



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

March 15, 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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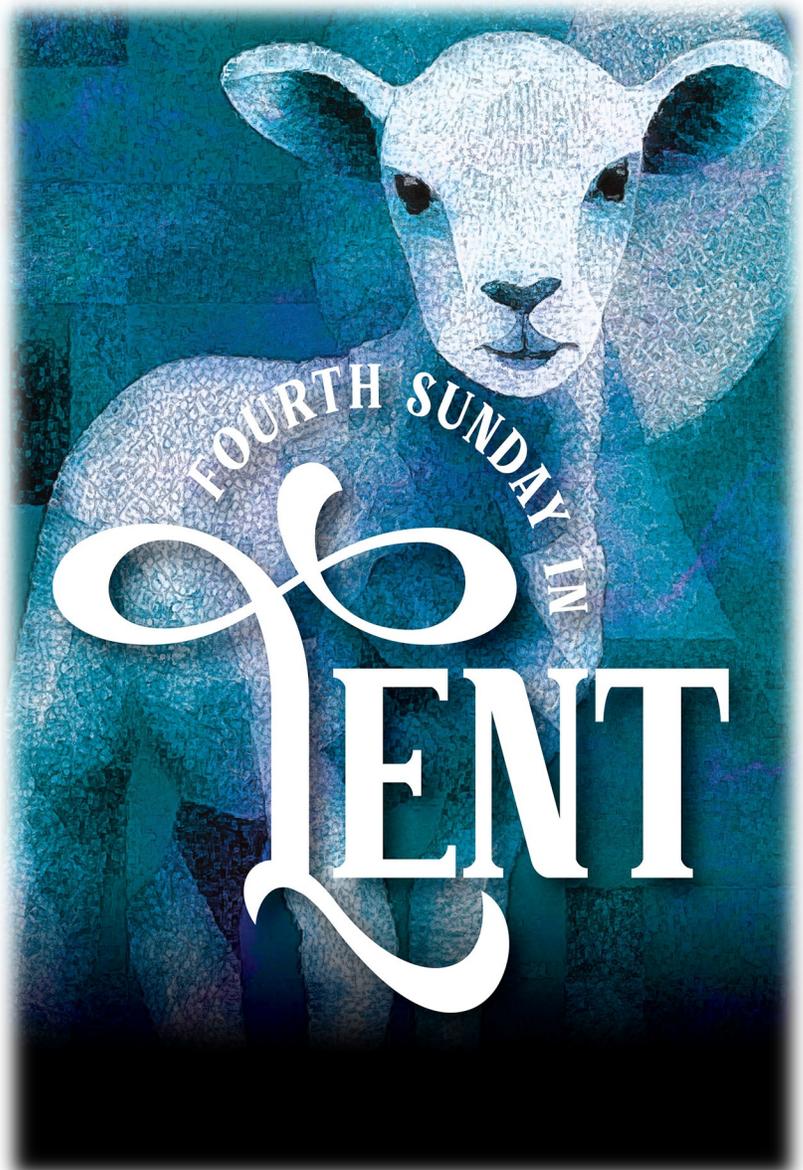
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We honor two well-known saints of the Catholic Church this week. The first is Saint Patrick on March 17<sup>th</sup>. He was born in Britain and was once a slave. He escaped however and wound up becoming a priest and was later raised to the rank of the episcopacy. He would become the greatest evangelizer in the history of Ireland. The other figure is Saint Joseph whose Feast Day is March 19<sup>th</sup>. He was the husband of Mary, the Mother of God, and the foster father of Jesus. He also is the Patron of the Church Universal.

Happy St. Patrick Day and Happy St. Joseph Day to all.

We are more than half way through the Lenten Season and this weekend we mark *Laetare Sunday*. For this particular Sunday, the Church's liturgy permits the priest to wear a rose-colored vestment. The word *laetare* is from the Latin, meaning "*rejoice.*" We rejoice that the discipline of Lent will soon end, and the Lord's death on Good Friday will be vindicated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

I want to cover next important matters involving how we worship the Lord in Holy Week and some parish events which will take place over the next few weeks.

Those assigned to the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday), and that would be lectors and altar servers, are required to attend rehearsals in advance of the liturgies themselves. As I stated in my last column, the rehearsal for the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. The rehearsal for Good Friday's Passion of the Lord is Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM. The rehearsal for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday is Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Don't forget the date and time, and by all means, don't miss the rehearsal!

On Holy Thursday night following the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 9:00 PM and finishing at 12:00 AM midnight. I encourage all parishioners to join us in prayer after Mass is over. Please sign-up in the vestibule for one hour of Adoration. The hours commence at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 PM.

The next Reconciliation Monday is March 30<sup>th</sup>, the day after Palm Sunday. There are five hours set aside for sacramental confessions – two hours in the afternoon (2:00 – 4:00 PM) and three hours in the evening (6:00 – 9:00 PM). We will have copies of an EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE (for adults) available in the church for parishioners to use. You may also find copies on the bulletin boards before March 30<sup>th</sup>.

In the Holy Week schedule, there are additional times for the Sacrament of Penance (Good Friday and Holy Saturday). Please see the Holy Week schedule for the times when priest-confessors are available on those two days. There are NO CONFESSIONS at 4:00 PM on Holy Saturday. And we don't have ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at 4:00 PM on Holy Saturday.

We are coming closer to the EASTER RAFFLE drawing on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday). It will take place in the auditorium at the HOSPITALITY reception following the 10:00 AM Mass.

Ticket sales thus far have been good. On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, tickets will be sold in the vestibule before and after ALL MASSES. After that weekend, tickets will only be available at the pastoral center building. There is NO LIMIT to the number of tickets you may purchase. There are **only 200 tickets available for the EASTER RAFFLE.**

We have MORNING PRAYER on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9:00 AM. All parishioners are encouraged to join us. We pray the Psalms antiphonally (alternating left and right sides) on those mornings. As I mentioned the last time in this column, we pray the Stations of the Cross and the Psalms **together, that is, in unison.** There are two leaders (priests) who will assist us in offering our morning praise to God.

Parishioners are encouraged to have Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends. You can arrange for these Mass Intentions at the pastoral center building during regular business hours. We should have every available Mass Intention in our schedule filled by the time the Mass is offered. The Mass donation is \$20.00.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

### Monday Night Holy Hours



March 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:30—8:30PM

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

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays — March 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
12:00NOON



### Divine Mercy Novena



The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, after 9:00AM Morning Prayer.  
 Holy Saturday Novena will be after the 9:00AM Morning Prayer.  
 Easter Sunday you may do privately.  
 Beginning Easter Monday, Daily Novena will be after morning Mass.  
 Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Adoration & Benediction will take place at 1:30PM in the church on this day, followed by the Rosary at 2:00PM with the Filipino Community.

### PALM CROSSES

**\$12 CASH EACH**

Palm crosses will be available after all masses next weekend.

No preorders—  
*while supplies last!*



### Bible Study



There will **NOT** be Bible Study this Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Bible Study will resume next Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00AM. Join us then.

### Reconciliation Monday 2026

Monday, March 30

2:00—4:00 PM 6:00—9:00 PM

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00PM



To find a parish near you, visit: [www.drvc.org/maps](http://www.drvc.org/maps)



Saint Margaret's  
is having an

# Easter Raffle

Two cash prizes! \$1,000 and \$2,000!

Only 200 tickets will be sold!

Stop by the Parish Center if you did not receive a ticket application

Cost is \$50 a ticket

Drawing will be held March 29 following the 10:00AM Mass

## Faith Formation

### Vacation Bible School

*Rainforest Falls: Experiencing the Nature of God*

**July 6-10**  
**9:15AM—12:30PM**

Exploring the Nature of God

Ages 4 years to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Fee: \$50 per child  
 Volunteers Needed!  
 Adults & Students grade 7 and up.  
 High Schoolers welcome.  
**Registration opens March 16**  
 Limited to first 100 children  
 Any questions, please contact Jackie Mirenda at 732-3131 x131 or [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com).

### Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director

**Sundays at 9:30AM**

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

### Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3  
11:00AM

STATIONS of the CROSS

## HOLY ANGELS REGIONAL SCHOOL

Illuminating and Educating our Children through Jesus Christ

### OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, MARCH, 22  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

- Nursery & Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten Program
- Elementary School
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Tuition assistance is available through Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.

[WWW.HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.COM](http://WWW.HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.COM)

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## FRIDAYS OF LENT

### Retreat Days

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

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| <b>FEB 20</b> | THE WORKS OF LENT<br>Growth Toward a Generous Spirit                                 |
| <b>FEB 27</b> | FROM THE ROADSIDE TO THE ROADWAY<br>True Freedom of Life and Spirit                  |
| <b>MAR 06</b> | THE RELUCTANT PROPHET<br>The Frightening Greatness of Mercy                          |
| <b>MAR 13</b> | CONVERSION AT THE WELL<br>Change of Heart, Change of Life                            |
| <b>MAR 20</b> | WHEN I AM LIFTED UP<br>The Saving Innocence of Christ                                |
| <b>MAR 27</b> | FATHER, FORGIVE THEM<br>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



# Chrism Mass

## at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026 • 4:00 P.M.**

All are invited to attend in person.

This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. Viewers can watch the Mass online at [cfntv.org](http://cfntv.org).

 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE





**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**  
800 Portion Rd.  
Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779  
631-737-4388

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## Authors & Artists Easter Craft Fair



**Saturday, March 28, 2026**  
**10 am – 4 pm**  
**In parish Hall (back doors)**

**Books by local Authors, Paintings & Crafts  
by local Artists, Jewelry, Food &  
Refreshments. Over 50 Vendors!**

*Proceeds Help Support Parish Ministries*



The Diocese of Rockville Centre

# GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

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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

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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)



# 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!*



- ◇ Canned Chicken ◇ Pasta Sides
- ◇ Spaghetti ◇ Egg Noodles
- ◇ Small Bags Rice ◇ Non-Turkey Gravy

## Thank you!

St. Margaret's Outreach thanks Stop & Shop in Farmingville for their donation to our food pantry through their annual "Bloomin' 4 Good" program. Flower bouquets sold at their store generated funds to assist us.

Thank you to Stop & Shop for your commitment to fight hunger!



## 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.

## Lenten Service Project

Join the Faith Formation students in their Lenten Service Project to benefit the Life Center of Long Island in Smithtown. We are collecting the following **NEW** items:

- ◇ Baby Shampoo ◇ Pacifiers
- ◇ Diaper Cream ◇ Toddler Socks
- ◇ Pull-Ups ◇ 12 mo-4T clothing
- ◇ Size 7 Diapers ◇ (boys & girls)



February 18-March 29  
**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**



## 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](http://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:**

