

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

March 3, 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



## ***Pastoral Staff***

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*Pastor* x111

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Parochial Vicar x116

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Dcn Biagio Muratore

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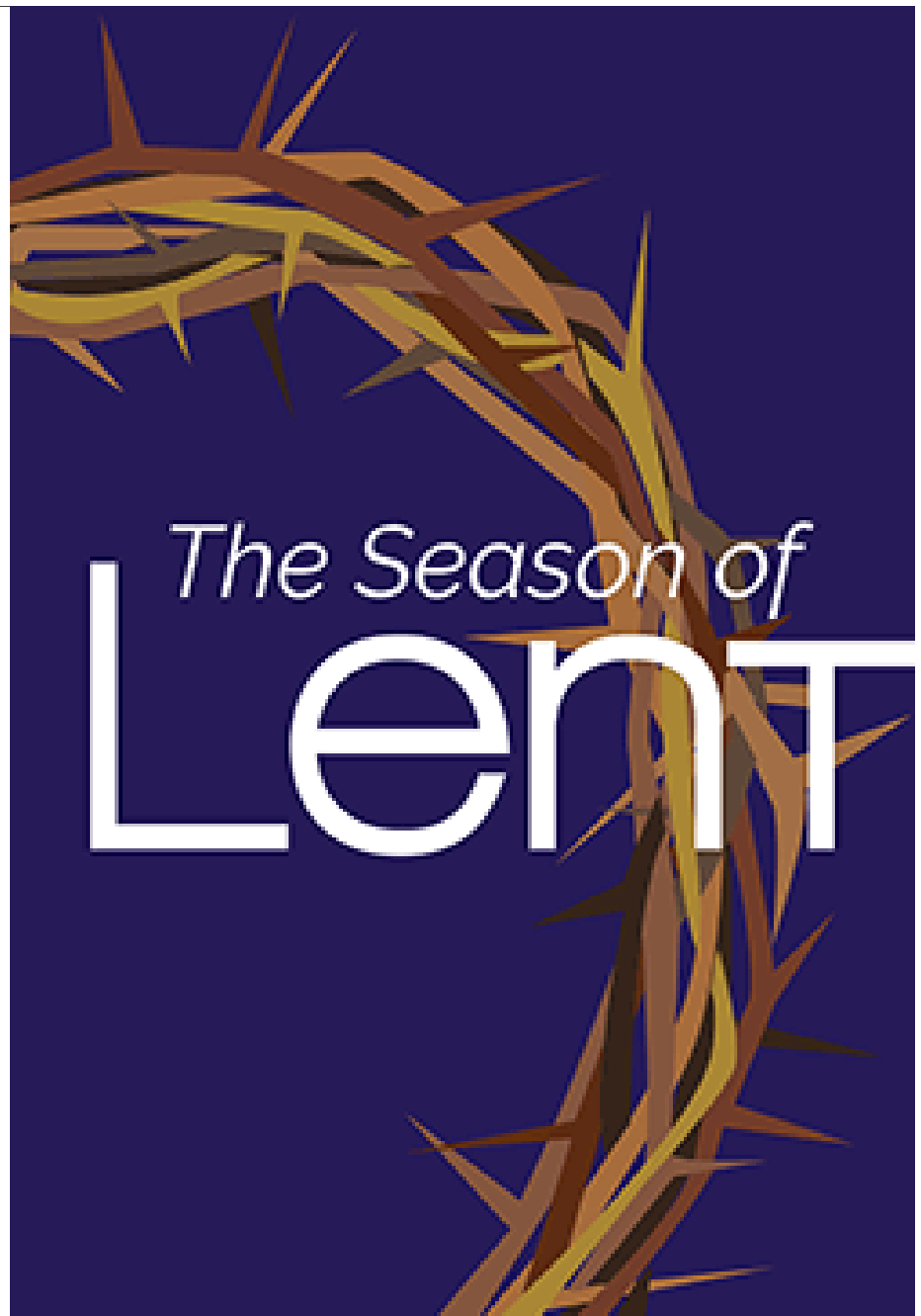
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## ***Holy Angels Regional Catholic School***

Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422

Jeannine Stewart, Principal





**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** When you enter church for Mass, are you conscious of the way you act and/or dress? This Lenten season, be sure to wear your Sunday best (and make that a habit even after Lent) and when you sit in your pew, pray before God—don't scroll through text messages on your phone.

## *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 24/25

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$7,244.....	185
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,554.....	82
	\$11,798	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>267</b>

## Reading for Next Sunday

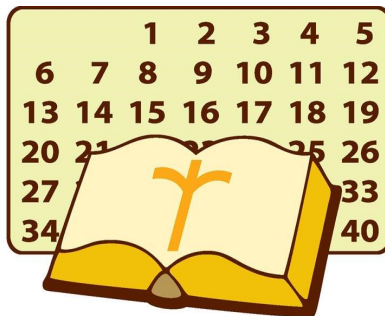
Forth Sunday of Lent

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First Reading.....2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Second Reading.....Ep2:4-10

Gospel.....Jn 3:14-21



## Parish Office

**Monday Through Thursday ~ 9:00<sup>am</sup> – 5:00<sup>pm</sup> Friday 9<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 March 4<sup>th</sup>**

James Smith

**Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>**

John Robert Blaho

**Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Marie Foy

**Thursday,-March 7<sup>th</sup>**

John Balles

### Friday - March 8<sup>th</sup>

In Thanksgiving to St. Margaret from  
Marie Noel

## Saturday - March 9<sup>th</sup>

5 pm

Margaret Jung

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

8<sup>am</sup>

All St. Margaret Parishioners

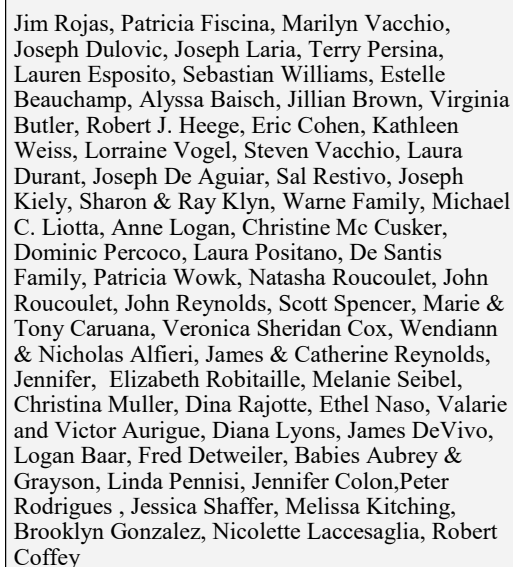
10 am

Nicholas Puzio

12<sup>pm</sup>

Lola &amp; Jose Gallardo Tapia

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



*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.*

We are already at the Third Sunday of Lent, about half way through this penitential season. From this point forward, the gospel at Mass will come from the Gospel according to Saint John. And the first Johannine text, today's, concerns the temple. It is the center of Jewish life in the city of the prophets (Jerusalem). Jesus is in the temple and He is not pleased. He is not pleased because the money-changers have made a mockery of the temple and so He drives them out. Those who watched what Jesus did were astonished and they demanded a sign from Him. This time, Jesus announces that the temple destroyed will be raised up. The evangelist tells us next that Jesus was referring to the temple of His body.

Although we are not yet at Easter, the gospel at today's Mass is prepping us for a celebration of the Resurrection. The prepping is getting us ready not just for a resurrection of the spirit but a bodily one. Although the New Testament is very clear about a bodily Resurrection, an overly spiritualized understanding of Christ's Resurrection has taken root in not a few places. To separate the body from the spirit is basically Gnostic. Gnosticism has been around for a long time and there are, alas, modern versions of this heresy. In every instance of the heresy, priority is given to the intangible over the tangible and fails to affirm the body-soul unity of personhood, which is at the core of our Christian anthropology and serves too as a fundamental dimension for the outlook of Western Civilization.

Speaking of tangible, concrete things, **and** things of the spirit or soul, we have a number of them to comment on for this first Sunday of March.

We continue with the **Holy Hours on Monday nights** – our third one this Lenten season tomorrow night. Continue to join us from 7:30 until 8:30 PM in the church. The Holy Hour consists of time for personal prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the proclamation of Sacred Scripture and preaching on themes related to our witness and discipleship.

We also continue to pray the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays at 12 noon. Again, please join with us as we recall the suffering Jesus endured on His way to victory over the Cross.

Every Saturday, we have a 45 minute period of **Eucharistic Adoration** from 4:00 PM until 4:45 PM. This time frame is ideal for those coming to attend the 5:00 PM Mass and for those who are going to confession. Please take some time to pray before the Eucharistic Lord in the monstrance on the altar.

Further along in the year, we are having a **Communion Breakfast** on May 26<sup>th</sup>, the last Sunday of that month. We invite all to join us at the 10:00 AM Mass (the Communion part) and the Breakfast in the auditorium immediately following the Mass. More details will be forthcoming right after Easter.

The very next week (on June 2<sup>nd</sup>) we will mark the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. The principal Mass that weekend is at 10:00 AM. Following the Mass at 10:00 AM, there will be an outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament as we had last year. There will be a light reception in the church basement following the Procession. Again, more details will follow post-Easter.

At the end of this month, starting on the 24<sup>th</sup>, **Holy Week** commences. I mention now the importance of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. As I have said many times before, attendance at the liturgies of the **Sacred Triduum** has fallen way off from the 1970s and 1980s. I encourage all to make an effort to pray with us on these days at the prescribed hours.

Regarding Holy Thursday, I mention that there will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**. We are looking for parishioners to keep vigil before the Holy Eucharist up until midnight. That is approximately three hours in length. We will have a sign-up for that in the vestibule of the church in the next few days.

The rehearsal dates and times for the liturgies of the **Triduum** have been established. They were indicated in last week's bulletin. There are reminders on the church bulletin boards too. These are important moments for us to prepare well for the grace the Lord bestows on us through the rites themselves. All who are assigned to these liturgies are **required** to attend the rehearsals. We want to pray reverently the Church's prayer, and that can only occur if we know what we are to do and when we are to do it.

A future edition of the bulletin will have the complete schedule for Holy Week. For now, I just want to say that early in Holy Week there is something called **Reconciliation Monday** (March 25<sup>th</sup>). This is a rather long-time practice of the Church here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre wherein priests are available to hear the confessions of penitents for six hours, beginning in the middle of the afternoon and going through 9:00 PM. More commentary will be offered on that next week.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



## Monday Night Holy Hours

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 8, 2024

12 Noon



# Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

March 29th 11:00AM



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## 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.



# St. Margaret of Scotland Church

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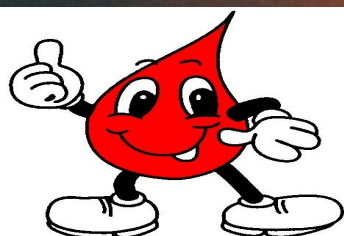
## FILIPINO MASS

Sunday, March 10

ROSARY AT 2:00 PM

MASS AT 2:30 PM

*"The Filipino Catholic Community in our ministry  
to strengthen our Catholic Faith  
and keep our Culture and Tradition alive."*



## Thank You

To all who donated at St. Margaret's Blood Drive

There were 60 whole blood donations which equals  
more than 236 lives affected.

Special Thanks to The Heart of the Island Council  
of The Knights of Columbus and The New York  
Blood Center

## Parish Social Ministry



### Food Pantry Needs

**We are in need of Shelf Stable Milk, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Egg Noodles, Toothpaste 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

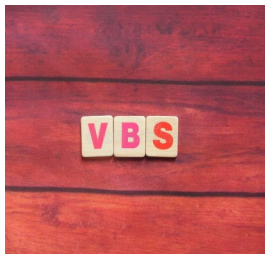
4/21 Levels 6 & 7

#### 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.