

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

March 10, 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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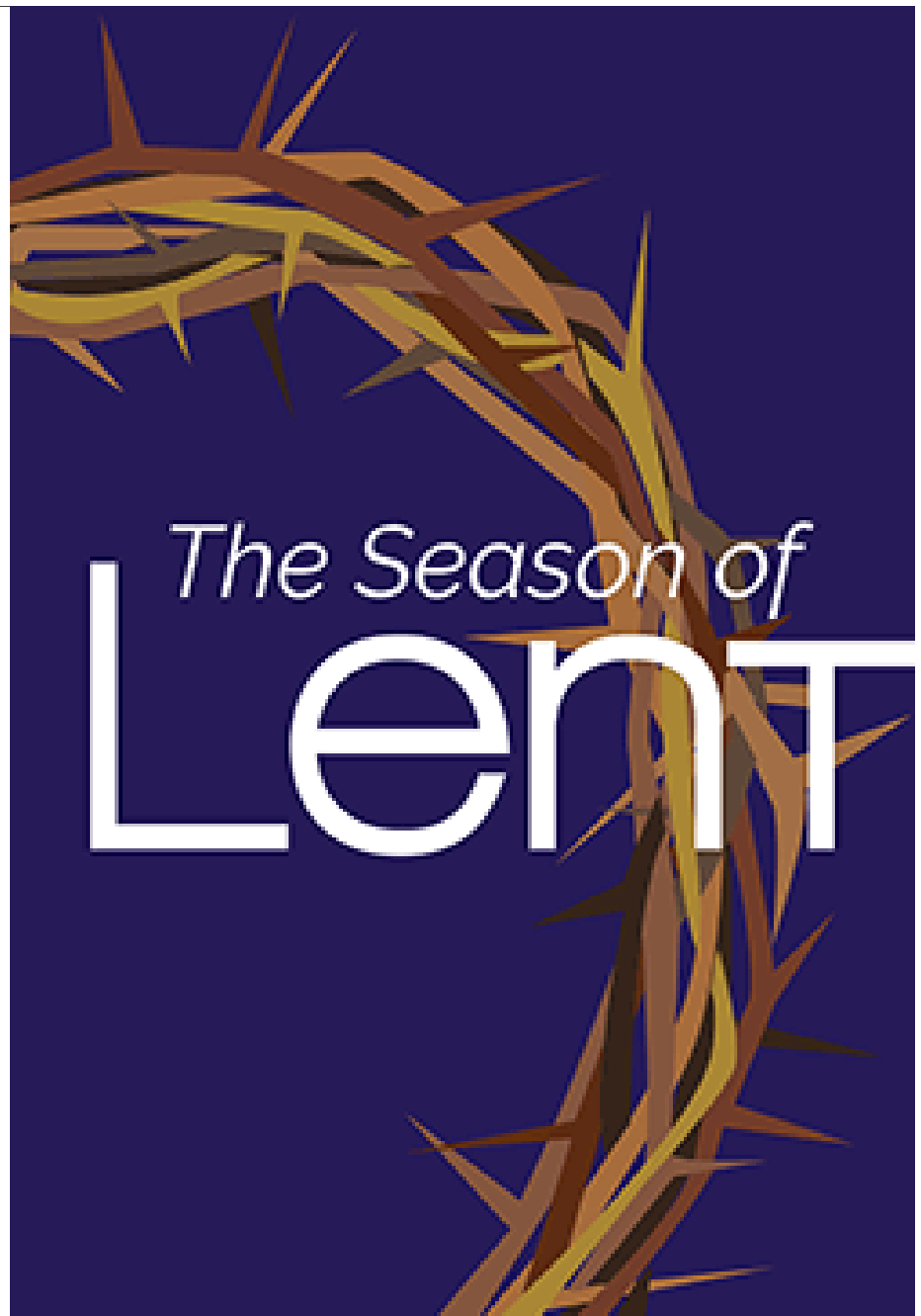
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Holy Angels Regional Catholic School

Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422

Jeannine Stewart, Principal



Time, Talent & Treasure

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: As Catholics, we are called to bring the light of Christ to others. Let your light attract others to Christ through good works, compassion and patience.

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.

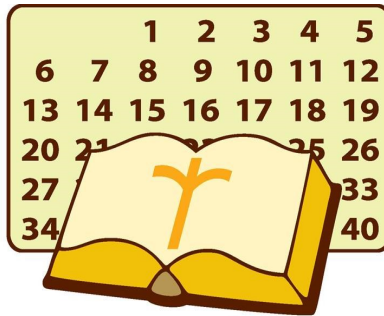
March 2/3

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$7,700.....	178
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,830.....	78
Total Collection	\$10,530	256

Reading for Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Jer 31:31-34
Second Reading.....Heb 5:7-9
Gospel.....Jn 12:20-33



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 March 11th

The living & deceased members of the
Bishop McDonnell Class of June 1952

Tuesday March 12th

Joe Zabbara

Wednesday March 13th

Ralph Marciante

Thursday,-March 14th

Lauren Fennell

Friday - March 15th

Ambrose Amoakoh

Saturday - March 16th

5^{pm}

Mary Jane Kogler

Sunday March 17th

8^{am}

Kevin DePeter

10 am

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12^{pm}

Gail Ingleston

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, Robert Coffey, Lou D'Ambrosio

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 have another passage from Saint John's Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent today. In the text, Jesus declares, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (Jn 3:14) As we saw last Sunday, we are being prepped for the Resurrection. Being lifted up is our clue. Jesus is lifted up in His Resurrection. And that implicates us. We will be lifted up from the dead too, that we might share in the eternal Kingdom of heaven. This victory over death is what is promised to those who have faith in the Anointed One. And it has been promised by the Lord Himself Who was lifted up first.

We cannot dismiss the darkness of the world. Jesus didn't. For He Himself is the light which pierces the darkness to which we are all subject, and invites us to walk with Him into the land of the living. And we do so with trust and confidence. Let us continue then to make our Lenten journey to the Cross that we might hear Jesus say to us, what He said to Dismas, . . . "you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

Plan to be with us for our last two **Holy Hours** on Monday nights. The dates are the 11th and the 18th. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed, there is time for personal prayer, there is also the proclamation of Scripture and preaching. The hour closes with Benediction.

The same goes for **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays at 12 noon in the church. We gather on the 15th and 22nd – both before we enter Holy Week.

As always, we have **Eucharistic Adoration** on Saturday afternoons beginning at 4:00 PM. We have set aside this time for those going to sacramental confession or to the 5:00 PM Mass. We invite all to join us as we seek the Presence of the One Who promised to be with us until the end of time.

We mention again that we are holding a **Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, May 26th. The breakfast will be held after the 10:00 AM Mass in the church. Please see future editions of the bulletin for more details about the event.

The **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** follows a week after our Communion Breakfast. The principal Mass on Sunday, June 2nd is at 10:00 AM. Following the Mass, there will be an outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament. And following the Procession, there will be a light reception in the auditorium. For all of those exercising liturgical ministries in our parish, we ask that you attend the Mass and participate in the Procession. This pertains to lectors, extraordinary ministers, ushers, and choir members. Please see future editions of the bulletin for more details on this day.

As we get closer to Holy Week, we ask our liturgical ministers who are assigned to **Sacred Triduum liturgies to be aware of rehearsals and to attend them.**

Speaking of Holy Week, I ask parishioners to make every effort to attend the liturgies of the **Triduum. Attendance at these rites has fallen way off in the last few decades.** Please see our schedule for the times on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

On **Holy Thursday night**, following the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church until midnight. Please see the sign-up poster in the vestibule of the church. The church is open until midnight. As the Blessed Sacrament will be available for three hours then, please take time to be with Our Savior in prayer following the Mass at 7:30 PM.

From time to time, we get inquiries about the possibility of adult Catholics being able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those adults who never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation may do so on Sunday, May 19th, the **Solemnity of Pentecost**. Before the celebration of the Sacrament, there is a period of catechesis commencing on Monday, April 8th. Those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament are required to attend the catechetical sessions (five of them on Monday nights beginning at 7:30 PM). Those who wish to be confirmed should call the pastoral center so we know whom to expect when we begin the period of catechesis.

As promised, I want to make a comment on **Reconciliation Monday** which is March 25th. There are two hours in the afternoon to celebrate the **Sacrament of Penance** (from 2 until 4 PM). Beginning at 6:00 PM, there are three consecutive hours to go to confession. Please set aside time to use the sacrament then or on Saturday, March 30th in the morning at 11:00 AM until 12 noon. There are **no** confessions heard on Saturday, March 30th at 4:00 PM.

Looking ahead a bit, we have our annual **May Crowning** on Mother's Day (May 12th) immediately following the 12 noon Mass. All are invited to process with us to the grotto on our property and honor Our Lady with hymns and prayers.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



Monday Night Holy Hours

March 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

the Church

In

*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 heart.*

Stations of the Cross
 Friday March 15, 2024
 12 Noon



Family Stations of the Cross
 Good Friday
 March 29th 11:00AM



Please join us in Celebrating
 St. Patrick's Day
 Sunday March 17, 2024

Immediately following the 10AM mass In the church auditorium.

Hospitality will be served

Sponsored by Heart of the Island Chapter

Knights of Columbus

Sacrificial Giving

Following is the sacrificial giving amounts for the month of
February

<i>February 3/4</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	<i>\$8,834</i>	<i>206</i>
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	<i>\$3,260</i>	<i>78</i>
<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$12,004</i>	<i>284</i>

<i>February 10/11</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	<i>\$8,208</i>	<i>194</i>
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	<i>\$4,584</i>	<i>69</i>
<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$12,792</i>	<i>263</i>

<i>February 17/18</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	<i>\$6,382</i>	<i>162</i>
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	<i>\$3,712</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$10,094</i>	<i>222</i>

<i>February 24/25</i>	<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Envelope</i>
<i>Collected at Mass</i>	<i>\$7,244</i>	<i>185</i>
<i>Mailed Envelopes</i>	<i>\$4554</i>	<i>82</i>
<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$11,798</i>	<i>267</i>



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.



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

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 _____

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.