



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

March 16, 2025

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday: Monday through Friday 9:00AM

Saturday: 8:30AM, 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00NOON

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM in the church or by appointment

***St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Center***

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x111

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**Deacons**

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## Time, Talent & Treasure



**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** “The Lord is my light and my salvation.” Have faith in our God, and trust in Him. Let Him work miracles in your life.

**General Intercession:** For all the Bishops of the Church, that they may be strengthened in their faith. We pray to the Lord...

## 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 8/9**

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,659.00.....	161
Mailed Envelopes	\$5,512.00.....	58
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$12,171.00</b>	

### Readings for Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15  
 Second Reading.....1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
 Gospel.....Lk 13:1-9



### Parish Office

**Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00PM—5:00PM**

**Friday 9:00AM—1:00PM**

(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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00AM – 4:00PM. Call for an appointment - x131

### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

Tuesday—Thursday: 10:00AM – 3:00PM. Call for an appointment - x119

### Masses for the Week

**Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Gail Ingleston

**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

James Reynolds

**Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Elinor Finegan

**Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Joseph DeMolfetto

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Roberta Luis

**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30AM

Special Intention Karl Bonawandt

5PM

Anthony Buccieri

**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8AM

Florence Vigorito

10AM

Lorraine Mallilo

12PM

All St. Margaret’s Parishioners

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

Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Lauren Esposito, Sebastian Williams, Estelle Beauchamp, Jillian Brown, Virginia Butler, Lorraine Vogel, Steven Vacchio, Laura Durant, Joseph DeAguiar, Joseph Kiely, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Christine McCusker, Dominic Percoco, Laura Positano, DeSantis Family, Patricia Wowk, Gerry Roucoulet, Natasha Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Elizabeth Robitaille, Christina Muller, Valarie & Victor Aurigue, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Logan Baar, Fred Detweiler, Linda Pennisi, Joseph Benevento, Jennifer Colon, Peter Rodrigues, Jessica Shaffer, Melissa Kitching, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Nicolette Laccesaglia, Robert Coffey, Lou D’Ambrosio, Angela Discepola, Jack Muller, Theresa McGuire, Christine Rosado, The Fais Family, Scott Brown, Rosemarie Rizzo-Cohen, James Bennett, Katherine & Kenneth Kermain, John Sullivan, Melissa Rodgers, Richard Martin, Suriah Bridgall



*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.*

Just two days apart on the calendar, the Optional Memorial of Saint Patrick (March 17<sup>th</sup>) and the Solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19<sup>th</sup>) get our attention this month – sometimes with festivities or gatherings and meals which highlight these two saints. We may also wear distinctive clothing (especially on Saint Patrick's Day) to reflect our awareness that a saint of the Catholic Church is being honored.

Like the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup>, it is a moment to focus on the holiness to which we are called by virtue of Baptism. It is the holiness of Patrick and the holiness of Joseph which made them saints. We don't want to lose sight of this while we are, figuratively speaking, out in the desert with Jesus (last Sunday) and today on the top of the mountain with Jesus. Holiness begins with Christ – praying to Him, imitating Him, and dedicating ourselves to His Kingdom – and thus holiness must be the single greatest animating source in our lives.

To one and all – Happy Saint Patrick Day and Happy Saint Joseph Day!

There are a number of other things to cover in my column today.

We have to make a slight change in our schedule a few months from now. And it would be the date and time of the celebration of **Adult Confirmation**. Originally scheduled for Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the 12 noon Mass, it is now transferred to **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 PM Mass**.

The change is necessitated by the fact that there is a **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress** on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Saint Anthony High School in South Huntington. The day starts in the mid-morning and it will finish up after the Closing Mass scheduled to start at 4:00 PM. In the coming weeks and months, I will make use of this column to alert you to the details of the day in question. I will just say now that Saint Margaret will be represented by some of our parishioners at the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**. Stay tuned.

On the horizon too is the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** which, according to the liturgical calendar, is **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. For the fourth consecutive year, we will have a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 10:00 AM Mass. You may want to circle that date on your calendar now. Again, more details will be forthcoming.

A little bit more than two months away is our second annual **Communion Breakfast**. The date is Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. It will follow the 10:00 AM Mass. Please follow this column for more details.

While Holy Week is still several weeks away, I want to mention that a sign-up is being made available in the vestibule of the church for **Holy Thursday night when there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**. I encourage all parishioners to sign up for one hour of Adoration. Again, more details will be shared in the coming weeks. But it would be good that as soon as the sign-up is posted in the vestibule that you sign up.

We have already had one **Holy Hour** on a Monday night in the church as part of our Lenten observance. Our second one is March 17<sup>th</sup>. Come and spend time with the Lord starting at 7:30 PM and continuing until 8:30 PM. There is time each Holy Hour for silent prayer, the proclamation of the word of God, preaching, more time for personal prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I appeal especially to our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and catechists to attend the Holy Hour each week until April 7<sup>th</sup>.

We pray the **Stations of the Cross** each week on Friday during the Lenten season. Join us as we recall the Way of the Lord to Calvary where He gave His life for us unto eternal life. We begin at 12 noon and we go until the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

And then of course there is the additional time we have made in our schedule for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Sundays. It is a thirty-minute period of time from **11:15 until 11:45 AM**. I ask all parishioners to take note of this. Those parishioners who attend the 10:00 AM Mass and the 12 noon Mass may want to stay longer or come earlier, depending on the Mass you attend,

Let us go, figuratively of course, with Jesus to the mountain top where He is transfigured before the apostles according to the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent. Jesus is showing us that the scandal of the Cross cannot compare with the prospect of eternal life which is promised to those disciples who keep faith with the Lord in all manner of things.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

### Monday Night Holy Hours

Mondays During Lent

7:30PM—8:30PM

- ◇ Personal Prayer
- ◇ Preaching on Themes Relating to the Holy Eucharist
- ◇ Benediction

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent

12:00NOON



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*For your personal adoration & prayers*

*Saturday Afternoons 4:00-4:45PM*

*Sunday Mornings 11:15-11:45AM*

*In the Church*



### PALM CROSSES

*Available after masses the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>*

*No preorders ~ While supplies last*

*More details to follow*

## Parish Social Ministry

Our food pantry is **critically low** on many items!

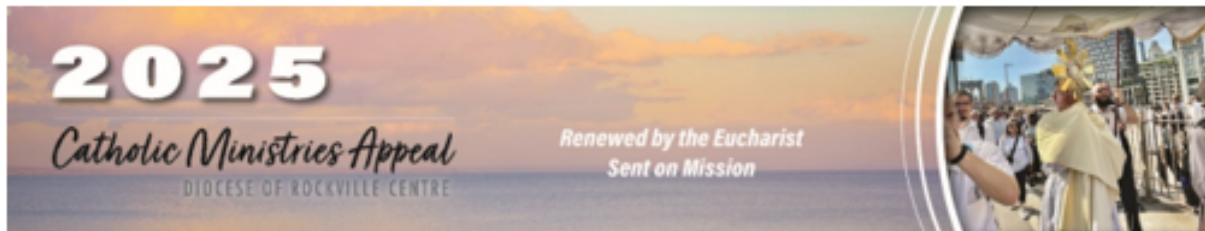
The items we are in most need of are:

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| ◇ SMALL JELLY       | ◇ PASTA / SAUCE    |
| ◇ BEEF STEW / CHILI | ◇ INSTANT POTATOES |
| ◇ EGG NOODLES       | ◇ PACKAGED GRAVY   |
| ◇ CRACKERS          | ◇ COOKIES          |



Please bring all donations to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or bring to the box in the back of the church.

***Please do not leave items by the locked front doors of either building. Thank you!***



Dear Friends:

In announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asked us to celebrate, “with deep faith, lively hope and active charity.” During this most holy season of Lent, let us be reminded that we are called to discover hope in current times and to be the instruments of hope for others.

One tangible way to accomplish this is by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Through our shared support of our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, we are assisting those most in need and spreading the message of hope in the Lord.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the education of our seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and His Church; assist college students and our young people to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord; and ensure that vital resources are made available for children and families through Catholic Charities, Respect Life, and our Parish Outreach programs.

During this time of Jubilee in the life of our Church, I ask you to consider contributing to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can enrich the lives of others and that the hope of Christ may abound more fruitfully throughout our diocese.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '+ John O. Barres'.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



**TOMORROW'S HOPE**  
FOUNDATION EST. 2005

**This Lent, Give the Gift of Hope**

Instead of giving something up this Lenten season, why not give something that truly makes a difference? By donating to **Tomorrow's Hope Foundation**, you can bring opportunity and the promise of a brighter future to families who wish to send their child to a Catholic elementary school on Long Island.



To make a tax deductible donation, please mail your check to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation II, Inc. at the address below with "Church Bulletin" in the memo OR scan the QR code to donate online:



*The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic elementary schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.*

*Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) organization overseen by a Board of Directors with a passion for providing access to Catholic education on Long Island to all families that seek it.*

www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org  
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 500 Uniondale, NY 11553  
516-745-7611



# COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Reflections on the Meaning of Season in Christian Life

## Join Bishop Andrzej

All Fridays of Lent

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 at 3 pm  
for Webinar Lenten Reflections



Registration Required  
Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850  
or email - [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)  
to receive Zoom Webinar Link



### PRESENTING



## Pig in a Poke

A Blind Auction  
at the

**Hibernian Culture Center**

80 Magnolia Drive, Selden  
on

Sunday, April 6, 2025; 2PM

Coffee & Tea Snacks Cash Bar  
Admission: **FREE**

Joan (631)745-7864 – **For information** – Dottie (631)687-9183

## The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2025 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis M. Romero

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2025

Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre

Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2025

Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)



## Faith Formation

# Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Theme ~ True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

**July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:15AM—12:30PM**

Ages 4 years to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade ~ Fee: \$45 per child

Volunteers Needed! Adults & Students grade 7 and up.  
High Schoolers welcome.

Registration opens 3/17 ~ Limited to first 100 children.

Any questions, contact Jackie Miranda at  
(631) 732-3131 x131 or [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com).



## Family Stations of the Cross



Good Friday

April 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:00AM

## 20 Minutes with the Pastor/Director Sundays at 9:30AM

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Levels 1, 2, & 3

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Levels 4, 5, & 6

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Level 7



March 5 - April 13  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**<sup>®</sup>

## HELP SAVE LIVES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, & community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Sidewalk near Planned Parenthood at 450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue.
- **Vigil hours:** Monday/Wednesday/Saturday, 10am -noon. Wednesday, 3pm-5pm.
- **Local contact:** Bob Williams, 631-615-1735, [WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com](mailto:WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com)

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

**[40daysforlife.com/Patchogue](http://40daysforlife.com/Patchogue)**



Heart of the Island Council  
Knights of Columbus  
**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> — 7:15PM**  
in the Parish Center

Insurance Agent Joseph Grippo to present  
**“KofC Fraternal Benefits Review”**

*All members and parishioners are welcome!*

Contact Grand Knight Anthony Rebaldo at  
(631) 346-9026 with any questions

**CRS RICE BOWL**  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available during the season of Lent. You may pick one up in the Parish Center or the church vestibule and return after Easter.

