



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

March 23, 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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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality:
 Hospitality helps bring others to the Lord.
 How are you hospitable to your neighbors,
 coworkers, pupils, etc.?

General Intercession: For protection of the
 unborn in our country. 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 15/16

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$7,880.00.....	181
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,177.00.....	53
Total Collection	\$11,057.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
 Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Jos 5:9a, 10-12
 Second Reading.....2 Cor 5:17-21
 Gospel.....Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*For the week of
 March 23rd, 2025*



*Altar
 Bread & Wine
 in memory of*

Veronica Scullion

Parish Office

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

Friday 9:00AM—1:00PM

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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 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 24th

Margaret Butler

Tuesday, March 25th

Gene Diano

Wednesday, March 26th

Michael Fusco

Thursday, March 27th

Martin Russo

Friday, March 28th

Judy Jahn

Saturday, March 29th

8:30AM

Manuel Araujo

5PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, March 30th

8AM

Special Intention Laura Durant

10AM

Rosario Ruiz

12PM

Joseph Baffa

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 Wovk, 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 Laccasaglia, 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 Bridglall, Phillip Bruce McGinty, Petrone Family



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 are at the midway point of Lent this year. It's the Third Sunday of this holy season.

Today's first reading is a text from the Book of Exodus. It concerns Moses who is instructed by God to take off his sandals for he is on holy ground. The holy ground is signified by "fire flaming out of a bush." (Ex 3:2) In this fire is an angel too. (Ex 3:2) Though the bush is on fire, it is not consumed. (Ex 3:3) Still more mysteriously, a voice calls out to Moses, "Moses! Moses!" (Ex 3:4) And Moses answers the Lord's call, "Here I am." (Ex 3:4)

God reveals Himself to Moses in a most splendid fashion. The question from Moses near the end of today's passage is about God's name. God answers Moses' question: "I am who am." (Ex 3:14)

We meet the God of Moses and his ancestors every week in the Holy Eucharist. Let us be attentive to Him in all things that we might be obedient to the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob in all of life's twists and turns.

Now a round-up of things here at Saint Margaret.

If you haven't attended one of our weekly **Holy Hours** for Lent, there are a few remaining. I thank all who have made time for these precious encounters with the Eucharistic Lord already, and ask you to continue attending. Those who not yet attended one, we have two more in March and one in April. Again, all lectors, extraordinary ministers and catechists are encouraged to pray with us at these **Holy Hours**.

It is not too early to mention **Holy Week** and the **Sacred Triduum**. And so, I encourage all parishioners to join us for the liturgies celebrated at this time of year. Now, though, I want to repeat what I have said the last few years. Those who are assigned to ministerial roles at the liturgies on **Holy Thursday, Good Friday** and **Holy Saturday** are **required to attend the rehearsal for that liturgy. That includes servers, lectors, and deacons.**

The rehearsals are held according to the following schedule: the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is Wednesday, April 16th at 5:00 PM in the church; the rehearsal for the Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is Thursday, April 17th at 5:00 PM in the church. The rehearsal for the Easter Vigil is Saturday, April 19th at 1:00 PM in the church.

Don't forget to attend the rehearsal if you are an assigned deacon, a lector, or a server; otherwise, you will not be able to assist at that liturgy.

At the beginning of the **Triduum**, immediately following Holy Thursday's Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, there is **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church until 12 midnight. Parishioners are urged to pray before the Blessed Sacrament during that time. To promote Adoration on Holy Thursday night, we are asking parishioners to sign up for a one-hour slot. That sign up commences this weekend in the vestibule of the church.**

In the Easter season, we are having a **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on May 11th (Mother's Day) immediately following the 12 noon Mass.

The next weekend, on Sunday the 18th, we will have our second annual **Communion Breakfast** following the 10:00 AM Mass. It will be held in the auditorium. The Knights of Columbus will assist with the Breakfast, and that will start with the sale of tickets in the vestibule of the church following weekend Masses on two weekends: May 3rd/4th and May 10th/11th. The price of a ticket is \$10.00 per person. There will also be a guest speaker for the occasion. All are invited to join us.

We know that 2025 is a **Holy Year**. The theme of the Holy Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. Last weekend, the ushers distributed commemorative cards for the Holy Year. If you did not get a copy, please ask an usher this weekend. After this weekend, they will only be available in the pastoral center building.

Last week, I called attention to the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**. It is being held on Sunday, June 8th at Saint Anthony High School in South Huntington. On June 8th, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Pentecost**. As more details become available, I will share them with you. Saint Margaret will be represented at the Congress by a contingent of parishioners. Again, keep following this column.

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

\$10.00 EACH

Available after masses the weekend of April 6th
No preorders — while supplies last!



Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers

FIRST THURSDAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD
3:00—6:00PM in the Church



Bible Study Group



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

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND



March 30th @ 11:00AM (Following the 10:00 Mass) in the Church Auditorium
Sponsored by The Heart of the Island Knights of Columbus

All are invited!

Faith Formation

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Theme ~ True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

July 7th-11th ~ 9:15AM-12:30PM

Ages 4 years to entering 6th 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 Mirenda at
 (631) 732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com.



Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday
 April 18th, 11:00AM



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



March 23rd – Levels 4, 5, & 6

March 30th – Level 7

April 6th – Levels 1, 2, & 3

April 13th – Levels 4, 5, & 6

April 27th – Level 7

May 4th – Levels 1, 2, & 3

Parish Social Ministry

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

The items we are in most need of are:



- ◇ SMALL JELLY
- ◇ BEEF STEW
- ◇ EGG NOODLES
- ◇ CRACKERS

- ◇ RICE MEALS
- ◇ PASTA / SAUCE
- ◇ APPLESAUCE
- ◇ 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!

Thank you!

St. Margaret's Outreach thanks Stop & Shop in Farmingville for their donation to our food pantry through their annual "Bloomin' 4 Good" program. Flower bouquets sold at their store generated funds to assist us.

Thank you to Stop & Shop for your commitment to fight hunger!



3 NIGHTS • LENTEN PARISH MISSION 2025

PILGRIMS of HOPE

Learning to journey through life brimming with hope

with Guest Preachers:



Father Joseph-Mary
Hertzog, O.P.



Father John
Corbett, O.P.

March 31st - April 2nd

Our Holy Redeemer Church

37 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520

6:30 PM Rosary • 7:00 PM Mission

There will be opportunities for confession during the mission,
as well as an anointing with the oil of St. Joseph on April 2nd.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

March 5 - April 13

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

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/Patchogue

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



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
to receive Zoom Webinar Link



MOLLOY UNIVERSITY

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH — 1:00PM

1000 HEMPSTEAD AVE.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

REGISTER AT www.molloy.edu/openhouse25

RETROUVAILLE

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Our next weekend is:

April 25th-27th (Register by April 11th)

The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

(516) 405-0323 | HelpOurMarriage.org