



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

March 31, 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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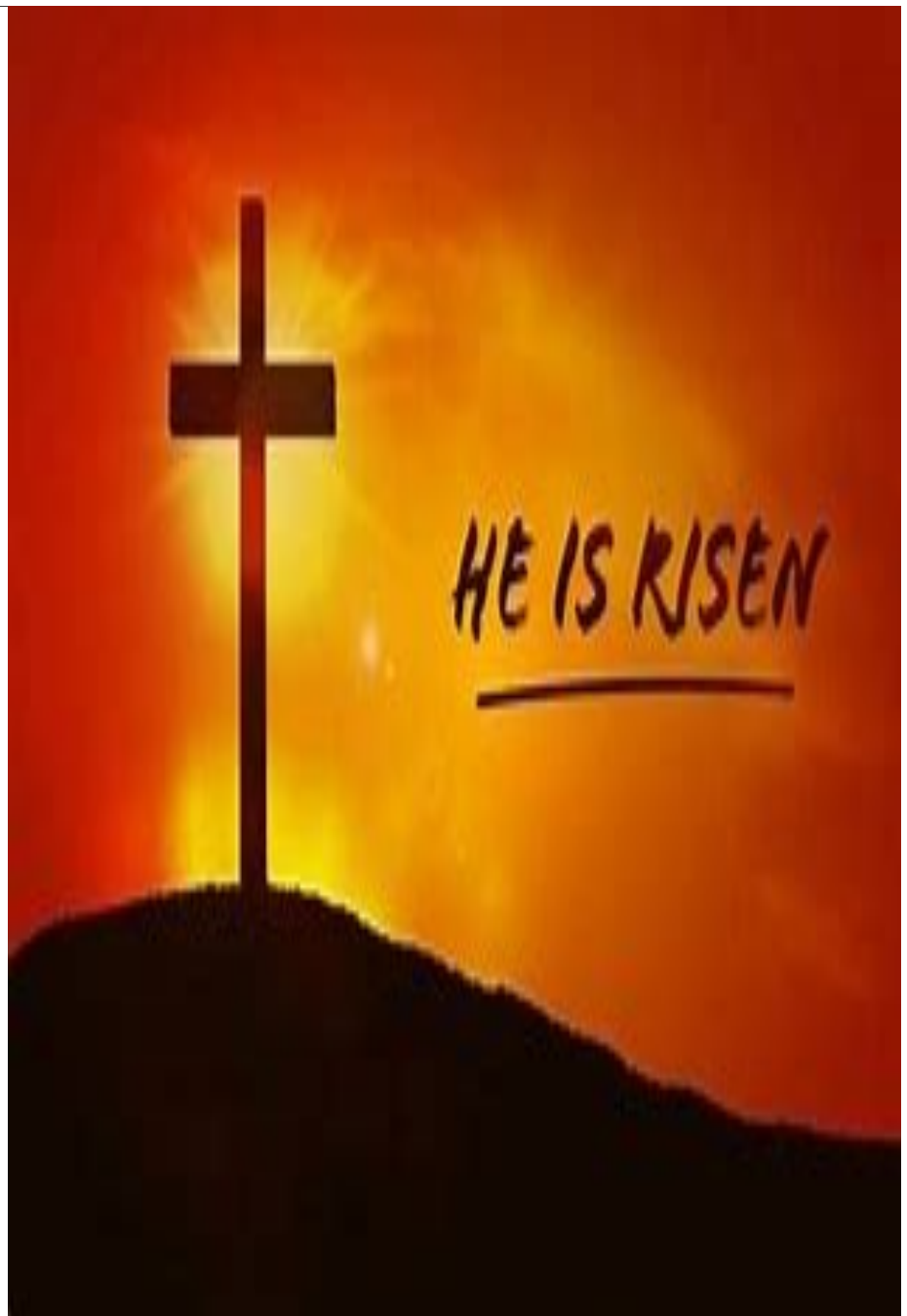
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Jeannine Stewart, Principal





Sacrificial Giving

March 16/17

Reading for Next Sunday
Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 4:32-35
Second Reading.....1 Jun 5 1-6
Gospel.....Jun 20:19-31

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.

Monday April 1st

Tuesday April 2nd

Wednesday April 3rd

Thursday,-April 4th

Friday - April 5th

Saturday - April 6th

Mary Jane Kogler

Sunday April 7th

All St. Margaret Parishioners

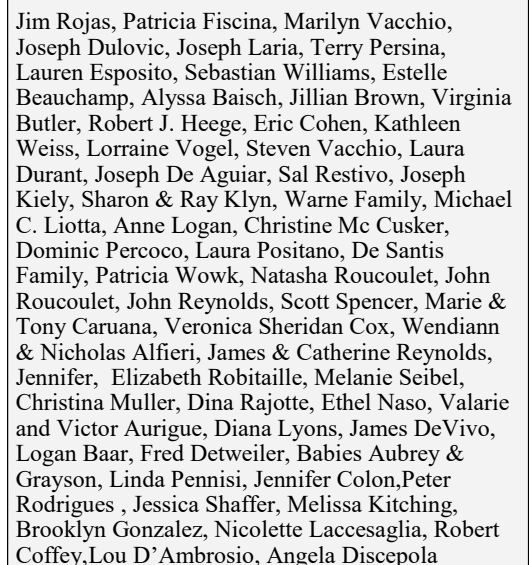
10 am

Margaret Biddle

12^{pm}

Joseph Baffa

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.

In the gospel for Easter Sunday, we have Saint John's account of the two apostles, Peter and John, discovering the tomb empty. The evangelist records how John, the younger of the two, outran Peter and arrived first at the sepulcher. But the younger apostle deferred to Peter and allowed him to enter first. John followed and the evangelist remarks of him that he saw and believed. (cf. Jn 20:8)

Seeing leads to believing. But why is it said of only one apostle that he believed? John is the beloved apostle. (cf. Jn 21:20) He sees and believes out of love.

Love is not an illusion, it's not a deception. It doesn't mistake beauty for dread but it sees the beauty in dread. And here I'm referring to the Cross. The apostle who sees and believes out of love is there at the Cross too. (cf. Jn 19:26) He is the only apostle on Calvary; all the others had scattered. The ten others (excluding Judas whom we believe took his own life) couldn't bring themselves to see a suffering and dying Jesus. Their eyes couldn't stand the sight.

Christian love doesn't turn a blind eye to the unpleasant and the embarrassing. It sees and beholds it. Recall that just a few days ago, in the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, the priest held aloft a wooden cross and sang: "Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world." (*Roman Missal*) Our response was not exactly timid or retiring: "Come, let us worship," we cried out. (*Roman Missal*) All these centuries later, it's easy to sing out in full measure – after all, we are just gazing on a replica of the real thing. But John saw the real thing: a real crucifixion and a real Risen Christ.

Paul of Tarsus was a man who thought he saw things accurately but he was terribly wrong about his first perception. In the Acts of the Apostles, the sacred author describes a blind Paul (cf. Acts 8-9) before his conversion. The blindness is removed when Ananias lays hands on him. (cf. Acts 9:12) Amazingly, "things like scales fell away from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized." (Acts 9:18)

What accounts for this conversion? I would suggest it is love. It is the more excellent way in Saint Paul's estimate and leads the apostle to write that magnificent ode to love in his First Letter to the Corinthians. After the wonderful description that he offers – Love is patient, love is kind . . . – he writes the following: "At present we see darkly, as if through a glass." (1 Cor. 13:12)

There is a radical incompleteness to our lives. We think we see sharply but we really don't. What the Resurrection does is allow us to see with the eyes of faith. We are given a glimpse of what is in store for those who love. For us, there is no surprise when Jesus calls loving God the greatest commandment. (cf. Matt 22:34-40) Yet, the most remarkable thing of all is not that we love God, but that He loves us first. (cf. 1 Jn 4:10)

If the Incarnation is the first installment in divine love, the Resurrection must be close to the end then. All that's left is for the Lord to give us a body on the pattern of the Son's glorified body. (cf. Phil 3:21) That is what we hope and pray for as Catholic Christians – a body on the pattern of the Son's glorified body. It is also what we catch a glimpse of in the act of Eucharistic Communion. We who receive Holy Communion worthily eat the Bread which has come down from heaven and will bring us to heaven. (cf. Jn 6:51) There isn't a more profound union with the Lord we can have now, in this life. It foreshadows the life which is ours for all eternity in heaven.

To all the parishioners of Saint Margaret, I wish you a Happy Easter! Let us sing out in full-throated manner the word we haven't used in a while: Alleluia!

He is risen. Rejoice!

Msgr. Batule

Pastor



Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families! Thank you for your love for the inspired Word of God. Thank you for your love for the Resurrection appearances of our Lord in this Easter season and the way your lives are set on fire in your meditation and contemplation of these mysteries.

Thank you for your fidelity to the Eucharist and the Sunday Mass and your Catholic spirit of evangelization. Thank you for being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states: “Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history...Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power.”(276)

We continue to live through “the storms of history” and we rely on the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and so many other troubled areas of the world. | We ask the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds experienced in our own country.

In *The Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton captured the power of our Lord’s Resurrection experienced in the cycles of history. He wrote: “Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.”

This Easter and every Easter we celebrate this Everlasting Man who knew his way out of the grave and who invites us and the Catholic Church on Long Island to a great Resurrection.

Faithfully in the Lord,

+ *John O. Barres*
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

| See Pope Francis’ December 25, 2023 *Urbi et Orbi* Message

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on **St. THOMAS the APOSTLE - Part I**
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verse

APOSTLE THOMAS
Touching the Wounded Lord
Gospel of John 20. 19-31
Encountering the Risen One

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



"The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life."

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

April 8
Solemnity of the
Annunciation of the Lord



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**Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics**

Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena will begin on Good Friday, March 29th after 8:30am morning prayer and after the 3:00pm Passion Service.

Holy Saturday will be after 8:30am morning prayer.

Easter Sunday will be private.

Daily Novena continues after morning mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7th at 3:00pm in the church.



Thank you to everyone that attended our bagel breakfast on St. Patrick's day, and to our Knights of Columbus for sponsoring it.

A good time was had by all



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'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

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

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

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.



Wedding Banns

Banns I: Nino Prodigalidad, St. Margaret of Scotland
 & Caitlin Galaida, St. Josephs Lutheran



Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2438 Present

A Victorian Tea

Saturday April 20, 2024 from 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm



For additional information or for information on joining Junior Catholic Daughters please contact Debora at (631)299-1763 or Deborarn615@aol.com. The group is open to girls ages 6-18 and is dedicated to our blessed Mother. Meetings are held at St. Francis Cabrini Church, Coram.