

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

February 25, 2024

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday—Monday through Friday 9:00 AM

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday—8:00 AM, 10:00AM and 12 Noon

Confessions

Saturday—4:00—4:45 PM in the church or by appointment



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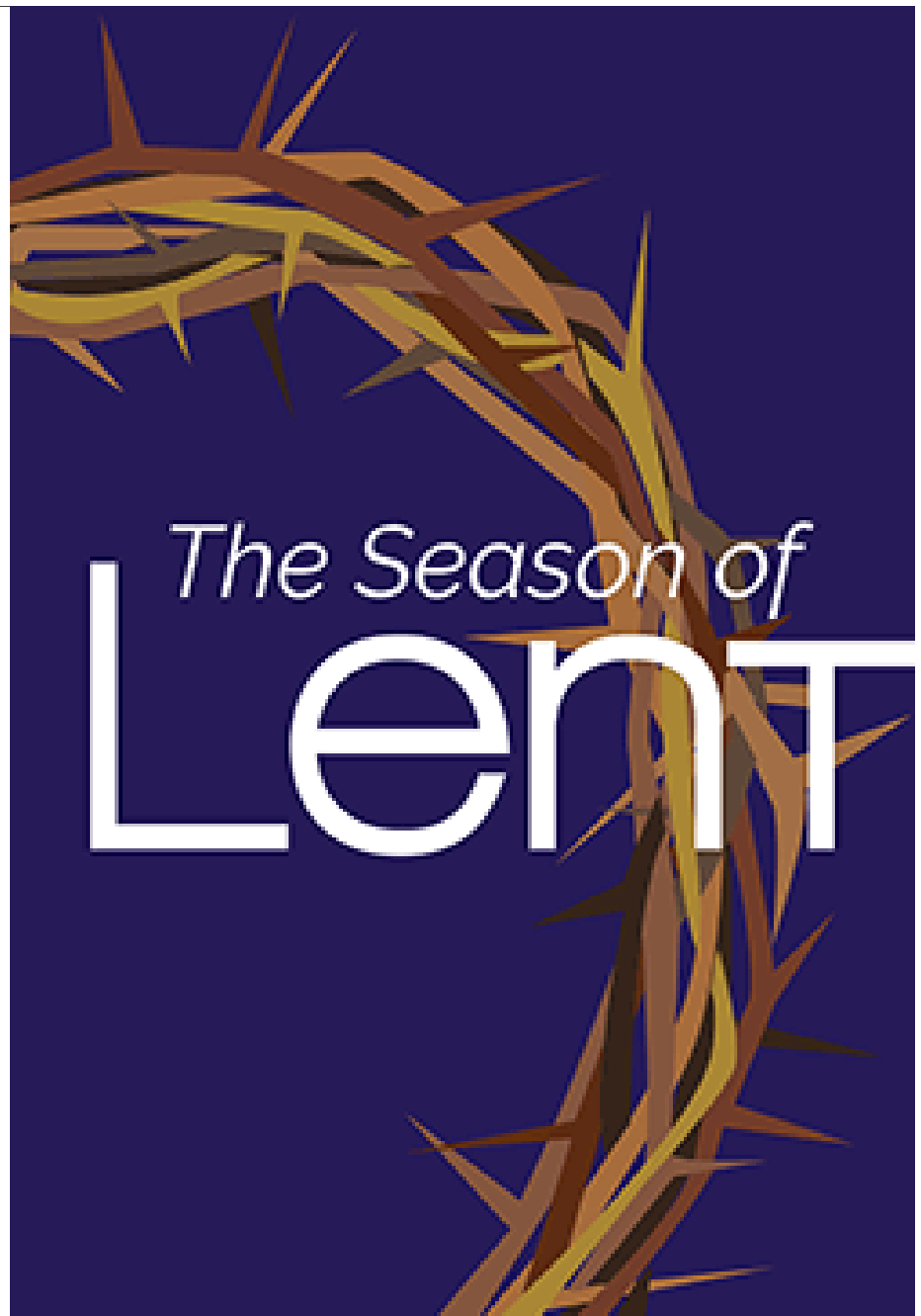
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Jeannine Stewart, Principal



Time, Talent & Treasure

Living

Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service: We, too, are called to be at service to God- we can practice that by being at service to our neighbor. Is there anyone around you (family, friends, neighbors) who can use your assistance in something? Perhaps you can offer to take an elderly friend to Mass or to the grocery store (or even do their shopping for them). You can just be an ear for someone who needs to talk.

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.

February 17/18

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$6,382.....	162
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,712.....	60
Total Collection	\$10,094	222

Reading for Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Ex 20:1-17
Second Reading.....1 Cor 1:22-25
Gospel.....Jn 2:13-25

*For the week of
February 25 2024*



*Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of
Joseph Riccobono*

Parish Office

Monday Through Thursday ~ 9:00^{am} – 5:00^{pm} Friday 9^{am}-1^{pm}

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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.; 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 February 26th

Richard Savano

Tuesday February; 27th

Joseph Riccobono

Wednesday February 28th

Edilia DiVenuto

Thursday,-February 29th

Norah Gottfried

Friday - March 1st

Joel Zabbara

Saturday - March 2nd

5^{pm}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday March 3rd

8^{am}

Robert S. Rankin

10 am

Edward Breslin

12^{pm}

Dominic Akwasi Abu-Amoakoh

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



Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Terry Persina, Lauren Esposito, Sebastian Williams, Estelle Beauchamp, Alyssa Baisch, Jillian Brown, Virginia Butler, Robert J. Heege, Eric Cohen, Kathleen Weiss, Lorraine Vogel, Steven Vacchio, Laura Durant, Joseph De Aguiar, Sal Restivo, Joseph Kiely, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Warne Family, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Christine Mc Cusker, Dominic Percoco, Laura Positano, De Santis Family, Patricia Wowk, Natasha Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendianne & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, Elizabeth Robitaille, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, Dina Rajotte, Ethel Naso, Valarie and Victor Aurigue, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Logan Baar, Fred Detweiler, Babies Aubrey & Grayson, Linda Pennisi, Jennifer Colon, Peter Rodrigues, Jessica Shaffer, Melissa Kitching, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Nicolette Laccasaglia. Mary Carey

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.

On the Second Sunday of Lent, the gospel takes us to the top of a mountain where, according to the accounts of the evangelists, Jesus is transfigured. What Jesus is doing for the apostles and for us is offering encouragement. Recall that on the First Sunday of Lent, Jesus encourages us with His rejection of Satan's temptations. In imitation of the Lord, we are free to reject temptation, too. To do that, our wills must be trained to choose the most important realities, the transcendent ones. Today, the Lord encourages us by giving us a glimpse of what the end looks like. At the end, we are transfigured. Our bodies are glorified in the Resurrection. But we must first live through the darkness of this world, a darkness brought about by our sins. May the light of divine mercy encourage us as we make our way in this valley of tears.

Speaking of encouragement, let me continue to encourage you to make time to be with us on the Monday nights of Lent for our **Holy Hours starting at 7:30 PM**. We had a good turnout last week; let's keep the attendance strong from start to finish (we go all the way through March 18th).

I call attention to the Lenten devotion of **Stations of the Cross** on the **Fridays of Lent at 12 noon in the church**. The turnout was somewhat less than stellar the last time (February 16th). Please make an effort to join us as we recall what Jesus did to save us.

I can tell you at this point we have **rehearsal dates and times for the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum**. For the liturgy on Holy Thursday night, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the rehearsal is on **Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30 PM**. For the liturgy on Good Friday afternoon, the Passion of the Lord, the rehearsal is on **Thursday, March 28th at 4:00 PM**. Again, I ask that all those with **liturgical roles (deacons, lectors, servers)** to **attend the rehearsal**. The liturgy for Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil, is on **Saturday, March 30th at 1:00 PM**.

As you know, we have a period of **Eucharistic Adoration** on **Saturday** afternoons starting at 4:00 PM until 4:45 PM. Before the 5:00 PM Mass and while confessions are heard, please make a point of coming to be with Jesus Whose Presence will be on the altar in a monstrance. Come and adore Him!

Looking ahead a bit, there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** the night of Holy Thursday. It will occur after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Kindly watch the vestibule of the church for a sign-up. The sign-up should be available by the Third Sunday of Lent – if not sooner.

Just a heads-up on a few events on the horizon. We have the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** in early June. The Mass on Sunday the 2nd will be followed by an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Please continue to watch the bulletin for more details. That will be preceded by a **Communion Breakfast** the last Sunday of May (the 26th). Again, please watch the bulletin for more details.

As part of our observance of the **Eucharistic Revival**, I want to call attention to the need for reverence in church at all times, whether Mass is being offered or not. And that would be for all of us too – regardless of age. There is excessive noise and it detracts from prayer and even prevents prayerful silence in the place where the Lord dwells. As part of a Lenten asceticism, I respectfully request that continuous, animated conversation be reserved for the vestibule or outside the church building.

There has been a custom in Catholic parishes of presenting a statistical summary of sacramental celebrations for the year just ended. So, I provide these figures for Saint Margaret now: 53 Baptisms, 62 First Holy Communions, 44 Confirmations, 5 Marriages and 72 Funeral Masses. What should we know about these figures? The Catholic birth rate remains low and family size is smaller than a couple of generations ago. Few Catholic adults are marrying according to the precept of the Church. A lot of weddings now take place at catering halls or at sites without a church or chapel. The least susceptible category to changing cultural *mores* happens to be funerals – although the truth be told, changes are occurring here too. Many Catholics are still buried from parish churches, but more and more of their families are taking advantage of direct cremation and perhaps not even visitation at the funeral home. Catholic Church membership is getting smaller and smaller in the United States, and those who do remain in the Church are electing to go the way of the culture and not the way of their religion. Something to mull over and wonder where the trends are leading us.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



Monday Night Holy Hours

February 26 March 4, 11 & 18

7:30PM–8:30PM

Personal Prayer

Preaching on Themes relating to Holy Eucharist

Benediction



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*For your personal adoration
and prayers,*

Saturday Afternoons

4:00-4:45PM

In the Church

Adoration is the highest act of worship. By sitting quietly before His presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we offer to God what is most personal and pleasing – our time and our hearts. This allows our gracious God to draw us lovingly to Himself. By joining our adoration to prayer and praise, we celebrate that we are the Body of Christ. Come experience the beauty of this holy exchange heart to

Stations of the Cross

Friday March 1, 2024

12 Noon



Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

March 29th 11:00AM



St. Margaret's Spousal Bereavement

Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their husband or wife. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis and participants need not be St. Margaret's parishioners. For more information please contact
Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053



Heart of the Island Council Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. Prospective members call Tom Piderit at 631-682-8711.

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 _____



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

Reconciliation Monday 2024

Monday, March 25th

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre from 2-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps



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“The charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly.”

- St. John XXIII

**February, The Month of
the Holy Family**



DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
**Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics**

Parish Social Ministry



Food Pantry Needs

We are in need of Shelf Stable Milk, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Egg Noodles, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese. and Cans of Beef Stew. Please continue to donate travel size soaps and shampoos, wash clothes and quart size bags for wash up kits.

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.

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Faith Formation

2024 –Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director

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March

3/3 Levels 3 & 4 & 5

3/10 Levels 1 & 2

3/17 Levels 6 & 7

April

4/7 Levels 3, 4 & 5

4/14 Levels 1 & 2

4/21 Levels 6 & 7

May

5/5 Levels 1 & 2

5/12 Levels 6 & 7

5/19 Levels 3 & 4 & 5



Save the Date
Vacation Bible School
July 8, 2024—July 12,
2024



Bible Study Group

Bible Study group meets every Wednesday from 10am to 11am in the parish center. Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator.
Please bring your Bible.