



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

April 28, 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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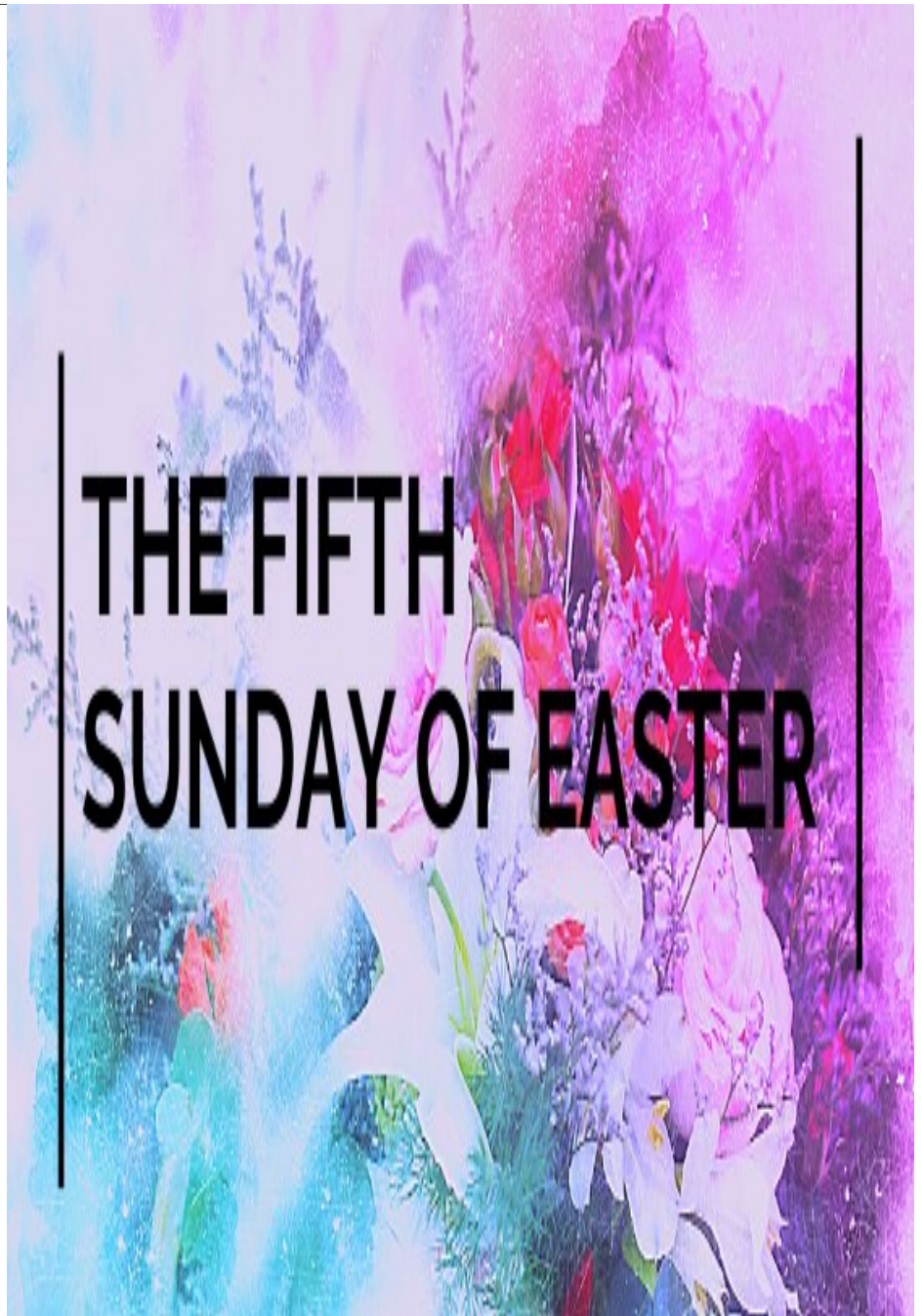
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Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422

Jeannine Stewart, Principal





Time, Talent & Treasure

As Catholics, let us spread love and compassion wherever we go. Let us allow the Spirit to guide us to be hospitable to all we come

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 20/21

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,389.....	170
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,367.....	56
Total Collection	\$8,756	226

Easter 2024

Stewardship	Envelopes
\$26,822	472

Reading for Next Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Second Reading..... 1 Jn 4:7-10
Gospel..... Jn 15:9-17

For the week of
April 28, 2024



Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of Marie
Deinzer

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 29th

Joseph Riccobono

Tuesday April 30th

Norman Gottfried

Wednesday May 1st

Elizabeth Godduhn

Thursday, May 2nd

The Prementine Family

Friday - May 3rd

Mary Loggia

Saturday - May 4th

5^{pm}

Eugene Kelly Jr.

Sunday May 5th

8^{am}

All St. Margaret Parishioners

10^{am}

Grace DiMaria

12^{pm}

Special Intentions for the Chelminski Family

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 Wowk, 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 Discepolo, 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.

We continue making our way to the Solemnity of Pentecost when we mark that moment in history when the Holy Spirit came to the fledgling Church in the upper room. At every Pentecost, not just the first one, the Holy Spirit is poured out on the Body of Christ. The Spirit is given to us when, for instance, we gather around the Lord's altar to be present as the Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist makes us one in the Body of Christ. At the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the communion with Christ begun in our Baptism is deepened and strengthened for the mission we have to evangelize by word and deed unto the end of our earthly lives in death. By God's mercy, we might then intercede for our brothers and sisters who are still making their journey to the heavenly Jerusalem.

I want to review again and briefly too, a series of things which should concern the parishioners of Saint Margaret in the month ahead, and the month after that also.

The **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, an annual event now, is being held on Mother's Day, the 12th, immediately following the 12 noon Mass. The First Holy Communicants (May 11th) are asked to attend with their families. All are invited to join with us.

The **Communion Breakfast**, being initiated this year and a sure bet to be included on the parish calendar in succeeding years, is on Sunday, May 26th. The Mass is at 10:00 AM and the Breakfast immediately follows in the church basement. Tickets are on sale the first two weekends of next month.

The **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** is the first Sunday of June (the 2nd). The principal Mass is at 10:00 AM with an outdoor Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to follow (weather permitting, of course). The Procession will be partly on our property and partly off of it. While we are off our property (on College Road), we will have the protection of the officers from the 6th precinct. All catechists, extraordinary ministers and lectors are asked to attend. There will be a re-commitment to your apostolate or liturgical ministry.

As we close out the month of April and get ready for the month of May, I wish to call attention to the annual **Mother's Day Novena of Masses** beginning on Mother's Day. I ask all parishioners to remember their mothers, living or deceased, at the Masses in the Novena. This can be done by filling out the envelope designated for this purpose and putting your offering in it and returning it to us in the collection or placing it in the marked box for the Mother's Day Novena in the vestibule of the church.

And now I want to treat a matter which I have covered before at various points. To do that, I ask that you look at the collection total for the weekend of April 20th/21st published in today's bulletin. After you read that amount, I want to make the following remarks.

Periodically, I have raised the issue of the on-going financial support of Saint Margaret Parish. You may remember that I have said in print and in the pulpit that we need our collections to be \$12,000.00 and higher every weekend. I have also said that we have a large discrepancy in many months between the collections in the early part of the month and the collections at the latter part of the month. As you can see from the figure in today's bulletin for last weekend, we weren't even close to the \$12,000.00 mark. And given what our collection was for the second weekend of this month (\$13,334.00) there was a swing of considerably more than \$4,000.00 (\$8,756.00).

We simply cannot meet our obligations when our collections are this low. I ask you then to do some serious thinking about your personal commitment to support Saint Margaret financially, and as I have said so often in the past, that you commit to supporting your parish **generously** and **sacrificially**.

We are not a tithing parish (parishioners who give 10% of their income every week) but there are tithing parishes in various locales in the United States. We are a stewardship parish (parishioners who give of their time, talent and treasure). I have remarked previously that most Catholics find the third type of giving – treasure – the most difficult of the three types of stewardship. Difficult as it is, we have to overcome our inhibitions, and let go in a spirit of freedom and trust which realizes that doing right by God and our Catholic faith is the highest motivation and purpose of living.

Please mull this over and seek the discernment which is available to us by living in the Spirit. The Spirit brings us to where we need to be in relation to our obligations, provided we ask for the help of the Paraclete Who is so close to us that He touches our hearts to be generous and make sacrifices as required by love.

The sagging financial support for our parish tests my abilities as an administrator of temporal goods, but I prefer to have my sights set on preaching and other priestly duties.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule



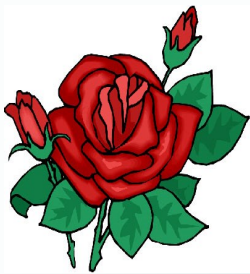
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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.



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



Bible Study Group

Bible Study group meets every Wednesday from 10am to 11am in the parish center. Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator.



The church is open at 8:30 AM Monday through Friday. We encourage parishioners and other church-goers to come early for Mass. The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among those so inclined.



Invest in the Future of Our Church!

Support Catholic education on Long Island!

100% of your donation supports Catholic school students. Half goes directly to your local Catholic school, and half supports scholarships for students throughout Long Island attending our Catholic schools.



Give to the Second Collection during Mass:
Saturday, May 4th | Sunday, May 5th



Ordination to Priesthood ²⁰²⁴



Rev. Mr. Joseph Lettieri



Rev. Mr. Dennis Gannon



Let us pray for the two men who will be ordained by Bishop John O. Barres to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ on **Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre.

The Ordination will air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN). It will be replayed later that evening at 8:00 p.m. CFN is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. CFN is also available on select cable and satellite systems and through live stream on cfntv.org. You may also view CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".





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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.

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, 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 virtus certified)

Contact Jackie Mirenda at 631-732-3131 x 131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com