



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

March 9, 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**

81 College Road  
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x111

Rev. Patrick Abu-Bonsra, Parochial Vicar  
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**Deacons**

Deacon Ed Hayes – Retired  
Deacon William Kogler – Retired  
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired

**Parish Center Office**

Receptionist x0

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Jeannine Stewart, Principal  
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## Time, Talent & Treasure



**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer:** “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” This Lent foster a deeper prayer life. Check your parish bulletin for opportunities to spend more time with the Lord in prayer.

**General Intercession:** For our parish, that it may be filled with people yearning to grow closer to God this Lent. 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 1/2

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$8,907.00.....	188
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,425.00.....	88
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$13,332.00</b>	

### Readings for Next Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Gn 15:5-12, 17-18  
 Second Reading.....Phil 3:17—4:1  
 Gospel.....Lk 9:28b-36



### 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 10<sup>th</sup>**

Gene Diano

**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Marina Farony

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Martin Russo

**Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Lauren Fennell

**Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Special Intention Rev. Patrick Abu-Bonsra

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM

Kenneth Guercio

5PM

Donna Engel

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

8AM

Ante Azic

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 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.*

*Beware the ides of March.*

The line above is taken from William Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*, one of the great Englishman's history plays. The line is said by someone who is known as a soothsayer. It is meant as a warning to the Roman Emperor. The warning is ominous and yet concrete enough because it pertains to the midway point of March – the 15<sup>th</sup> on the calendar.

The Roman Emperor was slain on that date in the year 44 BC. And it marked a pivotal point in history.

We are not yet at the midpoint of March, and God forbid no one among our families and friends be killed at the hand of another on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

But there is a dying to ourselves which we began on Ash Wednesday. The dying in question is a dying to sin. And we heard about that dying to sin in the readings which were proclaimed in church as we started our Lenten observance.

Let us take seriously that call and act on it to the end of these forty days.

Allow me to highlight a number of things on this First Sunday of Lent.

First, we commence a short period of **Eucharistic Adoration** today from **11:15 to 11:45 AM**. I ask you to keep this in mind, especially if you attend the 10:00 AM Mass or the 12 noon Mass. This practice is the same we use on Saturday afternoons at 4:00 PM. Join us as we pray quietly in the Presence of the Lord.

Second, I want to mention that we will again have the **Sacrament of Confirmation for adults** this year. It will take place on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the 12 noon Mass. The catechesis begins on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. There will be five sessions of catechesis (all on Monday nights). Attendance at these sessions is **required**. Continue to follow the bulletin for further updates on this matter.

Third, I want to highlight the opportunity we are providing (once again) on all the Monday nights of Lent except one (April 14<sup>th</sup>) for a **Holy Hour**. It starts at 7:30 PM. I encourage all parishioners to join us for these five nights. If you can't make all five nights, come to as many of them as your schedule allows. I urge all lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and catechists to join us. Each Holy Hour concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Fourth, we have **Stations of the Cross** on all the Fridays of Lent at 12 noon (except Good Friday when it is at 7:30 PM). Please come and pray with us as we recall the Way of the Lord unto His death.

Now a few words on the First Sunday of Lent.

The gospel at Mass for the First Sunday of Lent every year is the same. The evangelists depict the Temptations put to Jesus by Satan in the desert. In the account we hear this year (St. Luke), it is the only one (of the three Synoptics) who makes a reference to Jesus having returned from the Jordan. Recall that the Jordan is where Jesus was baptized. At the Lord's Baptism, the voice of Our Heavenly Father is heard: That voice said: "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." (Lk 3:22)

There is only one Son of God; still, we are sons and daughters of God. In every Lent, we prepare for Baptism, the Sacrament which makes us adopted sons and daughters of God. Even if we were baptized decades ago, we might recall now how we have been claimed by God definitively in the sacrament. We are indeed pleasing to Our Father so long as we live in holiness. That holiness is achieved, we know, by listening to the Son of God.

On Ash Wednesday, in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, we heard Jesus reminding the disciples to pray. Prayer is necessary because it is our life-line to the God Who created us out of love. But prayer is not all words; it is listening too.

Listen above all to God speaking to you this Lent. Listening always comes first. It surely comes before acting. Listen to those like ourselves out of respect, but listen to God Who holds us in palm of His hand.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## Baptisms

Steinler Konrad Vietheer



## Wedding Banns

### Banns III:



Katherine Emily Mohammed  
and Brian Michael Granata,  
both St. Margaret of Scotland

## Filipino Mass

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

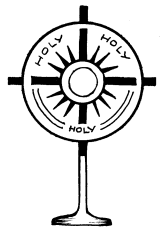
*Come join to sing and praise!*

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

ROSARY 2:00PM | MASS 2:30PM



Beginning in Lent, there will be an additional exposition of the blessed sacrament on Sundays from 11:15-11:45AM.



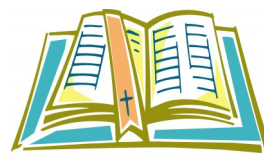
## St. Margaret's Spousal Bereavement

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.



Please bring your Bible.



## 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.*

## 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



## Faith Formation

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> – Level 7

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

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Levels 1, 2, & 3

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Levels 4, 5, & 6



## Parish Social Ministry

Our food pantry is in need of

- ◇ SMALL JELLY
- ◇ BEEF STEW/CHILI
- ◇ EGG NOODLES
- ◇ CRACKERS
- ◇ INSTANT POTATOES
- ◇ NON-SUGARED CEREAL
- ◇ COOKIES
- ◇ PACKAGED GRAVY



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!**

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief



Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Videos, resources, reflections, stories of hope, recipes, and more can be found on their website:

[www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).

Stop by the parish center to pick up a rice bowl if you were unable to get one last week. It can be returned after Easter.



**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

# 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](mailto:westernvicariate@drcv.org)  
or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



## 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 [drcv-faith.org](http://drcv-faith.org)

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



# SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday  
March 22

from 9am to 2pm

You are welcome to bring your own

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND**  
258 EASTPORT MANOR RD, MANORVILLE, NY 11949  
(631) 325-0661

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**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
OF LONG ISLAND

Experience the Catholic School Difference!

**Now registering for the 2025-26 school year!**

Discover the vibrant faith and academic excellence of our school communities on Long Island. Learn more about our programs and find the school closest to you by scanning the QR code below!

Take the next step!  
[www.drvcschools.org](http://www.drvcschools.org)

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**  
St. Joseph School, Garden City, NY

Since 2005, Tomorrow's Hope has given more than \$34 million in scholarships to approximately 25,000 students within their network of 35 Catholic elementary schools.

Whether you choose to run, walk, or cheer on the participants, the Run continues to offer a special opportunity for our network of 35 schools to show their comradery in celebration of Catholic elementary education across Long Island.

**SCAN TO REGISTER OR SPONSOR THE EVENT**  
For more information, please contact [info@thfny.com](mailto:info@thfny.com)