

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

March 24, 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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## *Sacrificial Giving*

## March 16/17

Reading for Next Sunday  
Easter Sunday

*For the week of  
March 24 2024*



## 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.

**Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday,-March 28<sup>th</sup>**

## Friday - March 29<sup>th</sup>

## Saturday - March 30<sup>th</sup>

All Saint Margaret's Parishioners

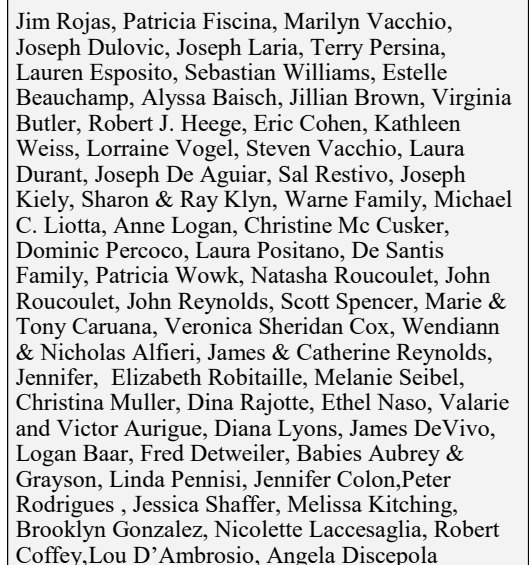
**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Joseph DePeter

Cathleen Piazza

Frank Chick Piraneo

**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.*

Today the Church opens Holy Week with our observance of **Palm Sunday**. The name Palm Sunday derives from the palm branches placed on the ground for Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem before His Passion and Resurrection. The liturgy we celebrate today is a commemoration of the saving acts of Our Lord Who laid down His life for us on Calvary and then was raised up in glory on Easter.

I wish to emphasize that Holy Week makes a claim on each one of us to remember yes, but even more important than remembering is to participate in the rites which bring us into deeper union with Christ Who brought about our salvation by adhering faithfully to the Father's will.

As for the Mass offered today, the first day of Holy Week, it is longer than usual and puts a sharp focus on what the Lord did to save us from sin and death. I recommend then that you use the Gospel of the Passion, today's text, as an aid to your personal prayer, realizing that the best and most revealing test of love is suffering. How might I unite my suffering in the daily course of my life to that which Christ endured out of love for me?

On **Monday of Holy Week**, I urge you to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Penance during the hours established for this purpose. A priest is available between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 PM and again between 6:00 and 9:00 PM. That would be five hours for sacramental confession on what is known as **Reconciliation Monday**. We will have available then for penitents copies of examinations of conscience. You are encouraged to consider using one or more of them before celebrating the sacrament.

A few days later, on **Holy Thursday** at 7:30 PM, we recall the Last Supper which Jesus shared with His apostles in the upper room. It is the beginning of the **Sacred Triduum**. At the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the liturgy calls us to reflect upon and be attentive to the Holy Eucharist, the ministerial priesthood and fraternal charity. Following the Mass, the church remains open until midnight for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please see the sign-up board in the vestibule of the church and mark when you will keep vigil for ONE HOUR.

On **Good Friday**, the Church prays the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 PM. The liturgy has three parts: the proclaimed biblical readings, the veneration of the Cross, and the reception of Holy Communion. In the evening, we have Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM.

The next day, **Holy Saturday**, the Easter Vigil is celebrated at 8:00 PM. While there are no Baptisms or Confirmations this year, we pray the Church throughout the world will continue to behold the light of Christ which dispels the darkness of ignorance and falsehood.

On **Holy Saturday** afternoon, there will be **no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM**. It will resume on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

I take this opportunity to encourage parishioners to come to the liturgies I just mentioned above, especially the Holy Thursday night Mass and the Liturgy of the Passion in the afternoon of Good Friday. In recent years, attendance at these two liturgies has fallen way off as to become anemic.

The special character of the **Sacred Triduum** has us praying **Morning Prayer** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. We begin at **8:30 AM** on each of those days. Please join us as we pray the psalms and listen to the biblical readings which the Church's sons and daughters in consecrated life use every day in convents and friaries all over the world.

In addition to the Diocesan Day of Reconciliation on Monday of Holy Week, we also have the **Sacrament of Penance** on Holy Saturday morning starting at 11:00 AM. This time, the period of time for confessions is one hour until 12 noon.



Those who have liturgical roles in the liturgies during the **Triduum**, and that includes **deacons, lectors, servers** are reminded that there are rehearsals. It is necessary that they attend the rehearsals at the designated times. See the bulletin boards in church for the dates and times of the rehearsals.

As you know, Good Friday is a day of **universal fast and abstinence** for those between the ages of 14 and 59 years of age. Catholics should limit themselves to one full meal and no eating in between meals on the day we mark Jesus' death.

I want to appeal to your generosity in the **financial support** of our parish at Easter. Please give to Saint Margaret the most generous gift you can this year. We need to keep pace with our expenses which come without fail in every season of the year.

The last **daily Mass** this week is on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Following Easter Sunday, daily Mass resumes on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, please join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Mondays through Fridays throughout the Easter season.

On the Second Sunday of Easter, that is, on April 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have the **Divine Mercy** devotion in the church at 3:00 PM. All are invited to join with us.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



Blessing of the  
Food

Holy Saturday

March 30, 2024

10:30AM

Please be on time!



The Parish Center will be closed on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in observance of Good Friday. We will reopen on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00AM.



## ***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.*

## St. Margaret of Scotland Holy Week Schedule



### Palm Sunday

Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> -- 5PM

Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> -- 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM

### Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Confessions 2:00PM ~ 4:00PM and 6:00PM ~ 9:00PM

### Holy Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer ~ 8:30AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 Midnight

### Good Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer ~ 8:30AM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion ~ 3PM

Stations of the Cross ~ 7:30PM

### Holy Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer 8:30AM

Confessions -- 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Easter Vigil ~ 8:00PM

### Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>

Masses 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM

## 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 25<sup>th</sup>

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](http://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

Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

March 29th 11:00AM



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.