



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

April 20, 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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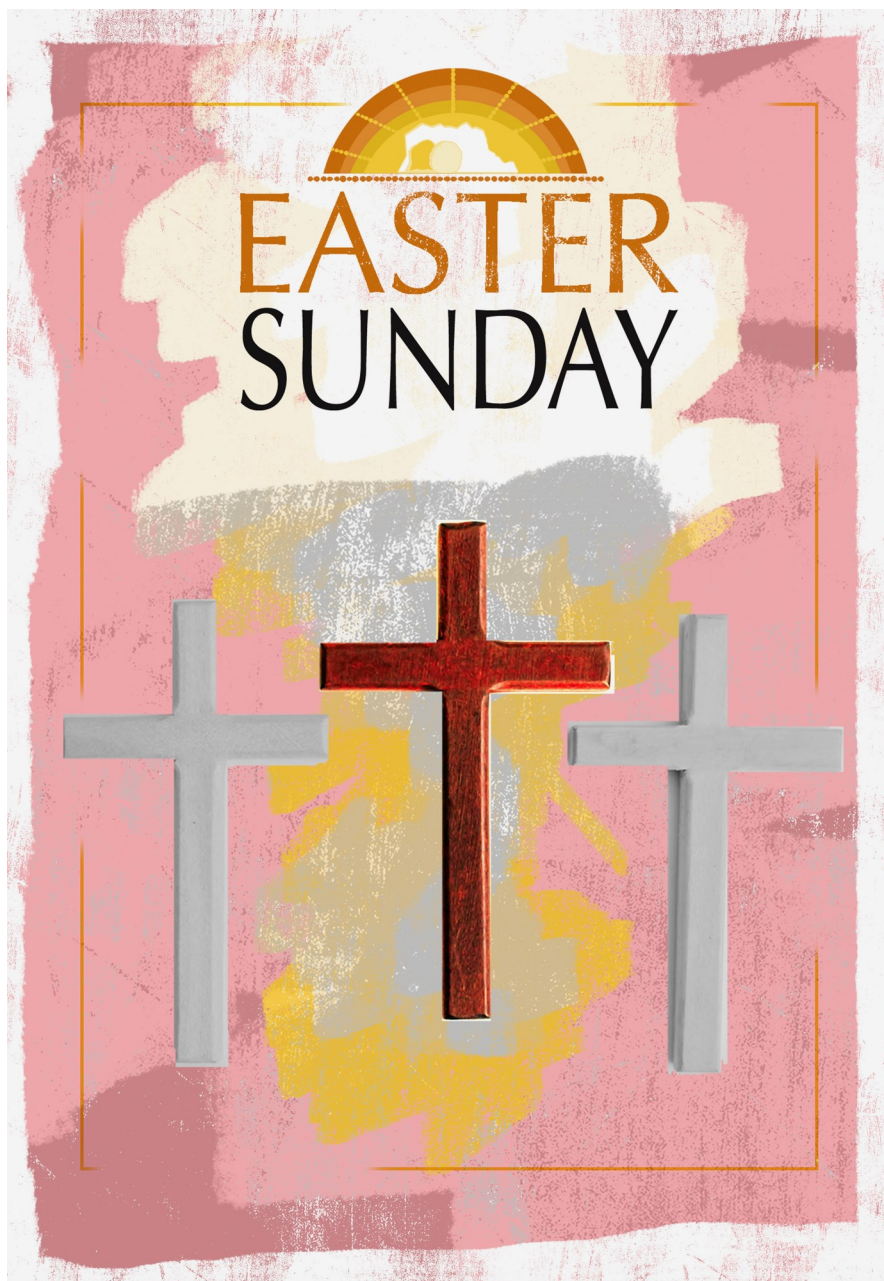
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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: As we begin this Easter season, renewed by the prayers and practices of Lent, remember that Jesus is our Lord and our God. Turn to Him in all your troubles, temptations and victories. Let the Holy Spirit lead you to Him. And remember your baptismal promises, as you spread the Good News.

General Intercession: For a blessed Easter season for our families and friends. 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.

Palm Sunday, April 12/13

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$10,148.00.....	178
Mailed Envelopes	\$3,739.00.....	45
Total Collection	\$13,887.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading.....Acts 5:12-16
Second Reading...Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel.....Jn 20:19-31

For the week of
April 20th, 2025



Altar
Bread & Wine
in memory of

Judith Gleason Jahn

PARISH OFFICE

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00—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, April 21st

Robert M. Aretakis

Tuesday, April 22nd

Judith Gleason Jahn

Wednesday, April 23rd

Stephen Johnson

Thursday, April 24th

Felicia & Joseph Marjowski

Friday, April 25th

Patricia Lunetta

Saturday, April 26th

8:30AM

Manuel Araujo

5:00PM

Karen Norris

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th

8:00AM

Margaret Schroeder

10:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12:00PM

Lola & Jose Tapia

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Anne Logan, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Laura



Durant, Laura Positano, Lorraine Vogel, Patricia Wowk, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Scott Spencer, Christina Muller, James & Catherine Reynolds, Valarie & Victor Aurigue, Elizabeth Robitaille, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Lauren Esposito, Steven Vacchio, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Melissa Kitching, Angela Discepola, The Fais Family, Christine Rosado, Joseph Benevento, 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.

In the gospel for Easter Sunday, we have Saint John's account of the two apostles, Peter and John, discovering the tomb empty. The evangelist records how John, the younger of the two, outran Peter and arrived first at the sepulcher. But the younger apostle deferred to Peter and allowed him to enter first. John followed and the evangelist remarks of him that he saw and believed. (cf. Jn 20:8)

Seeing leads to believing. But why is it said of only one apostle that he believed? John is the beloved apostle. (cf. Jn 21:20) He sees and believes out of love.

Love is not an illusion. It is not a deception. It doesn't mistake beauty for dread but sees the beauty in dread. And here I am referring to the Cross. The apostle who sees and believes out of love is there at the Cross too. (cf. Jn 19:26) He is the only apostle on Calvary; all the others had scattered. The ten others (excluding Judas whom we believe took his own life) couldn't bring themselves to see a suffering and dying Jesus. Their eyes couldn't stand the sight.

Christian love doesn't turn a blind eye to the unpleasant and the embarrassing. It sees and beholds it. Recall that just a few days ago, in the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, the priest held aloft a wooden cross and sang: "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world." (*Roman Missal*) Our response was not exactly timid or retiring: "Come, let us adore," we cried out. (*Roman Missal*) All these centuries later, it's easy to sing out in full measure – after all, we are just gazing on a replica of the real thing. But John saw the real thing: a real crucifixion and a real Risen Christ.

Paul of Tarsus was a man who thought he saw things accurately but he was terribly wrong about his first perception. In the Acts of the Apostles, the sacred author describes a blind Paul (cf. Acts 8-9) before his conversion. The blindness is removed when Ananias lays hands on him. (cf. Acts 9:12) Amazingly, "things like scales fell away from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized." (Acts 9:18)

What accounts for this conversion? It is love. It is the more excellent way in Saint Paul's thinking and leads the apostle to write that magnificent ode to love in his First Letter to the Corinthians. After a wonderful description offered by the apostle – Love is patient, love is kind. . . - he writes the following: "At present we see darkly, as if through a glass." (1 Cor. 13:12)

There is a radical incompleteness to our lives. We think we see clearly, but we really don't. What the Resurrection does is allow us to see with the eyes of faith. We catch a glimpse of what is in store for those who love. For us, there is no surprise when Jesus calls loving God the greatest commandment. (cf. Matt 22:34-40) Yet, the most remarkable thing of all is not that we love God, but that He loves us first. (cf. 1 Jn 4:10)

If the Incarnation is the first installment in divine love, the Resurrection must be close to the end then. All that is left is for the Lord to give us a body on the pattern of the Son's glorified body. (cf. Phil 3:21) That is what we hope and pray for as Catholic Christians – to have a body on the pattern of the Son's glorified body. We catch a glimpse of it in the act of Eucharistic Communion. We who receive Holy Communion worthily eat the Bread which has come down from heaven and will indeed bring us to heaven. (cf. Jn 6:51) There isn't a more profound union with the Lord we can have now, in this life. It foreshadows the life which is ours for all eternity in heaven.

To all the parishioners of Saint Margaret, I wish a Happy Easter! Let us all sing out in full-throated manner the word we haven't used in a while: *Alleluia!*

He is risen. Rejoice!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday, April 18th
Beginning Easter Monday, Daily Novena will resume after morning Mass

**Divine Mercy Sunday celebration will take place
April 27th at 3:00PM in the Church. All are invited!**



Saint Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis is the first saint to be canonized who lived in the new millennium. He was born in London in 1991 to an Italian family. His deep connection to his faith began early, after receiving his First Communion at seven years old.

From then on, daily Mass, praying the rosary, and eucharistic adoration became integral parts of his life. While he enjoyed typical teenage pursuits like hiking, video games, and spending time with friends, Carlo also dedicated himself to serving others. He taught catechism at his local parish and actively worked with the homeless, demonstrating a profound commitment to his faith and community. He used his computer savvy to create an online exhibit about more than 100 eucharistic miracles recognized by the church over many centuries, focused on the real presence of Christ that Catholics believe is in the consecrated bread and wine. He died in October 2006 after a ten-day battle with acute leukemia at age fifteen. His body was later transferred to an Assisi cemetery as he had asked, because of his devotion to St. Francis.



Why is Carlo Acutis about to become a saint?

His road to sainthood – the canonization process – started more than 10 years ago at the initiative of a group of priests and friends, and formally took off shortly after Pope Francis began his papacy in 2013. Carlo was named “venerable” in 2018 after the church recognized his virtuous life, and his body was taken to a shrine in Assisi’s Santuario della Spogliazione, a major site linked to St. Francis’ life. He was then declared “blessed” in 2020 after the Vatican dicastery that studies sainthood processes recognized a miraculous healing through Carlo’s intercession: a child in Brazil who recovered in a “scientifically inexplicable” manner. In 2024, the church paved his way to sainthood by attributing to him a second miracle: the complete healing of a Costa Rican student in Italy from major head trauma in a bicycle accident after her mother prayed at Carlo’s tomb.

When will he be canonized?

Carlo's canonization Mass will be Sunday, April 27, at 10:30AM. in front of the Vatican’s St. Peter Basilica, in conjunction with the celebration of the Holy Year’s jubilee for teens.

(information taken from msn.com)

Prayer cards for Saint Carlo Acutis will be distributed the weekend of April 27.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

We invite adult Catholics who have never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation to contact us should they want to be confirmed. Adult Catholics will be confirmed Pentecost Weekend—**Saturday, June 7th, at the 5:00PM Mass.**

Those wishing to be confirmed should contact us now.

Catechesis for Confirmation begins after Easter on **Monday, April 28th, at 7:30PM** in the parish center. The classes will last five sessions (concluding on June 2nd).

Attendance for all five sessions is mandatory.

Topics discussed include Faith, Christ, Church, Sacraments, and Morals.





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families in this Jubilee Year of Hope!

Our celebration of Easter rekindles our hope each year.

The Tomb is empty! Jesus is Risen!

A wealthy man and a member of the Sanhedrin, St. Joseph of Arimathea is one of those Gospel characters with a very brief but very important role.

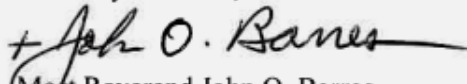
In John 19:38-42, we see that after Jesus' Crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate for permission to take away Our Lord's Body. This was a bold and courageous act of faith from a man "seeking the Kingdom of God." (Mark 15:43)

Joseph and Nicodemus together place our Lord's Body reverently in linen cloths prepared with myrrh, aloe and spices: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there."

In his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, Fr. Simeon Leiva-Merikakis gives tribute to Joseph of Arimathea. He writes: "And how can we fail to do homage to Joseph of Arimathea? In performing a very humane corporal work of mercy by seeking out and burying the corpse of his beloved Teacher, Joseph becomes for all time a living icon of the eternal Father himself, stooping with compassion to enfold within his throbbing breast the mangled body of his beloved, Son, whom he himself handed over to sinners out of love for mankind. At long last, the Son of God on earth has fallen into the hands, not of a sinner, but of a just and compassionate man! Joseph of Arimathea enacts the justice and love of God himself."¹

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season, let us remember and ask the intercession of the great Joseph of Arimathea who prepared the Tomb of Christ and the Body of Christ with such sensitive care and compassion, such faith, courage and reverence. The Tomb is Empty! He is Risen!

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, 564. *Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word: Meditations on the Gospel According to St. Matthew.*

From all the staff at St. Margaret's...



St. Margaret's Annual Communion Breakfast will take place Sunday, May 18th, at 11:00AM.

This year's guest speaker is Fr. Joe Nixon. Tickets are \$10 each. They will be on sale in the church vestibule and in the parish center beginning in May.



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

Thank you to our parishioners who participated in our Palm Cross sale earlier this month. It was a great success!



Blood Drive

Callari Memorial Blood Drive

Roll up your sleeve in memory of someone special.



Selden Fire Department

Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa

Tuesday, April 29th at 1:45-7:45

44 Woodmere Place, Selden – Truck Bays

Appointments are preferred and walk-ins are welcomed!

Scan the QR code above or call 1-800-933-2566, or visit www.nybc.org

All donors will receive sandwiches, salads, and refreshments!

Any medical questions please call 1-800-688-0900
Any further questions contact Jennifer at 516-310-2382



For many years the Callari family chaired and coordinated the Selden Fire Dept. and St. Margaret's R.C. church blood drives.

In the past four years, and with deepest regrets from our communities, we lost these wonderful volunteers. Selden Fire Department is holding a memorial blood drive to honor Ex. Capt. and former Commissioner Joe Callari, his wife Sue Callari former Chaplain S.F.D.L.A. and their daughter Roe Callari Ex. Capt. of S.F.D. and Past President of S.F.D.L.A. respectively.

Please join us to honor this dedicated family by donating a pint of blood. Your pint of blood will save 3 lives!

#nybloodcenter
800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 safety protocols.

SPRING Chinese Auction FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 4th

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH

★ PARISH HALL ★

800 PORTION ROAD, LAKE RONKONKOMA
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM
RAFFLES CALLED AT 2:00 PM

CASH ONLY

\$10 ADMISSION—INCLUDES:
(25 YELLOW TICKETS + COFFEE + CAKE)
EXTRA SHEETS \$5.00

DELUXE PRIZES - WHITE TICKETS :
3 FOR \$5
7 FOR \$10

GRAND PRIZES - BLUE TICKETS:
1 FOR \$10
3 FOR \$20

50/50 RAFFLE - RED TICKETS

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!

OVER 100 PRIZES!!

ALL NEW ITEMS!!
GIFT CARDS!!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY NEXT WEEKENDApril 27th @ 11:00AMFollowing the 10:00 Mass
in the Church AuditoriumSponsored by *The Heart of the
Island Knights of Columbus***All are invited!****Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament***For your personal
adoration and prayers***FIRST THURSDAY — MAY 1ST
3:00—6:00PM in the Church****Faith Formation****Vacation Bible School**Theme ~ True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World
July 7th-11th ~ 9:15AM—12:30PMAges 4 years to entering 6th grade ~ Fee: \$45 per child

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

Registration now open! Limited to first 100 children. Any questions, contact Jackie Mirenda at (631) 732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com.**20 Minutes with the Pastor/Director****Sundays at 9:30AM**April 27th – Level 7May 4th – Levels 1, 2, & 3May 11th – Levels 4, 5, & 6**Holy Angels Regional School***Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade*

1 Division Street, Patchogue

PRINCIPAL JEANNINE STEWART

CALL (631) 475-0422

FOR MORE INFORMATION

OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG*Celebrating 100 years!***Parish Social Ministry****Pantry Needs**

Our food pantry is currently low on many items. The items we are in most need of are:

- ◇ CANNED CHICKEN
- ◇ BEEF STEW
- ◇ PASTA MEALS
- ◇ CRACKERS
- ◇ BOXED MILK
- ◇ JUICE BOXES
- ◇ TOILET TISSUE
- ◇ SHAMPOO
- ◇ LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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.