



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

February 22, 2026

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

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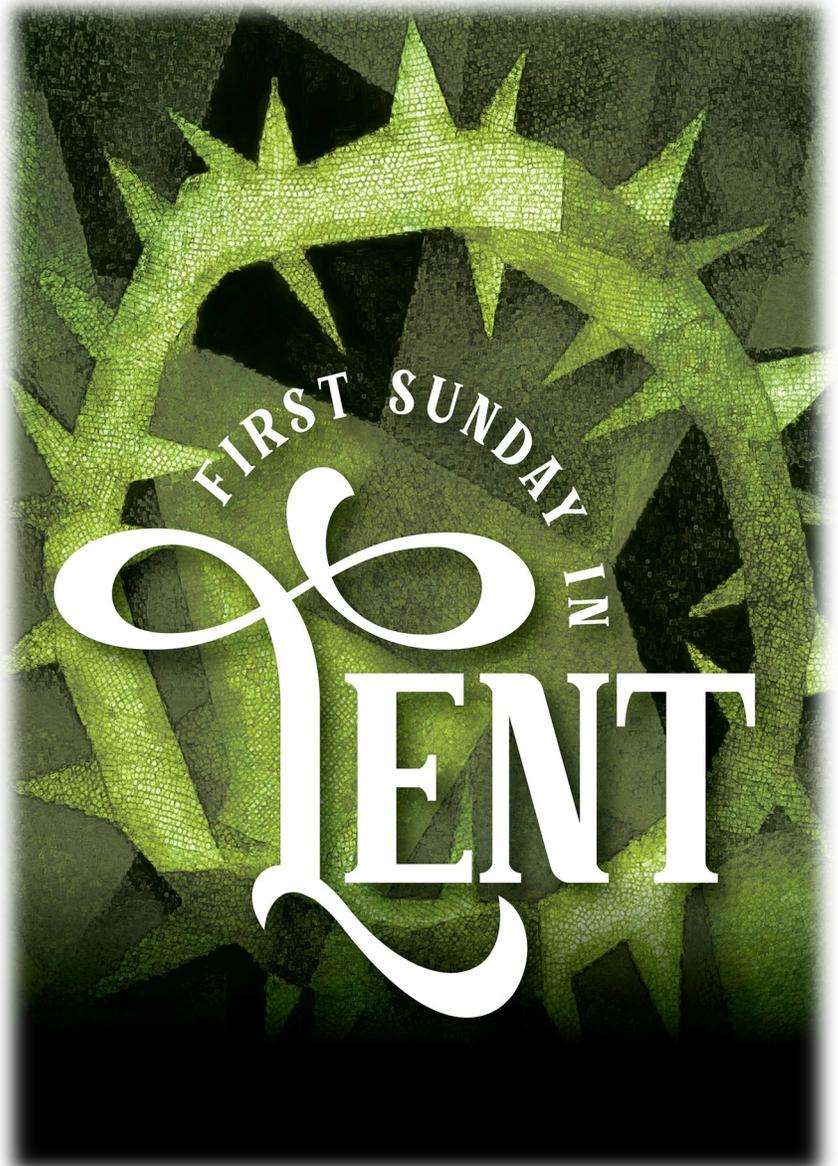
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Lent is just a few days old now, so I would like to offer some recommendations for following through on promises you may have made to God and yourself when Lent started. Here are my suggestions.

Commit to praying each day of Lent. No matter your schedule, be by yourself and have your Bible with you for this designated period of time. Use portions of the New Testament as your primer. As you begin to pray, call upon the Holy Spirit to give you the help you need for entering into communion with God.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Many, many Catholics have lost touch with a regular rhythm for going to Confession. Make this Lent the time you resumed a timely reception for the Lord's forgiveness and pardon. If we go to Mass weekly, why not commit to going to Confession monthly or every six weeks or so?

Go to daily Mass. Although we are already a few days into Lent, make a point right now of going to Mass at 9:00 AM on weekdays (Monday through Friday) and at 8:30 AM on Saturday. A Lent with Daily Mass is always good for the soul. It awakens us to the Presence of the Lord, and it beckons us to remain united to the Word of God by a daily reception of the Word made flesh.

Join us on Monday nights during Lent for a Holy Hour. It starts at 7:30 PM in the church. The Hour helps us to become holy by savoring the Presence of Christ, listening to the Word of God in Scripture, listening to preaching on that Word, and praying the prayers of Benediction.

Use a short volume during Lent for reading. We distributed copies of *Magnificat* on Ash Wednesday. If you took a copy a few days ago, make a point of using it every day of this holy season. *Magnificat* gives us the necessary focus for a close discipleship regardless of what is going on in my life at any one time.

Consider carefully one of the corporal works of mercy and act on it. Such an act brings us into contact with the poor and troubled in our midst. We cannot claim a devotion to the Lord if we are unconcerned about our brothers and sisters who live on the margins of society. Serving those in distress is a responsibility we all have in the Body of Christ.

While you are being attentive to the corporal works of mercy, don't forget the spiritual works of mercy, either. Choose one of these spiritual works and find the right circumstance whereby you can carry it out without too much difficulty. Save your counsel for the confused and the perplexed. Give it without counting the cost.

Make a greater commitment to stewardship - all three aspects of it: time, talent, and treasure. Lent is a time for sacrifice. Why not sacrifice some personal comfort so that others may get some reprieve from the burdens of their lives?

Just some suggestions above for those who might not have made decisions a few days ago when our Lenten observance started. In the meantime, don't forget the following.

We have another one of our Hospitality Sundays following the 10:00 AM Mass in the auditorium. Join us in the witness we give to the faith which makes us who we are from the moment of our Baptism.

We pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12 noon in the church. All are invited to follow in the footsteps of the One Who brought us salvation by walking the *Via Dolorosa* with His very own Cross. That we may carry our crosses with trust too.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Monday Night Holy Hours



Mondays During Lent
7:30—8:30PM

- ◇ Personal Prayer
- ◇ Preaching on Themes Related to the Holy Eucharist
- ◇ Benediction

Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent
12:00NOON



Baptisms



Avery James Hudson
Jordan George Hudson
Evelyn Mae Savona

Hospitality Sunday

Hospitality Sunday is taking place this Sunday, February 22nd, at 11:00AM, in the church auditorium. Sponsored by *The Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus. All are invited! Stop by for fellowship and a bagel.



Mass Book

The 2026 Mass Book is open. We encourage you to remember deceased relatives and friends at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the Communion of Saints, we are never removed from those whom we love. We hope for a reunion with them in God's providence, and praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM
Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM
Thursday, March 5th 3:00-6:00PM

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.

Bible Study

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the Parish Center, led by Deacon Ed Hayes. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.



Saint Margaret's Spousal Bereavement



Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their spouse. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis. Participants need not be Saint Margaret's parishioners. For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at 698-6053.

Saint Margaret's Ministry of Hope

If you feel you are being called to minister to those who have recently lost a loved one, consider calling the Parish Center for more information on the Ministry of Hope. Its members reach out to those who have recently lost a loved one, conduct a prayer service at the funeral home if necessary, and assist the priest with the funeral.



Faith Formation

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

- ◇ February 22 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ March 1 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ March 8 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ March 15 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ March 22 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ March 29 — Levels 1 & 2



Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday
April 3rd, 11:00AM



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Vacation Bible School

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July 6-10, 2026



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. Rice bowls are available in the Parish Center if you did not get yours yet.

Looking for Catholic Gifts and Items?

Our Lady of the Island Shrine at 258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville, carries a wide variety of religious articles. OurLadyOfTheIsland.org



Rosary for Life

Join the Office of Human Life, Family, & Bioethics in prayer every Friday at 3:00PM. Email lhonkanen@drvc.org if you would like the link sent to you each week.

Scan for Zoom link:



"We pledge to preserve in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life." — Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923





FRIDAYS OF LENT

Retreat Days

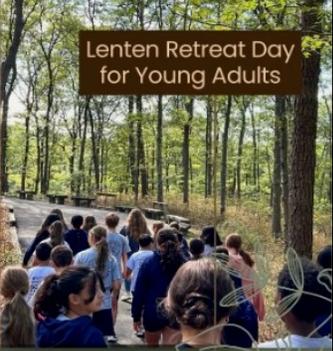
11 AM ROSARY | 11:30 AM MASS |
1:30 PM CONFERENCE |
3 PM CONCLUDING PRAYER

FEB 20	THE WORKS OF LENT Growth Toward a Generous Spirit
FEB 27	FROM THE ROADSIDE TO THE ROADWAY True Freedom of Life and Spirit
MAR 06	THE RELUCTANT PROPHET The Frightening Greatness of Mercy
MAR 13	CONVERSION AT THE WELL Change of Heart, Change of Life
MAR 20	WHEN I AM LIFTED UP The Saving Innocence of Christ
MAR 27	FATHER, FORGIVE THEM Preparing for and Making a Good Confession (ALL Day Program)

Join us every Friday of Lent for a peaceful time of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

258 Eastport Manor Rd,
Manorville, NY
631-325-0661

Lenten Retreat Day for Young Adults

“I am the way, the truth and the life”

John 14:6

A Retreat for Young Adults
(age 20s & 30s)

SATURDAY
MARCH 14
10am to 4pm

Retreat Highlights

- Spiritual Formation
- Stations of the Cross
- Adoration & Confession
- Fellowship & Music
- Mass



Fr. Bernard,
SMM

Bring Your Own Lunch
Register Today! 📌

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island 631-325-0661
258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY

Church Hours

The church is open at 8:30AM Monday through Friday. We encourage parishioners and other churchgoers to come early for Mass. The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among those so inclined. The church closes at 12:00NOON daily.

New Parishioner? Moving? Need to update information?

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

New _____ Moving _____ Updating _____



VIRTUS®

Thank you to all our ministers who are in compliance with the Diocese of Rockville Centre. 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 on website
- Complete a background check on website
- 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 in any way, contact Adriana at ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com or at x118.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry Needs

The parish food pantry assists the needy in the community. We ask that parishioners who would like to make donations to bring them to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or to place items in the box in the back of the church. *Please do not leave items by the locked front doors of either building.*

Thank you!



This week's requests:

- ◇ Paper and Plastic Bags
- ◇ Kids Snacks
- ◇ Tomato Soup
- ◇ Plain Cereal
- ◇ Cake Icing
- ◇ Beef Stew

Bloomin' For Good

Stop & Shop has selected Saint Margaret's Food Pantry as a nonprofit partner in the Stop & Shop *Bloomin' 4 Good* Program!

What does this mean? Our food pantry receives \$1 for each specially marked \$11.99 "Bloomin' 4 Good" bouquet sold during the month of February at the Farmingville Stop & Shop. Their address is 350 North Ocean Ave., Farmingville.



It's a win-win! Supporting Stop & Shop means supporting our food pantry!

Thank you for your consideration.

We Need Bags!



The food pantry is in critical need of paper, plastic, and reusable bags for our outreach clients. Please be as generous as you can in donating whatever bags you may have that you no longer need. We would appreciate any donation.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry



The Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry takes place on Tuesdays at 10:00AM in the Parish Center. The sandwiches feed the hungry in surrounding areas. Parishioners are invited to attend as their schedule allows. Volunteers must be Virtus compliant. Call the Outreach office at (631) 732-3131 x119 if you would like to volunteer in some capacity.

Heart of the Island Council Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. They assist with parish events such as the parish food drive, hospitality Sundays, and blood drive. Prospective members are encouraged to call Tom Piderit at (631) 682-8711.

Hands Needed



Our Music Ministry is in need of volunteers to assist in placing the words on our screen during Mass. All that is required is clicking the next screen with one button. Please see Dr. Daniel Crews, our Music Minister, after Mass, or call the Parish Center at x117.



February 18-March 29

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- **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