



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

February 8, 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

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Center

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Time, Talent & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: Live a life that shows the world that you are a Christian. How you treat others, how hospitable you are, is one way to spread the Word through your works.

General Intercession: For Campus Ministers and all who work with our youth, that they can be good Christian examples to the youth. 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.

January 31/February 1

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$9,871.00.....	195
Mailed Contributions	\$4,352.00.....	70
Total Collection	\$14,223.00	

Readings for Next Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading.....Sir 15:15-20
 Second Reading.....1 Cor 2:6-10
 Gospel.....Mt 5:17-37



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00—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 – 1:00PM. Call for an appointment - x119

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 9

Special Intention Tyrell

Tuesday, February 10

Augustin Miruho

Wednesday, February 11

Irene D'Aversa

Thursday, February 12

Lauren Pace

Friday, February 13

Kimberlynn Bertolino

Saturday, February 14

8:30AM

Joseph DePeter

5:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

Sunday, February 15

8:00AM

Tom & Mary O'Donnell

10:00AM

Rose DeSaro

12:00PM

Madeline LoBosco

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as:

Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Laura Durant, Laura Positano, Lorraine Vogel, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Veronica Sheridan-Cox, 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, Christine Rosado, Joseph Benevento, Rosemarie Rizzo-Cohen, James Bennett, Katherine & Kenneth Kermain, John Sullivan, Melissa Rodgers, Richard Martin, Suriah Bridglall, Estelle Beauchamp, Nicholas DiMonda, Christopher D'Costa, Crotieau Family, Brahaspatti Lewing, Jaime Ottenwalder [U.S. Navy], Carol Etro, Malachai Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, Raymond Grunthner



Family members: please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for four 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 snow may have stopped falling but now it's the ice which is our biggest stumbling block in getting around. We haven't had a spell like this in a few years, but it is the winter and even in our own State of New York winters are not really ever "mild." Try spending a winter in Buffalo or Syracuse. Nonetheless, we are "down-staters" and winter is not as severe on Long Island as we have had it up to this point. Let us hope that February is milder than January.

On the horizon, there is Lent, the Season of our discontent. I am not thinking of the kind of discontent caused by severe weather. What is more troubling than snow, cold temperatures and ice is the discontent of our interior life: the places where we meet the Lord usually, that being our hearts, our minds, and our souls. Lent is indeed the moment for cultivating those traditional places for our meeting of the Lord. In this respect, though, Lent is not just an intensification of what is going on in our lives (heart, mind and soul); it's a qualitatively different time to look at sin and the suffering it brings about in our lives. The reason for the qualitative difference is in how we start our Lenten observance. We have ashes imposed on our foreheads – a simple act really but deeply symbolic. I am declaring myself a sinner and unlike the Penitential Rite at Mass, the imposition of ashes isn't just verbal. The words are accompanied by a gesture, a gesture in the very way the ashes are imposed. The ashes are imposed in the form of a Cross.

I would like to continue with the theme of the Cross, but not here and not now. As we make our way through Lent, there will be opportunity for me to return to the Cross. Suffice it to say right here and now what is our schedule for Ash Wednesday. There are four times that ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday which is on February 18th. After morning Mass at 9:00 AM, and at the conclusion of prayer services beginning at 12 noon, 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

Much more I will say about Lent, the Cross, and the Season of our discontent – but let me note what else we have at Saint Margaret for the period called the Great Forty Days. On Fridays, we pray the Stations of the Cross at 12 noon. On Monday nights, we have Holy Hours using the familiar pattern of praying in silence, listening to the Word of God, preaching on that Word, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

And, of course, there is what we do every day at 9:00 AM (on Saturdays at 8:30 AM) in the church. We attend the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and pray that Mass in union with the Church throughout the world. In previous dispensations, there was the widespread practice of going to daily Mass during Lent. This has largely fallen off to be almost indistinguishable now in attendance from other times of the year. Nevertheless, I repeat what many other priest-pastors besides myself have said and may even still say: Go to Mass each day of Lent.

At the end of Lent, there is Holy Week and, more specifically, the Sacred Triduum. I don't want to get too far ahead of myself but the period from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday is the most compelling time there is on the Christian calendar. The liturgies alone are what should bring us to the Lord's House. But that I will say in due course. Today, it's just a mention of what awaits us.

A few days ago, the Winter Olympics started. Fewer athletes and fewer countries participate in comparison with the Summer Olympics. Still, there are usually some attention-grabbing performances on the slopes or on the ice. It's definitely much more of a "television affair." You may even see, while you are watching on television, things done on skates that you never could have imagined. It's a great time for all of us to see the power in sports to unite us together even though different languages continue to divide us. Enjoy the competition, I observe. Memories are what stay with us, reminding us that athletes exert effort in their competition. It shows us how different we are from the rest of God's creation. Plants and trees don't exert effort. Only we do. To live the faith requires effort - an effort in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, that is.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, February 18th

*“Repent, and believe
in the gospel.”*

9:00AM Mass | 12:00PM Service
4:00PM Service | 7:30PM Service

Mark 1:15



Melody Marie Borden

Wedding Banns



Banns III

Youssef Akl and
Mariet Yamile Dagda Garcia,
both St. Margaret of Scotland



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.

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.



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 (631) 698-6053.

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.



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.

Altar Bread and Wine

The altar bread and wine offering funds the cost of the Blessed Sacrament for the week.

It may be as a remembrance for one who has passed, or a special intention of someone who is still with us.

The requested offering is \$25.



Family Winter Wingo

Friday Night ~ February 13th ~ 7pm

Doors Open at 6:30

In the Auditorium! Bring the Family!

Refreshments! Sign up in the Parish Center.

Proceeds will benefit parish activities.

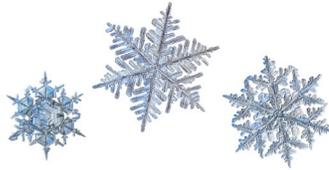
Please bring a non-perishable food item to help restock our food pantry.

See you there!



Raffle Baskets!
\$1 a ticket or
20 for \$10

Door Prizes!



Prepaid:
\$10 Per Family
or \$5 Single

At the Door:
\$20 Per Family
\$10 Single

Family Name _____

of People _____

Phone # _____

Hospitality Sunday

Our next Hospitality Sunday will take place 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.



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.



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 may 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 (631) 732-3131 x117.

Faith Formation

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



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

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars!
July 6-10, 2026



Blood Drive

St. Margaret of Scotland
Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa
Tuesday, February 17th
1:00-7:00
81 College Rd, Selden Auditorium



Prepare to donate

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
-  Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
-  Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.



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

Medical questions please call 1-800-688-0900
Any further questions contact Jennifer at 516.310.2382

800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org



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 2026 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Register online at drcv-faith.org

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




United for Life Walk
Saturday, April 11, 2026
Divine Mercy Weekend
11 am arrival at
St Agnes Church NYC
12:10 pm Mass, 1:00 pm walk




Seek Healing and Forgiveness www.unitedforlifeny.com
Through Jesus's Divine Mercy **"Together, we will make a BIG SPLASH in the BIG APPLE!"**

After the walk

Celebrating Life Luncheon
At Connolly's 47th street NYC
2pm - 5pm
Buffet Style:
Salad with Rolls and Butter
Burgundy Sirloin Tips
Chicken & Broccoli over Pasta
Lemon Pepper Sole Fish
Fettuccine Alfredo Pasta
Potatoes / Rice
Cake for dessert
Soda and coffee
Cash Bar

\$70 for General Admission
\$50 for Young Adults 18-30 & Seniors 70+

Scan the QR code to buy your tickets:



Catholic Health

Investing in Our Communities



Free screenings

As part of our mission to make care accessible to all, Catholic Health brings much-needed screening services directly to the community. Through our mobile outreach buses, we provide blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose screenings, along with patient education and referrals to care. The site visits are from 10 am to 2 pm. No appointments are necessary. We do not ask individuals about immigration status, insurance is not required and there are no fees for our services. For planning purposes, the outreach bus is a 38-foot recreational vehicle and requires a minimum of 8 parking spaces.

To schedule the Outreach Bus please call
Suffolk: (631) 396-8684
Nassau: (516) 629-2013
We look forward to serving your community.

Our mission is to make care accessible to all.



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Parish Social Ministry

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.

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:

- ◇ Jelly
- ◇ Canned Fruit
- ◇ Cookies
- ◇ Pasta Sauce
- ◇ Boxed Milk
- ◇ Beef Stew
- ◇ Instant Oatmeal
- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Dish Soap
- ◇ Laundry Detergent



Wash Up Kits



Please continue to donate travel size soaps, shampoos, and wash cloths for wash up kits. These kits are assembled by volunteers and donated to *Lighthouse Missions*. This organization provides individuals with essential items such as food, personal care products, household supplies, and more. You may drop items off at the Parish Center.

PBJ 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 x119 if you would like to volunteer in some capacity.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group will be offered at St. Mary's Parish in East Islip.

**Eight Week Group
Beginning Tuesday, March 10
7:00PM**

Support groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least 3 months prior to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to December 16, 2025.

There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed, confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and are limited to 12 people.

Registration is required. Call 581-4266 x125 for more information or to reserve your seat.



Bereavement Support Groups

Bereavement support groups will be offered at St. John Nepomucene in Bohemia and are open to people of any faith.

**Loss of Spouse
General Loss**

Loss of an Adult Child

Thursdays, March 5 through April 30 — 7:00PM

The General Support Group & Loss of Spouse Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least 3 months prior, which would be December 5, 2025.

Loss of Adult Child Group has no wait requirement.

Each group meets weekly for 90 minutes followed by refreshments and hospitality. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. All groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and are limited to 12 people.

Pre-registration is required. Call (631) 589-0540 x250 for more information or to reserve your seat for the group you would like to attend.