



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

March 30, 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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Selden, NY 11784
(631) 732-3131

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x111

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Deacon William Kogler – Retired
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired

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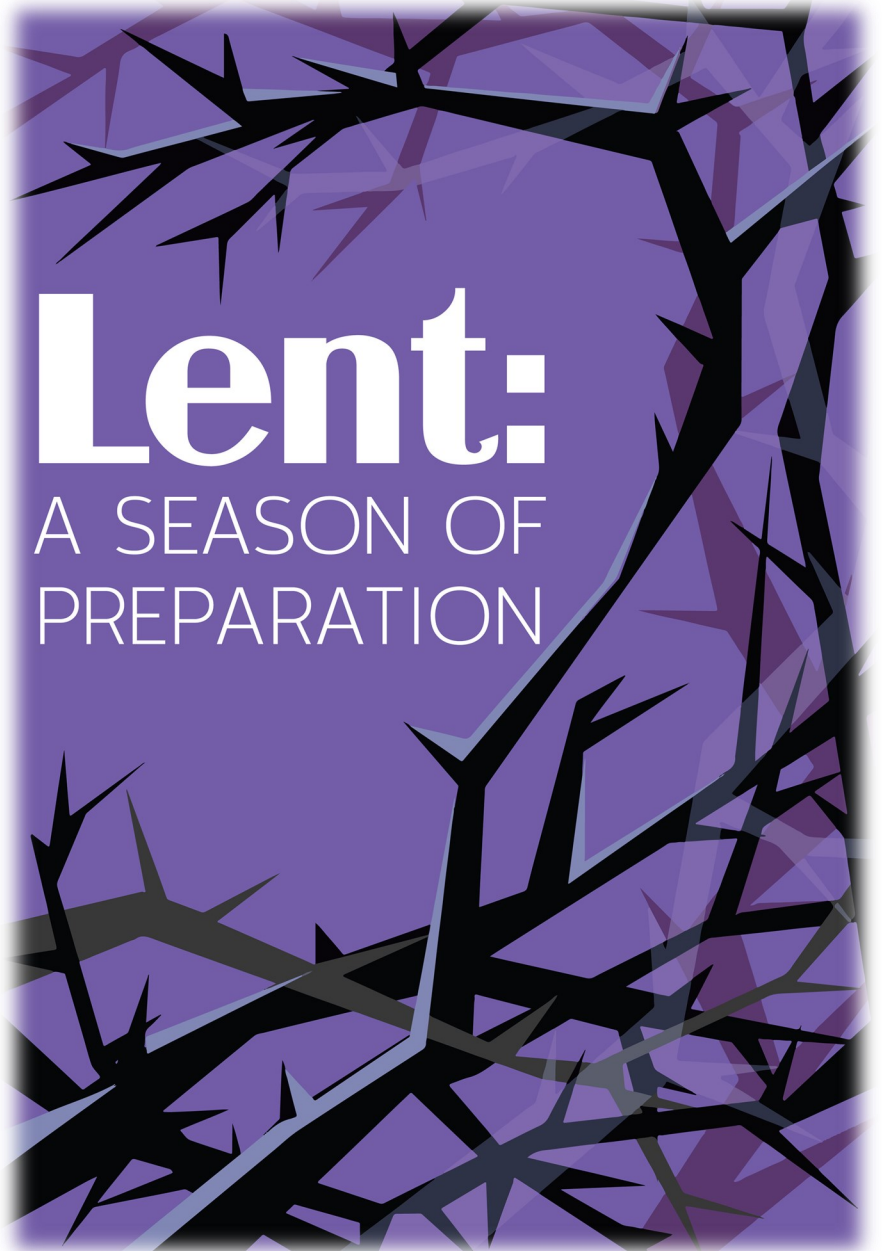
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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service: As we continue our Lenten journey, think of ways you can be at service to others.

General Intercession: For all our students in religious education classes, that they may develop a deeper love for the Lord. 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 22/23

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$8,278.00.....	179
Mailed Envelopes	\$2,840.00.....	52
Total Collection	\$11,118.00	

Readings for Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Is 43:16-21
 Second Reading.....Phil 3:8-14
 Gospel.....Jn 8:1-11

*For the week of
 March 30th, 2025*



*Altar
 Bread & Wine
 in memory of*

Frank "Chick" Piraneo

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 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 31st

Norman Gottfried

Tuesday, April 1st

Artie Massett

Wednesday, April 2nd

Hanora Reilly

Thursday, April 3rd

Special Intention Rosalie DeLuca

Friday, April 4th

Wanda Tiano

Saturday, April 5th

8:30AM

Special Intention Laura Durant

5PM

Marina D'Allewa

Sunday, April 6th

8AM

Gene Diano

10AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12PM

MaryJane Kogler

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 Wolk, 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.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as *Laetare Sunday*. The word *laetare* is from the Latin and it means “rejoice.” God’s people are exhorted by the prophet Isaiah to “rejoice with Jerusalem.” (Is 66:10) The term “rejoice with Jerusalem” is taken from the Introit (entrance verse) for Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

We recall that Jerusalem is the city of Jesus’ suffering and death. What is there however in suffering and death to rejoice about? We can’t possibly answer this question without noting the paradox – the great paradox – for it has to do with Jesus’ suffering and death. His suffering in the Passion and His death on the Cross obviously brought tears of sorrow and pain. Think here of the women along the *Via Dolorosa* and the disciples who gathered at Calvary on the first Good Friday. But what if Jesus had not undergone suffering and death? Well, it would mean that we could not claim that Jesus saves us then. Our faith would therefore be in vain. Paradoxically, then, there is joy in what Jesus won for us through the paschal mystery, and most importantly of all that by the God-Man’s suffering and death, we have the incomparable gift of eternal life.

Laetare Sunday is a reminder in Lent that the Lord’s Resurrection is on the horizon, liturgically speaking. Our prayer, our fasting and our alms-giving are not for naught. There is no cheap victory in the Cross. Neither is there an ephemeral joy in the Resurrection.

I now take up matters which are crucial to having a prayerful and reflective Holy Week and Sacred Triduum here at Saint Margaret.

The sign-up for **Adoration on Holy Thursday** night is available in the vestibule. I encourage you to sign up for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we mark the night of the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Some parishioners have already done so and that is commendable. I would like to see all three hours covered with an estimable number of adorers.

As I mentioned in my last column, assignments have been made for **Palm Sunday** and the **Sacred Triduum**. **There is no rehearsal for any Mass on Palm Sunday. There is however a rehearsal for each of the principal liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Assigned deacons, lectors and servers are to attend. Know when the rehearsal is and please be there.**

There is no Mass on Holy Thursday morning, and none on Good Friday at any time, and none on Holy Saturday in the morning. We do have **Morning Prayer on each of these three days at 9:00 AM**. I encourage all parishioners who are able to join us.

On April 14th, we have another **Reconciliation Monday**. A priest-confessor is available each hour from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM **and** again from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. I encourage all parishioners to go to sacramental confession before Easter. We also have two other opportunities for sacramental confession (on Good Friday and Holy Saturday). Please see the bulletin boards in church and consult the Easter mailing which has gone out to parishioners who receive envelopes through the regular mail.

Again, I want to remind mass-goers on Sundays that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar in the monstrance between **11:15 AM to 11:45 AM**. I ask church-goers who attend the 10:00 AM Mass and the 12 noon Mass to take a few minutes after Mass or before Mass to pray before the Eucharistic Lord.

We have two more **Holy Hours** remaining in our Lenten observance – March 31st and April 7th. They start at 7:30 PM. I thank those parishioners who have attended the three we have already had. I mention too that these Holy Hours are intended for everyone. Especially, I would like to see our catechists, extraordinary ministers and lectors at these Holy Hours.

The annual **Chrism Mass** is held on Tuesday, April 15th at 4:00 PM in Saint Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. The priests of our diocese renew their commitment to the priestly vocation during this liturgy. With the distance involved between Selden and Rockville Centre and the difficulty of the time in question, you may want to watch the television coverage on Catholic Faith Network (Channel 29).

I urge all parishioners to continue their Lenten devotions and to make time in your schedules to attend the liturgies which are held from **Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday**. I note with concern that fewer and fewer Catholics attend these liturgies anymore. Our churches used to be full (when I was ordained some forty years ago) but not so now. We are down to a remnant now.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 18th, after 9:00AM Morning Prayer
Holy Saturday will be after the 9:00AM Morning Prayer
Easter Sunday you may do privately
Beginning Easter Monday, Daily Novena will be after morning Mass
Divine Mercy Sunday will be April 27th ~ 3:00PM in the Church

Monday Night Holy Hours

Mondays — March 31st & April 7th

7:30PM—8:30PM

◇ Personal Prayer

◇ Preaching on Themes Relating to the Holy Eucharist

◇ Benediction

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays — April 4th & 11th

12:00NOON



PALM CROSSES

\$10 CASH EACH

Available after masses the weekend of

April 6th — No preorders

While supplies last!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers

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



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers

Saturday Afternoons 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Mornings 11:15-11:45AM

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.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY THIS 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 30th – Level 7

April 27th – Level 7

April 6th – Levels 1, 2, & 3

May 4th – Levels 1, 2, & 3

April 13th – Levels 4, 5, & 6

May 11th – Levels 4, 5, & 6

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
- ◇ MAC & CHEESE
- ◇ CRACKERS
- ◇ RICE MEALS
- ◇ COOKIES
- ◇ JUICE BOXES
- ◇ SHAMPOO

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!*



Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry

We will be starting back up on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Center.

There will be an information meeting on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 10:00AM in the Parish Center.

Call the Outreach office at x119 if interested.



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Who is this King of glory?" and answers that the King of glory is "The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle" and "The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Psalm 24:8-10

Palm Sunday

APRIL 13, 2025

Rosary at 2:00 PM
Mass at 2:30 PM

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Good Friday fast and abstinence.




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?

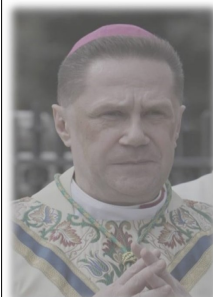
Our next weekend is:
April 25th-27th (Register by April 11th)
The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington
To register or for more information:
(516) 405-0323 | HelpOurMarriage.org




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@drcv.org
to receive Zoom Webinar Link




LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio




Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on **JOHN the BAPTIST**
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Study of Bible Texts
JOHN the BAPTIST
The Friend of the Bridegroom
Preparing the Way for New Life

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email and phone number. Send your email to: westernvicariate@drcv.org or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.





March 5 - April 13
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

2025

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Our Summer Sports Camps are OPEN TO ALL!

5 weeks of camps!

All camps run Mon-Thurs/ 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NEW this year! Girls' Flag Football & Tennis/Pickleball (co-ed)

Registration now open!

Scan the QR Code to view digital brochure

Registration will be accepted online or in person on the first day of the session.



Have fun & make friends at SJB Summer Sports Camps!
 1170 Montauk Hwy, West Islip, NY 11795



MOLLOY UNIVERSITY

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH — 1:00PM

1000 HEMPSTEAD AVE.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

REGISTER AT www.molloy.edu/openhouse25

VIRTUS[®]

Thank you to all of our volunteers who completed their five-year background check. As a reminder, **all** volunteers who are involved in **any** ministry in the diocese need to have completed the following:

- Attend a “Protecting God’s Children” class
- Create a Virtus account on VirtusOnline.org
- Sign the Code of Conduct
- Complete a background check through Sterling Volunteers
- Complete the monthly bulletins (sent to your email) if you work directly with children

If you have not done these things, you are not cleared to volunteer in our parish.

To find out the status of your Virtus account, or if you need assistance, contact Adriana at ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com or at x118.

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

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

