~ 2022 Bishop Robert Coyle

Christian A

Andrew F

Jason K

Piotr P

Candice A

Thomas F

Vincent L

Sofia R

Owen B

Jake F

Destiny L

Emily S

Madelyn B

Victoria G

Nicholas L

Jack S

Giovanni B

Jack G

Nicholas M

Brandon S

Logan B

Kaitlyn J

Alyssa M

Abigail T

Anthony C

Joseph J

Gavin N

Ryan U

Aleysha C

Alexander J

Cayden N

Lyla V

Xavier C

Amanda K

Deanna N

Francesca V

Abigail D

Abigail K

Isabella O

Ava V

Clarissa D

Veronika K

Isabelle Z. O

David W

Kenny E

Joshua O

Lukas W

Sunday, May 15, 2022 Opening a door to the poor

Valuing families is a Catholic imperative. Yet on this International Day of Families, we face the reality that between 20 and 30 percent of the world's homeless include entire families. In the United States, nearly 60,000 families with children are without shelter on a given night. De La Salle Brother Peter Maurin co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement with Dorothy Day because he couldn't, as he said, be crazy the way the world is crazy. "What we give to the poor for Christ's sake, is what we carry with us when we die," Maurin reflected. Today, on his death date, reflect on what you will carry with you at your passing. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54)*. "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."

Monday, May 16 Bear witness

The Holy Spirit is called the "Advocate." An advocate is someone who defends, counsels, guides, and comforts. As Saint Paul said, the Advocate bears witness that we are children of God. As Catholics, we're called to advocate for others as well. Catholic Relief Services encourages "advocating for changes in existing unjust policies and the creation of new policies that benefit the common good." Want to put your faith into action through advocacy for the poor? Visit the website of Catholic Relief Services to learn how to become a voice for those whose voices have been ignored. EASTER WEEKDAY ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285)*. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything."

Tuesday, May 17 Erase racism

On this day in 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously against racial segregation in public schools. Four years later, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued their first pastoral letter on racism, Discrimination and Christian Conscience. It wasn't the first time the bishops denounced the scourge of racial injustice—nor the last. "Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father" they wrote in 1979. Commemorate Brown vs. the Board of Education by revisiting the pastoral letter Brothers and Sisters to Us. EASTER WEEKDAY ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286)*. "My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

Wednesday, May 18 Rise to the challenge

Not every pope was first a bishop, much less a cardinal, as is the custom these days. Pope and martyr John I, who we memorialize today, was an archdeacon when called to the papacy in the year 523. An archdeacon acts as an intermediary between a bishop and the clergy of a diocese, often administering a portion of the diocese called an archdiaconate. The office has been described metaphorically as that of *oculus episcopi*, the "bishop's eye." John I must have excelled in his role to have been called to the papacy at a time of great upheaval. He responded courageously, even with his life. Be ready to be called to some surprising roles in your faith journey. Turn to John I for the inspiration to respond fully. MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287)*. "I am the vine, you are the branches."

Thursday, May 19 Disagree agreeably

Today's first reading recalls the first recorded argument in the church—over whether men entering the Christian church needed to be circumcised according to Jewish tradition. During our 2,000 years of wrangling, this maxim arose: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity." Christians don't even agree on who said that, but it was Pope John XXIII's guiding principal for the important discussions of Vatican II, which modernized the church. Do you bring charity to your disagreements? EASTER WEEKDAY ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288)*. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

Friday, May 20 Engage with epistles, emissaries, and emails

A tweet from the pope. An email newsletter about the Synod. The internet and social media are normal sources of information and conversation these days. This is especially true given our recent experience with social distancing. In the early church, mass communication was done primarily through epistles and emissaries. Epistles were letters written by notable folks, and emissaries were people sent on behalf of a notable person or group. Both were intended to communicate to a large number of people in far-flung areas. Given this Easter season, what message would you choose to broadcast far and wide? EASTER WEEKDAY ~ TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289)*. "So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth."

Saturday, May 21 Pray for one nation under God

Today is Armed Forces Day, a holiday that pays tribute to men and women who serve across all six branches in the United States military. The United States is blessed with well trained and disciplined armed forces, dedicated to defend not only the people but also the principles on which the nation was founded, including the free exercise of religion. Cherish the right that is yours to worship freely, and take a moment today to give thanks for those who are sworn to protect it and all our cherished liberties. EASTER WEEKDAY TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290)*. "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute 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 or bring to the Parish Center during office hours.



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