



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

March 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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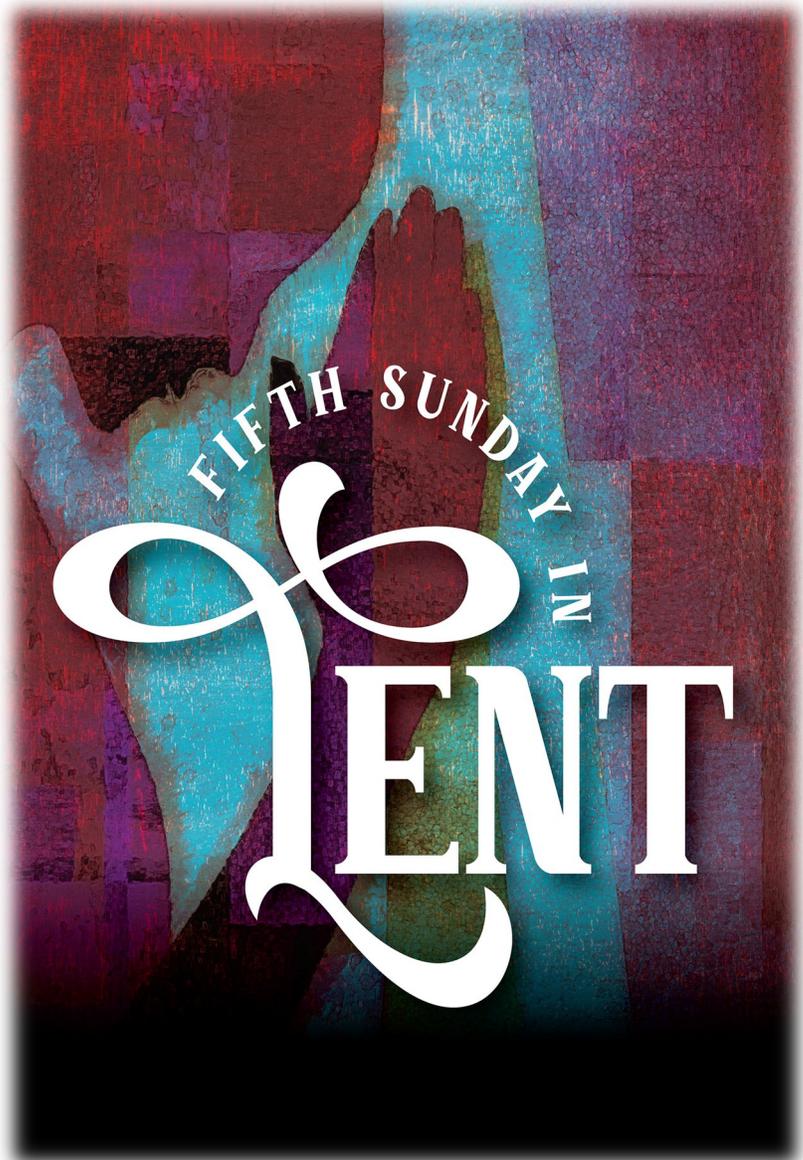
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There is not much time remaining in our Lenten observance. Today is the Fifth Sunday of the season of self-denial and next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

For the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the gospel concerns the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Like the story of the woman at the well and the man born blind, the text is very long. Let me just comment that all three of these texts are invitations to deepen our faith in the Lord Jesus by way of personal encounter and dialogue. May our hearts be well-disposed to receive the Word in all its power and strength. May that power and strength bring us a deeper immersion in the life of the Holy Trinity.

There are a number of matters for me to address in this column. So, here goes.

Beginning on April 14th, a Tuesday afternoon, I will have the first session of what I call *Catechism Study*. It is something I did a generation ago in another parish assignment. Then, we met twice per year (spring and autumn with 10 meetings or so in both seasons). It offers to those interested a one-hour long session of immersion in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) each week. It runs for one hour from start to finish. We begin at 2:00 PM and we finish at 3:00 PM. The sessions are held in the pastoral center building. I hasten to add that I will do it so long as we have 10 persons. We will meet weekly for multiple weeks (probably into the month of June.) If you want to call the pastoral center building during regular business hours to indicate your interest, you may do so but it is not required. Remember, we need 10 persons.

Tickets for the EASTER RAFFLE are on sale in the vestibule of the church this weekend before and after all Masses. A ticket costs \$50.00. Only **200 tickets will be sold. And you may also purchase more than one ticket.** The drawing is on Sunday, March 29th (Palm Sunday). It will be held in the auditorium during the social following the 10:00 AM Mass.

For the Sacred Triduum liturgies, it is required that lectors and altar servers attend **rehearsals**. Those rehearsals are already on the calendar. Remember, you must attend the rehearsal if you are a lector or server – no exceptions!

On Holy Thursday night, following the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church up until midnight. You are encouraged to sign up in the vestibule of the church (on one of the easels there) for one hour. The hours commence at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 PM. There is **no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM on Holy Saturday.**

During the Triduum, we have Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM. We encourage all parishioners to attend and pray with us.

Stations of the Cross are prayed at 12 noon on the Fridays of Lent. We encourage all parishioners to follow the Way of the Cross that Jesus walked to redeem us sinners. On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7:30 PM.

Reconciliation Monday is March 30th. Sacramental confessions are heard for two hours in the afternoon (2:00 – 4:00 PM) and three hours in the evening (6:00 – 9:00 PM). The Sacrament of Penance is also scheduled later in Holy Week (Good Friday and Holy Saturday). See the schedules on the bulletin boards of the church or the schedule sent to you in the mail for the times when confessions are heard on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. There are **no confessions on Holy Saturday at 4:00 PM.**

Copies of an Examination of Conscience (for adults) are available in the church on Reconciliation Monday. It is salutary (as many penitents will tell you) to make use of a published examination of conscience in advance of going to sacramental confession.

Once again, I call attention to **Announced Mass Intentions being available every day of the year.** I make mention of this because since the 1st of January this year, we have found days on which there is **no announced intention.** I have had to fill in these days with remembrances of my relatives (which I am happy to do, by the way), but the whole idea is to have parishioners remember their relatives. The pastoral center is open five days a week for you to arrange for Masses for both the living and the deceased. The offering is \$20.00 for each remembrance.

Till the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

Monday Night Holy Hours



March 23rd, 7:30—8:30PM

◇ Personal Prayer

◇ Preaching on Themes

Related to the Holy Eucharist

◇ Benediction

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 27th

12:00NOON



Easter Food Blessing

The annual blessing of the Easter food and baskets will take place on Holy Saturday, April 4th, at 10:45AM in the Church. Please be on time.



Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM

Distribution and Blessing of Palm Branches at all Masses

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessions: 2:00PM–4:00PM, 6:00PM–9:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer: 9:00AM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer: 9:00AM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00PM

Confessions: 4:30PM–5:30PM

Stations of the Cross: 7:30PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer: 9:00AM

Confessions: 11:00AM–12:00PM

Easter Vigil: 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM

Bible Study

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



Baptisms



Isla Marie Barsky

Amira Cortes

Jonathan James Casella

Livvy Jade Matthews

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.



To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps



Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday, April 3rd, 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 12th.

Adoration & Benediction will take place at 1:30PM in the church on this day, followed by the Rosary at 2:00PM.



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

Adult Confirmation Classes

We invite adult Catholics who have never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation to attend our Confirmation Preparation Program. Adult Catholics will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, at the 10:00AM Mass.

Catechesis for Confirmation begins Monday, April 13th, at 7:30PM in the Parish Center. The classes will last five sessions, concluding on May 11th. Attendance for all five sessions is mandatory. Topics discussed include Faith, Christ, Church, Sacraments, and Morals.

A copy of your updated Baptismal Certificate will be required. Call the Parish Center or email Adriana at ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com for more information or if you have any questions.



Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School

Rainforest Falls: Experiencing the Nature of God

July 6-10 | 9:15AM—12:30PM

Ages 4 years to entering 6th grade Fee: \$50 per child

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

Registration is now open! Limited to first 100 children.

Any questions, contact Jackie Mirenda at 732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com



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



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| ◇ March 22 — Levels 3, 4, & 5 | ◇ April 19 — Levels 3, 4, & 5 |
| ◇ March 29 — Levels 1 & 2 | ◇ April 26 — Levels 1 & 2 |
| ◇ April 12 — Levels 6 & 7 | ◇ May 3 — Levels 6 & 7 |

Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3 — 11:00AM





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



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.

 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE





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

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




COFFEE with JESUS

**Morning Lenten Scripture Reflections
on the Meaning of Season in Christian Life**

Join Bishop Andrzej

Fridays of Lent

**February 27, March 13 and 27 at 11 am
for Webinar Lenten Reflections**



Registration Required
Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850
or email - westernvicariate@drvc.org
to receive Zoom Webinar Link



Monthly Hospitality and Easter Raffle Drawing Next Sunday Following the 10:00 Mass

Tickets are
selling fast!

Only 200
tickets will
be sold!

Cost is
\$50 a ticket

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

Sponsored by
the Knights of
Columbus

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

Parish Social Ministry

Lenten Service Project

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

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

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!*



- ◇ Shelf Stable Milk
- ◇ Canned Chicken
- ◇ Small Bags Rice
- ◇ Beef Stew/Chili
- ◇ Pasta Sides
- ◇ Egg Noodles
- ◇ Non-Turkey Gravy
- ◇ Shampoo

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Good Friday fast and abstinence.

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.



MOLLOY UNIVERSITY SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April 19th
1:00PM (*Campus tours begin at 12:00PM*)
Register at molloy.edu/openhouse26

