



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

April 27, 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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Divine Mercy Sunday



April 27th — 3:00PM in the Church
“Jesus, I trust in You.”

Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: Today, on Divine Mercy Sunday, pray the Divine Mercy chaplet at 3:00PM. You can learn more about this beautiful, powerful devotion at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>.

General Intercession: That those in our community will turn to Jesus' loving mercy. We pray to the Lord...



Readings for Next Sunday
Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Second Reading.....Rv 5:11-14
Gospel.....Jn 21:1-19

For the week of
April 27th, 2025



Altar
Bread & Wine
Special Intention

Henryk & Margaret
Chelminski

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 28th

Luigi & Natalie Assalone

Tuesday, April 29th

Chris Mendolia

Wednesday, April 30th

Norman Gottfried

Thursday, May 1st

Nora Stein

Friday, May 2nd

Geraldine A. Donleavy

Saturday, May 3rd

8:30AM

Frank Vesey

5:00PM

Marina D'Alleva

Sunday, May 4th

8:00AM

Roberta Luis

10:00AM

Doris Fortuno

12:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

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 Discepolo, 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, Joseph Jianette, Estelle Beauchamp



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 early morning hours of Easter Monday (April 21, 2025), news outlets reported that Pope Francis had died at the age of 88. As we knew from following news stories going back weeks before the date of his death, the Holy Father was hospitalized for a prolonged length of time with pneumonia. Quite surprisingly, he was released from the hospital and he returned to the Vatican. He also made public appearances after his hospitalization. Just the day before he died – on Easter Sunday – he greeted pilgrims outdoors in Rome.

The Pope's death, coming as it did in the Easter Octave, was a reminder to us all that the Resurrection is the culmination of Jesus' life and ministry. It is the culmination of our lives too. The Resurrection is the goal to which we all aspire. Still, with every death, there is sadness and mourning. Every Pope is a public figure extraordinaire. And through the media of various kinds, Pope Francis was recognizable all over the world. Recognizable or not, everyone who dies is in need of the help of other mortals. And that would be the help of our prayers. No matter who dies, there is always judgment. Those belonging to the Body of Christ come to the aid of our deceased brothers and sisters – in this case, a Pope who is also called His Holiness - that no one admitted to the Body through Baptism may find himself excluded from the eternal banquet of heaven.

Every soul is laid bare before the Lord in death. May the Just Judge and Merciful Father show to the 266th Vicar of Christ what we all want when it is our turn to breathe our last on this planet.

Let me comment now on some other things deserving of our attention in the days and weeks ahead.

We have a **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Sunday the 11th of May following the 12 noon Mass. If the weather is good, we will be outdoors at the grotto on our property. We ask our First Holy Communicants to be present with their families at the 12 noon Mass and lead us to the statue of Our Lady where the crowning will take place. Before the crowning, there will be readings from Sacred Scripture and hymns in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On the third Sunday of May, the 18th, we will have our second annual **Communion Breakfast** following the 10:00 AM Mass. The Breakfast part of the morning will be in the auditorium. Tickets go on sale the first weekend of May (the 3rd and 4th) in the vestibule of the church. Members of the Heart of the Island Council will be there in the vestibule selling the tickets. That sale will continue on May 10th and 11th in the vestibule of the church. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Fr. Joe Nixon will be the guest speaker. Join us for this memorable event.

In June, there are two important dates to keep in mind. The first is on Sunday the 8th, the Solemnity of Pentecost. On that day, there will be a **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress** at Saint Anthony High School in South Huntington. Saint Margaret will be represented at this event. I ask you to consult the bulletin boards in the church for details about the event. It begins at 10:00 AM and finishes at 5:30 PM. There will be a bus from Saint Margaret Parish, and I ask that you sign up in the vestibule of the church if you intend to be a participant. There is no cost for the bus and no entrance fee at the high school for the Congress.

There is also the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** on the 22nd of the month. We will have our regular schedule of Masses that weekend but there is a principal Mass at 10:00 AM. Following the 10:00 AM Mass, there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament outdoors (presuming the weather is good). It will also afford an opportunity for lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and catechists to renew their dedication to their ministries and apostolates during the Mass.

This weekend, we have another edition of our socials after the 10:00 AM Mass. It is hosted, as usual, by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome. Please stop by for a short time if your schedule allows.

In the meantime, we continue to celebrate the Risen Lord at our liturgies. The Risen Lord fills His Church with the power of His Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Commit yourself to a reverent and prayerful participation every time you attend Mass, which ought to be every week. The Eucharistic Revival continues in myself. It starts personally or it doesn't make a start at all in the Catholic community.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



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



This year's guest speaker will be 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

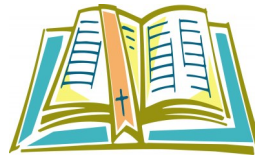
For your personal adoration and prayers

FIRST THURSDAY — MAY 1ST
3:00—6:00PM in the Church

Saturday Afternoons 4:00-4:45PM
Sunday Mornings 11:15-11:45AM



Bible Study



Bible Study group meets every Wednesday from 10:00AM to 11:00AM in the parish center. Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator. Please bring your Bible.



Mother's Day May Crowning

We will be honoring the Blessed Mother after the 12:00 Mass on Sunday, May 11th. Our First Communion children and their families are invited to come and join as the parish processes to crown our Statue of Mary to thank God for the gift of such a loving Mother.



On June 22, when the Church marks the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 12:00 Mass. All are encouraged to attend.



Please Pray for our First Communion Children as they prepare to receive on May 10th





Bishop Barres' Statement on the Death of Pope Francis

April 21, 2025

As we mourn the death of Pope Francis on this Easter Octave Monday and the gift of his contemplative global evangelization grounded in Matthew 25 and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for his unique graces and charisms and the compelling way during his Pontificate that he has been a Light of Jesus Christ and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church to the world.

In *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), Pope Francis speaks about the original freshness of the Gospel: "Jesus can also break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us by his divine creativity. Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world. Every form of authentic evangelization is always 'new.'" (11)

Pope Francis' commitment to the freshness of the Gospel and his desire to forge new paths of mission creativity were expressed in his encyclicals *Lumen Fidei* (2013), *Laudato si'* (2015), *Fratelli Tutti* (2020), and *Dilexit Nos* (2024), along with his apostolic exhortations *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) and *Gaudete et Exsultate* (2018), *Christus Vivit* (2019), *Querida Amazonia* (2020), *Laudate Deum* (2023), and *C'est la confiance* (2023).

This section of *Evangelii Gaudium* captures, I believe, Pope Francis' passionate love for the Church and the world and it will continue to inspire us as the Holy Spirit leads us further into the 21st century: "How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervor, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction! Yet I realize that no words of encouragement will be enough unless the fire of the Holy Spirit burns in our hearts. A spirit-filled evangelization is one guided by the Holy Spirit, for he is the soul of the Church called to proclaim the Gospel..I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples." (261)

Today, we pray for the soul of Pope Francis, we pray for the College of Cardinals which will elect his successor, and we pray for his successor who will be elevated to the Chair of Saint Peter.

As we pray for the soul of our Holy Father Pope Francis on this Easter Octave Monday, we remember his words on our Lord's Resurrection.

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes: "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force..Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history..Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power." (276)

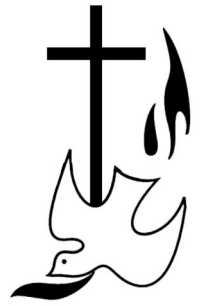
May the Word of God be a Light and a Lamp for our steps and may the Holy Spirit lead and guide us!

+ *John O. Barres*
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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 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.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

April 27th @ 11:00AM

Following the 10:00 Mass in the Church Auditorium



Sponsored by
The Heart of the Island
Knights of Columbus

All are invited!

CRS RICE BOWL

You may now return your Lenten Rice Bowl to the Parish Center. The funds collected will be donated to Catholic Relief Services.



Parish Social Ministry



Pantry Needs

The items we are in most need of for our food pantry are:

- ◇ CANNED CHICKEN
- ◇ BEEF STEW
- ◇ PASTA MEALS
- ◇ CRACKERS
- ◇ JELLY
- ◇ CANNED PEAS
- ◇ APPLESAUCE
- ◇ JUICE BOXES
- ◇ TOILET TISSUE
- ◇ TOOTHPASTE

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



The Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry will be starting back up on Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM in the Parish Center. Call the Outreach office at x119 for more information.

Support the Catholic School Difference!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
OF LONG ISLAND

Second Collection Weekend 2025



On the weekend of May 3-4, all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre will hold a second collection in support of Catholic schools. Your generosity helps sustain the vital mission of Catholic education on Long Island. Thank you for supporting the **Catholic School Difference** — where faith, academic excellence, and values come together to shape tomorrow's leaders. For parishes with schools, the funds support their own school; for parishes without schools, the funds provide scholarships through the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.

Experience the Catholic School Difference. Use the QR code to take the next step!

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TOMORROW'S HOPE
FOUNDATION



Memorial Easter Flowers



A Special Thank You to all donors for your generosity which helped make our church look beautiful this Easter Season.

The honor and memories of your loved ones shone through in the beauty of your contributions.

May God bless you and keep you.

Faith Formation



Vacation Bible School July 7-11



Contact Jackie Mirenda at x131 or jmirena@saintmargaret.com to sign up.

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

Remaining Dates:

April 27th – Level 7

May 4th – Levels 1, 2, & 3

May 11th – Levels 4, 5, & 6



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

OVER 100 PRIZES!!

\$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!

ALL NEW ITEMS!!
GIFT CARDS!!



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!

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.

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