



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

March 29, 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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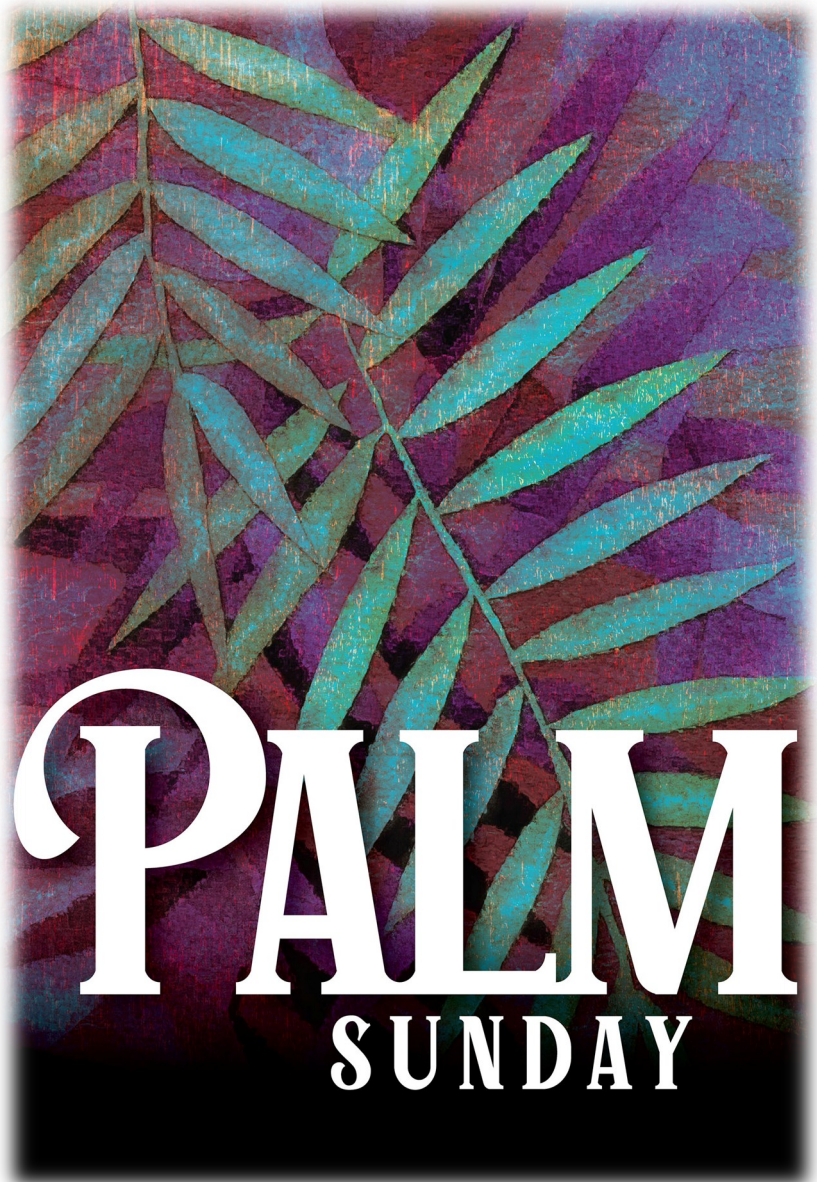
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Time, Talent, & Treasure



Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: As we enter Holy Week, the Church provides us with many opportunities to grow closer to Christ, especially during the Triduum. This is the perfect opportunity to invite a friend to Mass or the Good Friday service with you. Or perhaps you can assist an elderly person with transportation to church this week.

General Intercession: For our parishioners as we enter Holy Week. 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.

March 21/22

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$6,993.00.....	160
Mailed Contributions	\$3,094.00.....	60
Total Collection	\$10,087.00	

Readings for Next Sunday
Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading.....Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Second Reading.....1 Cor 5:6b-8
Gospel.....Jn 20:1-9

For the week of
March 29



Altar
Bread & Wine
Special Intention
for

Caitlin Carfagno

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 – 1:00PM. Call for an appointment - x119

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 30

Hanora Reilly

Tuesday, March 31

Norman Gottfried

Wednesday, April 1

Artie Massett

Holy Thursday, April 2

9:00AM

Morning Prayer

7:30PM

Spec. Int. Rev. Patrick Abu-Bonsra

Good Friday, April 3

9:00AM

Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00AM

Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil — 8:00PM

Ana Vega

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:00AM

Joseph DePeter

10:00AM

Joel Zabbara

12:00PM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as: Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Laura Durant, Laura Positano, Lorraine Vogel, 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, Carol Etro, Malachai Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, Raymond Grunthner, John Positano, Helena Corona, Caroline Petrone & Family



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.

We accompany the Lord today as He enters His city to complete the work of redeeming the human race by suffering for us, dying for us, and rising from the dead for us.

We recall today the palm branches placed on the ground as the donkey brought Him into the city of the prophets. The long gospel proclaimed today starts with the institution of the Holy Eucharist and brings us all the way up to Jesus' burial.

At the same time that we listen to what Jesus accomplished in saving us from sin and death, we remember that Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday is a yearly commemoration.

We follow the route of Jesus as He carried His Cross on Good Friday. The Cross that Jesus carried was the very manner of His death. He was nailed to it and wound up dying of asphyxiation. No doubt, it was a gruesome and painful death. But with all its agony, the Lord's death is filled with hope.

For by Jesus' death, we have the hope of eternal life. That hope becomes real for us every time the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered.

On Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday, we think too of the Church to which we belong. We entered the Church at our Baptism, and for most of us that was a long time ago.

Today's Passion account is a reminder that the waters of Baptism brought us into union with the Triune God whose grace is ever at work in our minds, hearts and souls.

That same grace enlightens our consciences too. We are sinners just like the apostle Peter who denied knowing Jesus three times. And through the Church there is forgiveness for our sins.

Our lives are blessedly holy. And that should be the goal of our lives until we breathe our last upon this good earth. We long to be holy in imitation of the Author of holiness.

The Church of our Baptism is also an evangelizing Church. As the Faith had been shared with us, we must endeavor to do the same with those who do not yet know Christ, or who were introduced to Him but no longer practice the Faith.

The Faith we profess ought to be seen and understood as good in the larger culture. Unfortunately, that is not the case – not by a long shot. Nevertheless, we engage with the larger culture, and when necessary, we witness in word and deed that our Faith is always in One Who is a sign of contradiction.

May this Holy Week be a time of strengthening your personal faith through a celebration of the sacraments.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



From the Pastor's Desk

As we enter Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum, I ask all of our parishioners to consider joining with us on Holy Thursday night for the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 2nd at 7:30PM. Following that Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be available in the Church for personal adoration. There are sign-up sheets in the vestibule of the church.

The time for adoration is from the close of the Mass until midnight. Let us know if you can spend one hour with the Eucharistic Lord on the night we commemorate Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Leo has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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.

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



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.



Bible Study

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, April 9th 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.

Hospitality Sunday

Hospitality Sunday is taking place this Sunday, March 29th, at 11:15AM, in the auditorium.

Sponsored by *The Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus.

All are invited! Stop by for fellowship and a bagel, and congratulate our raffle winners.



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

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




- ◇ March 29 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ April 12 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ April 19 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ April 26 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ May 3 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ May 10 — Levels 3, 4, & 5

Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3 — 11:00AM



STATIONS of the CROSS



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

TENEBRAE

SERVICE



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
7 PM

Tenebrae is the Latin word for shadows and the Tenebrae Service is an ancient form of prayer by which the faithful moves through the sorrow and darkness of the Passion of Jesus.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY
OurLadyoftheIsland.com




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:



JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL

EASTER PRESENTATION

Featuring
Lay Franciscan, Catholic
Recording Artist & Retreat Master

AL BARBARINO

Al will be singing and speaking at all Masses on a very special Easter Reflection:

**THE JOY OF EASTER & THE RESURRECTION...
THE ESSENCE OF OUR FAITH!**



APRIL 18TH & 19TH, 2026
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Al Barbarino's Recordings will be available.

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. Praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.



Save the Date

Guest Speak Al Barbarino
Easter Presentation at all masses
Weekend of April 18/19

May Crowning
Sunday, May 10th—11:00AM
Following the 10:00 Mass



Annual Communion Breakfast
Sunday, May 17th—11:00AM
Following the 10:00 Mass

Adult Confirmation Celebration
Pentecost Sunday, May 24th—10:00AM
Reception to Follow in Auditorium



RETRouvaille
A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Do you feel hurt and angry? Does talking make it worse? Thought of leaving or divorce? Marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Couples of all faiths are welcome to attend. Retrouvaille is a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

Their next weekend is
April 24-26, 2026

The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington
(516) 405-0323 | HelpOurMarriage.org | Register by 4/17



MOLLOY UNIVERSITY
SPRING
OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, April 19th
1:00PM

Campus tours begin at 12:00PM
Register at molloy.edu/openhouse26

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:

- ◇ Pacifiers
- ◇ Baby Shampoo
- ◇ Pull-Ups
- ◇ Toddler Socks
- ◇ Diaper Cream
- ◇ Size 7 Diapers
- ◇ 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!* This week's requests:



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

