

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

March 17, 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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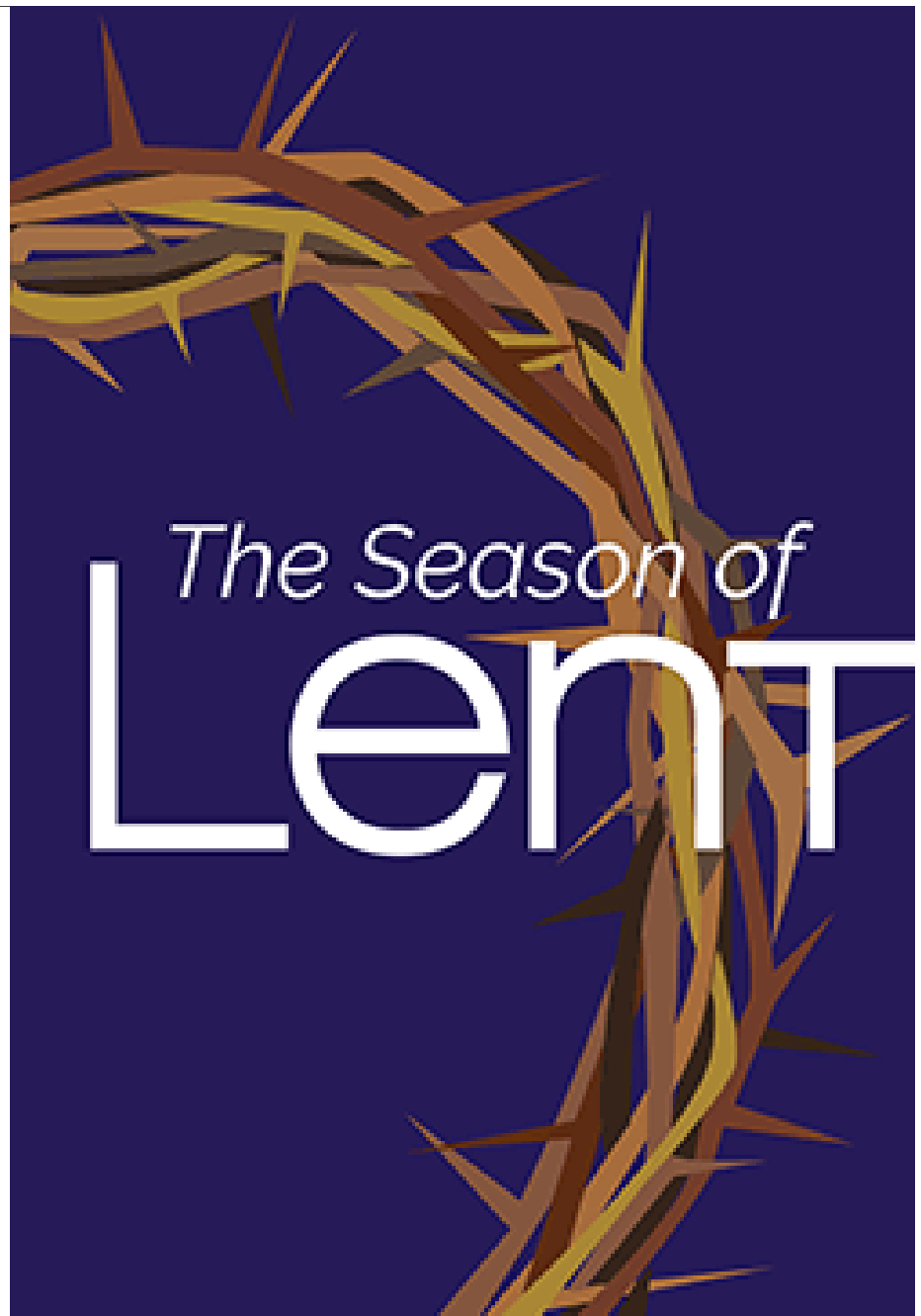
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Jeannine Stewart, Principal



Time, Talent & Treasure

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: As we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, let us drive out all of the snakes in our lives—the actions and thoughts that separate us from Christ.

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 9/10

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| | Stewardship | Envelope |
| Collected at Mass | \$6,977..... | 165 |
| Mailed Envelopes | \$5,072..... | 67 |
| Total Collection | \$12,049 | 232 |

Reading for Next Sunday

Palm Sunday

First Reading.....MK 11:1-10
Second Reading.....Is 50:4-7
Gospel.....Phil 2:6-11

For the week of
March 17 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}

(631)732-3131

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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 18th

Genevieve & Josephy Convery

Tuesday March 19th

Elinor Finegan

Wednesday March 20th

The living and deceased members of the
Bishop McConnell Class of January 1952

Thursday,-March 21st

Joseph Riccobono

Friday - March 22nd

Elisa & Reinaldo Velez

Saturday - March 23rd

5^{pm}

Eugene Kelly Jr.

Sunday March 24th

8am

Michael Fusco

10 am

Alfred & Edilia DiVenuto

12^{pm}

All St. Margaret Parishioners

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, Angela Discepolo

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.

Happy Saint Patrick Day! And the same greeting for Saint Joseph Day too!

As we move toward the end of the Lenten season (today is the Fifth Sunday and a week from today we start Holy Week), we have yet another passage from Saint John's Gospel. It concerns, partially, the matter of Jesus' "hour." The Lord is not yet there but He is getting closer. The "hour" is the glorification of the Son on the Cross. What leads up to that "hour" is of course Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem – the city of the prophets. The prophets who preceded the King of Kings preached repentance with their mouths and their speech. Jesus did the most eloquent preaching of His ministry by dying for us. As Saint John says in the Gospel bearing his name, "God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son." (Jn 3:16) The "giving" was first in the Incarnation, and then in the Paschal Mystery. That "giving" of Jesus in His dying and rising knows no equal in history. No one else in history had risen from the dead. Yet His Resurrection was but first fruits. We follow Him to the grave, and we rise too.

Again, though, it's just the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Let us continue to hold fast to the word of the Lord before His death on Calvary. In today's second reading, the sacred author writes that Jesus "offered prayers and supplications." (Heb 5:7) May our prayers and supplications contribute to our righteous justification as we come before the throne of mercy.

As you may have seen since early in this calendar year, work was being done on the roof of the pastoral center building here on our campus. It took more than three weeks for Preferred Exteriors of New Hyde Park to complete a **roof replacement**. It had become necessary, the roof replacement, that is, after severe downpours of rain in the autumn of last year brought gushing water into the building's interior through the ceiling in several places. When all was said and done, the cost came in at **\$120,000.00**. As I always say, support your parish **generously** and **sacrificially**.

I also say: join us for **Holy Hours** on the Monday nights of Lent and join us for **Stations of the Cross**. Our last Monday night Holy Hour is March 18th beginning at 7:30 PM. We pray the Stations at 12 noon on Friday the 22nd for the last time this Lenten season.

Please see the display in the vestibule of the church for the sign-up for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday night. The church is open till midnight on March 28th. There are three hours indicated on the sign-up. We are asking you to pray for ONE HOUR after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.**

The last Monday of this month, the 25th, is ordinarily the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This year, it is transferred to April 8th because Monday the 25th of March is Monday of Holy Week. And on Monday of Holy Week, for many, many years, we have had what is known as **Reconciliation Monday, wherein priests are available to hear confessions for several hours in the afternoon and evening. Please see the schedule on the church bulletin boards for the hours you can go to sacramental confession.**

On Reconciliation Monday, there will be copies of **examinations of conscience in the church**. These are offered to assist penitents **before** they go to sacramental confession. Please avail yourself of these to help you make a good and integral confession.

As the weekly bulletin has indicated for weeks now, Catholic adults (over the age of 18) who never celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** may do so on May 19th this year. On May 19th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Pentecost. At the 12 noon Mass that day, adults will be confirmed following a period of catechesis starting on Monday the 8th of April. For those interested, please call the pastoral center during regular business hours and let us know that you will be participating.**

As this bulletin has indicated before, late in May – on Sunday the 26th – we are having a **Communion Breakfast. It starts with the 10:00 AM Mass and continues with Breakfast in the auditorium. On the first two weekends of May, there will be a sign-up in the church vestibule for the Breakfast.**

Please see the schedule for Holy Week at Saint Margaret. It lists the liturgies of the **Sacred Triduum** and also includes **Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.** Please note the time for Morning Prayer each of those days. It is **8:30 AM.** We invite all of our parishioners to join us as we use the Church's prayer to start the day. Obviously, the daily Masses at 9:00 AM are not held for the Triduum.

The day after Easter – Easter Monday as it is called – resumes our daily Masses at 9:00 AM. Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



Monday Night Holy Hour

March 18 7:30PM–8:30PM

Personal Prayer, Preaching on Themes relating to Holy Eucharist, and 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 heart.

Stations of the Cross

Friday March 22, 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
10AM mass In the church

auditorium. Hospitality will be served.

Sponsored by Heart of the Island Chapter

Knights of Columbus



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 Deboram615@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.

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.



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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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



Save the Date
Vacation Bible
School

July 8, 2024—July 12, 2024



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