



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

April 21, 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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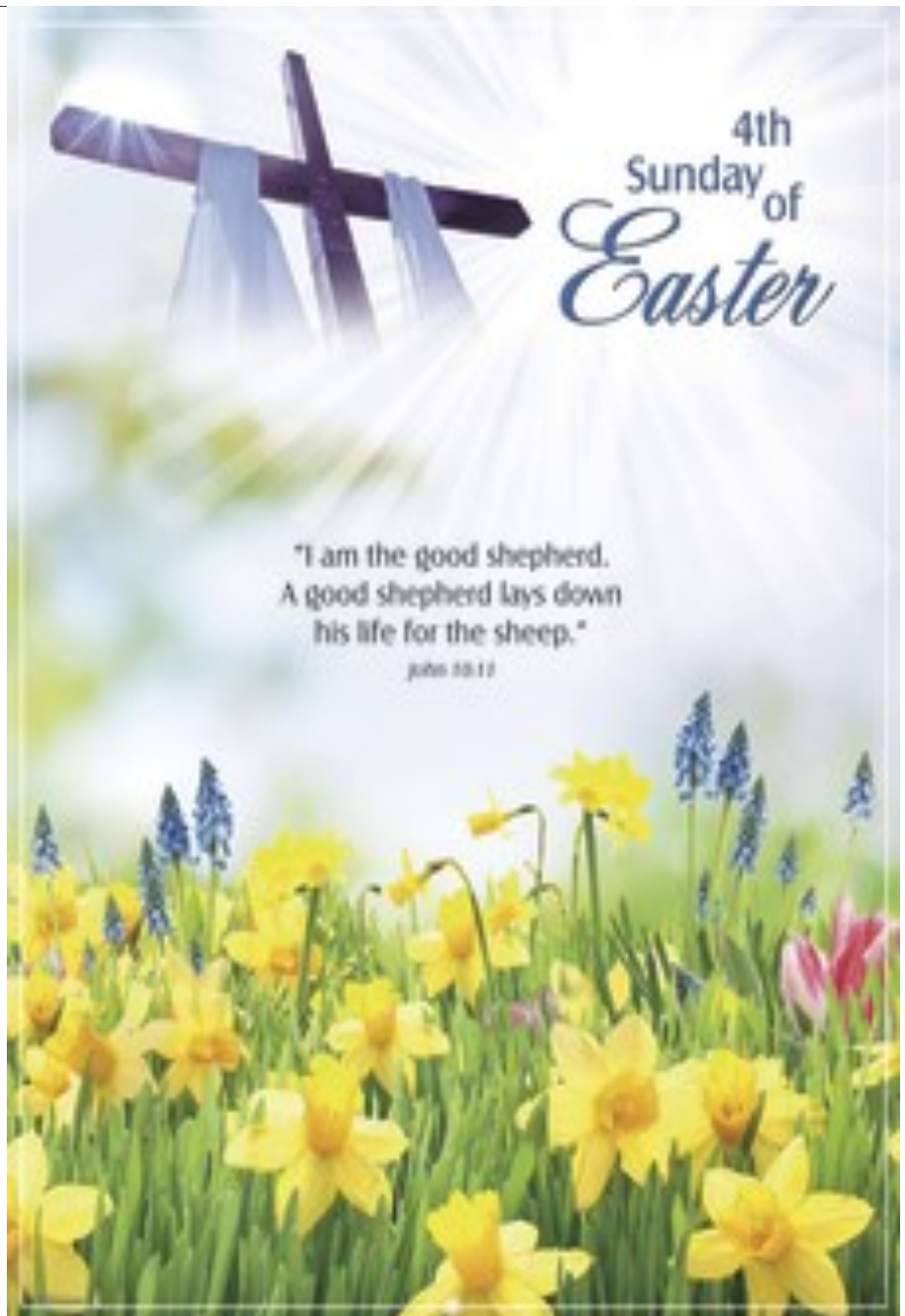
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Holy Angels Regional Catholic School

Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422

Jeannine Stewart, Principal





Time, Talent & Treasure

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: Remember that the Holy Name of Jesus is powerful. This week (and throughout your whole life), invoke the name of Jesus when faced with temptation, fear or worry. Silently call upon His name in faith and trust.

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.

April 13/14

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$7,267.....	181
Mailed Envelopes	\$6,057.....	92
Total Collection	\$13,324	273

Reading for Next Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Easter

- First Reading.....Acts 9:26-31
- Second Reading.....1 Jn 3:18-24
- Gospel.....Jn 15:1-8

*For the week of
April 21, 2024*



*Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of
Mary Carey*

Parish Office

Monday Through Thursday ~ 9:00 am – 5:00pm Friday 9am-1pm

(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., Wed, Thurs. ~ 10 am – 2 pm. Call for appointment - x119.

Masses for the Week

Monday April 22nd

Frank Lagucle

Tuesday April 23rd

Anthony Guloo

Wednesday April 24th

The Pietrozziello Family

Thursday, -April 25th

Prayer Warriors of the 9am Daily Mass

Friday - April 26th

Luigi Assalone

Saturday - April 27th

5^{pm}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday April 28th

8^{am}

Robert P. Rankin

10^{am}

Janet A. Klein

12^{pm}

Margaret Jung

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



Jim Rojas, 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 Wovk, Natasha Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & 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 Discepola, Jack Muller

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.

For the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles today, that a miraculous healing took place at Saint Peter's hands. The apostle attributes the healing not to his own power but to Jesus Christ the Nazarene. (Acts 4:12) It is a good opportunity to reflect upon how the Lord's grace is at work in the world, and how we are sometimes the conduit or the vessel by which the Lord's will is effectuated. In other words, we are the instruments of the divine handiwork etched in creation. We are blessed that the Lord has used in this way, and we rejoice with those who have received the Lord's favor through what we might term our agency. We must be careful though that we don't become smug in the service of Christ; as it were, we hold it over those who are not chosen the way we have been chosen. Be on guard against smugness and follow the example of Saint Peter. Defer to Christ Who can heal the soul and the body.

Our annual **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary** takes place on Mother's Day, that being May 12th this year. Following the 12 noon Mass, we will process to the grotto on our property and a First Holy Communicant will place a wreath on the head of the statue of Our Lady. This is the third time we have had a crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Saint Margaret.

All parishioners are invited to join us in praying and singing in honor of the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, too. If per chance the weather is inclement, we will have the crowning indoors, in the church.

Parents of First Holy Communicants are asked to bring their sons and daughters to the church and be seated in the section designated for them. The First Holy Communicants should be attired the way they were the day before – on May 11th when Jesus came to them sacramentally through the Holy Eucharist.

We are going to have a **Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, May 26th. Parishioners are invited to attend the 10:00 AM Mass in the church and then go downstairs to the auditorium for the Breakfast immediately thereafter. Please plan to get a ticket for yourself and any family members. Tickets are available on the first two weekends in May in the vestibule of the church after all Masses. The price of a ticket is \$10.00 per person.

Tickets for the Breakfast are also available at the pastoral center building during regular business hours, too. Consider, for example, reserving a table for the members of your family. Individual parishioners are most welcome. We will have plenty of tables to accommodate everyone who wants to attend.

On the first Sunday in June (the 2nd), the Church in the United States celebrates the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. The principal Mass that day is at 10:00 AM. Following Mass, there will be a **Procession with the Blessed Sacrament using the route we used last year. And following the Procession, there will be a light collation (coffee, tea, bagels, etc.) in the church basement.**

In the event of inclement weather, the Procession will be inside the church. Otherwise, our route will start on church property and finish there. In between, there will be walking while singing **behind the Blessed Sacrament** on College Road. The officers of the 6th precinct will be there to guide us and ensure our safety.

We ask all lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and catechists to attend the 10:00 AM Mass on June 2nd. There will be a pledge of commitment during that Mass on the part of all the lectors, extraordinary ministers and catechists. So, please make a point of being with us. For now, it suffices to circle the date on your calendar. The event (Mass and Procession) is being held to underscore the centrality of the Holy Eucharist to our Catholic identity. In conjunction with the **Eucharistic Revival, we make it plain for all to understand that the Lord's Presence which is Real and True is our greatest gift from the God Who died for us on the Cross and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, thereby showing us the Way to Heaven.**

We will celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** this way every year from now on.

The last reminder concerns a **meeting for all lectors** on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM in the church. Tom Piderit and Msgr. Batule are the speakers. The meeting concludes at 8:00 PM. If per chance a lector cannot attend, he or she must let Tom know in advance. Attendance at the meeting will be taken. Thank you for your cooperation.

We continue to witness to the Risen Lord all the way up through the **Solemnity of Pentecost**. Please consider joining us at daily Mass in thanksgiving for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit Who makes possible our fidelity to the Author of Life in word and deed.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers,

Saturday Afternoons

4:00-4:45PM

*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.*



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



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 8, 2024
The Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We know that the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy can seem insurmountable. This is especially true when it feels like there is no support for a pregnant woman struggling to appreciate the precious gift of life she carries and may compel her towards a regrettable decision. But genuine empowerment of women comes only through recognizing the dignity of the human person at every stage of life and this is most poignantly illuminated through the blessings of motherhood.

In this, it is with great joy that I announce the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** at Catholic Health. This program, in partnership with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, comprises a dedicated help line designed to assist women access the **counsel, resources, and encouragement needed to choose life** when facing a pregnancy with unexpected or difficult circumstances. **The Pregnancy Support Team is available 24x7, 365 days of the year** to assist callers in accessing the services needed to help them see that every new life is a blessing, even when there are challenges.

Any expectant woman in need of help can call the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program and be confident that, **regardless of age, religion, immigration status or ability to pay**, she will receive compassionate, non-judgmental, and *life-affirming* care. Most of all, she can be assured that she will not be alone through her pregnancy, and she will not be abandoned after she delivers her child. If she is overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy, contemplating abortion pills on her college campus, distressed with an adverse prenatal diagnosis, experiencing a miscarriage, worried about feeding her child, regretting a past abortion or other pregnancy-related distress, FIAT is there to help her sort things out and get the care she needs. It only takes the courage of a phone call to find real hope: **631-476-LOVE (5683)**.

It is my prayer that the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** be recognized across the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the first step a woman takes when facing challenging circumstances during pregnancy. There are promotional materials available at every parish and on-line, but we ask for your help to make this resource known widely through your prayers, your witness, and your word-of-mouth, for every one of us has an important and serious responsibility to spread the Gospel of Life. Let FIAT lead the way.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Facing a difficult pregnancy?

Say “Yes” with

FIAT

Let it be done

**Pregnancy
Support**



Hope is here.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, help is available:

Call 631-476-LOVE (5683) any day, any time (24/7).

All conversations are safe and confidential.




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“For as the bread, which is produced from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two realities, earthly and heavenly, so also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity.”

- St. Irenaeus

**April, Month of the
Holy Eucharist**

 DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE



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

Parish Social Ministry



Food Pantry Needs

We are in need of **Shelf Stable Milk, Jelly, Egg Noodles, Snacks and Cookies**

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



Wash Up Kits

Please continue to donate travel size soaps, shampoo, wash clothes, and quart size plastic bags for wash up kits. These kits will be donated to **LI Cares Military Appreciation Tuesdays Program**. This program provides veterans with essential items like food, personal care products, household supplies and more.

Faith Formation



Twenty Minutes

with the Pastor/Director

May

5/5 Levels 1&2

5/12 Levels 6&7

5/19 Levels 3&4&5

Vacation Bible School

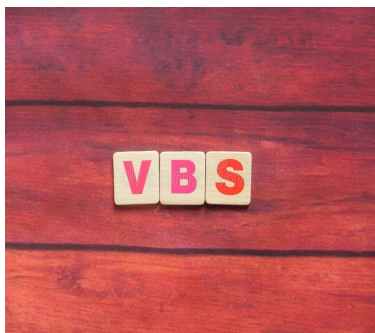
Scuba

Diving into Friendship with God

July 8th—July 12th

9:15am—12:30pm

\$45 per child



Adult Volunteers and Teen Helpers Needed (must be virtue certified)

Contact Jackie Miranda at 631-732-3131 x 131 or jmiranda@saintmargaret.com