



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

March 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

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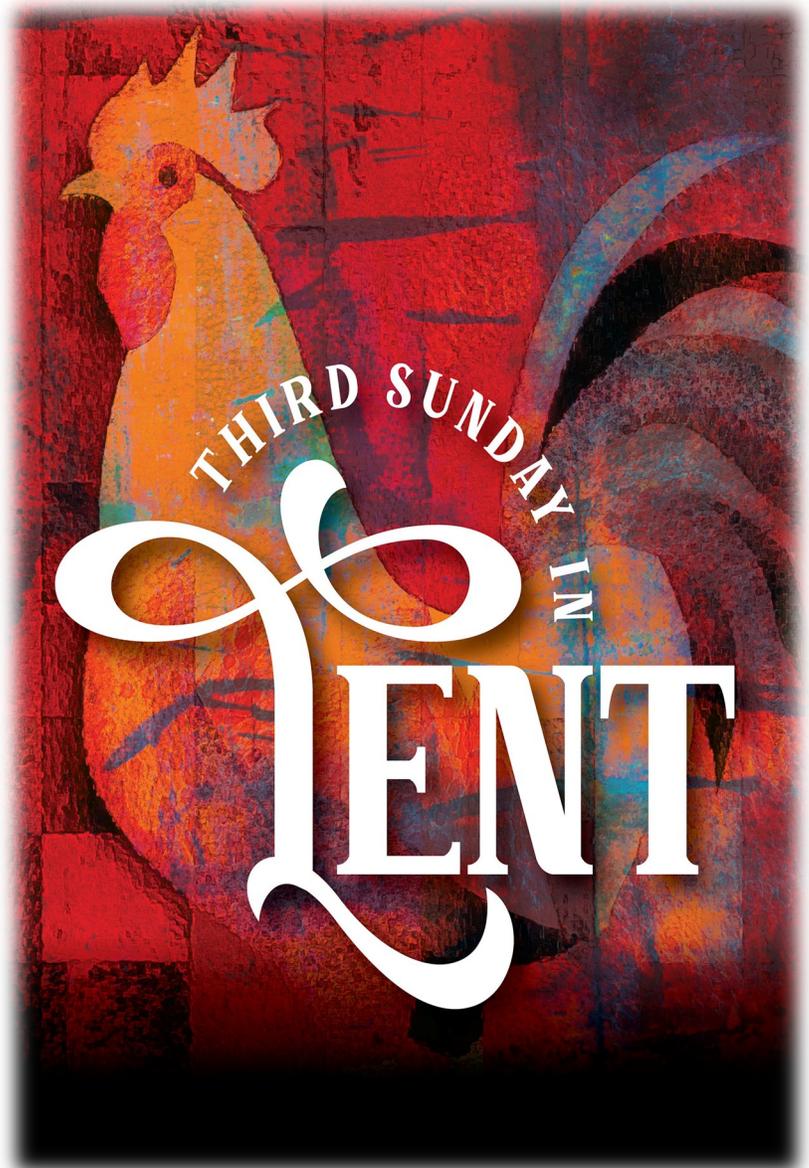
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We switch this Sunday from Saint Matthew to Saint John – that is, concerning the gospel we hear proclaimed at Mass. It's a long text we hear and I focus on the expression which is the "hour." It is Jesus speaking when these words are said: "The hour is coming, and is now here." (Jn 4:23)

To have a finer appreciation of "the hour," we go first to John 2. We find there the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. Right before Jesus performs His first miracle, Our Lord tells His own Mother: "My hour has not yet come." (Jn 2:4)

What is the hour?

It is the manifestation of Jesus' glory, to be sure. And it comes late in Jesus' earthly ministry. The Cana miracle, on the other hand, is in the beginning of Jesus' ministry. And In Saint John's Gospel, there are but two chapters separating the miracle at Cana and the woman at the well. The hour is the Passion. Jesus speaks of it in the Synoptic Gospels when He says that He is going to Jerusalem where he will suffer, die and then rise from the dead. But this is the Fourth Gospel and Jesus is getting the disciples ready for what is about to come.

Lent is our time to be ready for the Lord's passing from this world to Our Heavenly Father. For the path that Jesus goes, we too must go.

As we go, we acknowledge the following things going on around us now in this place, the place we know as Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish.

Not far off is our EASTER RAFFLE. I ask you to purchase a ticket at \$50.00. There is no limit on the number of tickets you may purchase. And there is only a total of **200 tickets available**. Later in the month, there will be parishioners in the vestibule to assist you in your purchase. In the meantime, I ask you to purchase a ticket using the application you received in the mail. Use the collection basket each week at Mass or the regular US mail or in person at the pastoral center building during regular business hours.

I have written before in this space about Mass Intentions – announced Mass Intentions. I write again to encourage you to remember family members and friends at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We have an announced Intention at every Mass in our schedule. Don't miss the opportunity to assist relatives and friends come into the fulness of life in Heaven. You can always arrange for announced Mass Intentions at the pastoral center building during regular business hours.

At the end of this month, there is another Reconciliation Monday. The last one was before Christmas, a few months ago. The next one is at the beginning of Holy Week. The date is March 30th. A confessor is available in the afternoon and in the evening. All total, there are five hours when confessions are heard. (2:00 – 4:00 PM and 6:00 – 9:00 PM).

With Holy Week not far off at this point, I hasten to mention that there are rehearsals for the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). All lectors assigned to these liturgies are required to attend the rehearsals. The rehearsal for Holy Thursday's Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM. The rehearsal for Good Friday's Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord is April 2nd at 5:00 PM.

On Holy Thursday evening, following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church up until midnight. Beginning this weekend, you will find HOURS listed in the church vestibule on one of the tripods. I ask all parishioners to consider not just attending the Mass but praying for one hour in church following the Mass in imitation of what Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane following the Last Supper.

I call upon the parish's lectors, extraordinary ministers and catechists especially to be present for Adoration on Holy Thursday night. Remember, please use the SIGN-UP pages in the church vestibule.

A final note on Stations of the Cross and other communal prayer in the church. When we pray in common, we pray **together**, that is, we say the prayers in common at the same pace! Another way of putting it is to say we pray in unison. This is also the way we pray during Holy Week at Morning Prayer. More on that as we draw closer to the Sacred Triduum in the beginning of April. For now, it suffices to say that our prayer is to unify us, to make us one before the Lord.

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



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.

Catholic Relief Services

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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.



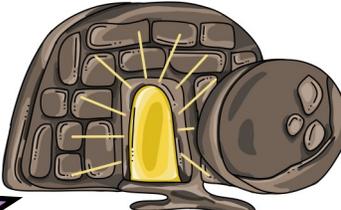
CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and 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.

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

Baptisms



Julia Billie Campbell
Amelia Clara Cottier
Charlotte Faye Skaats



PALM CROSSES
\$12 CASH EACH

Available after masses the weekend of March 22nd No preorders—*while supplies last!*

Faith Formation

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

- ◇ March 8 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ March 15 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ March 22 — Levels 3, 4, & 5
- ◇ March 29 — Levels 1 & 2
- ◇ April 12 — Levels 6 & 7
- ◇ April 19 — Levels 3, 4, & 5

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



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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

◇ Pull-Ups / Size 7 Diapers

◇ Diaper Cream

◇ Toddler Socks

◇ Pacifiers

◇ 12 mo-4T clothing (boys & girls)



"I am the way, the truth and the life"

John 14:6

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

Retreat Highlights

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

**SATURDAY
MARCH 14
10am to 4pm**



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



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

St. Gerard Majella Adult Enrichment Series

Deacon Frank Dell'Aglio

presents

HOW & WHEN JESUS CELEBRATED THE PASSOVER SEDER IN THE YEAR OF HIS DEATH

Exploring how God used the Passover seder and the apparent
contradiction concerning when it was to take place that year to fulfill
His plan for our salvation.



2 Monday Evenings 7:15pm-9pm in St. Gerard's Parish Hall

(Classes will be video recorded)

MARCH 16TH & 23RD

Spend some time deepening your knowledge of our Catholic Faith!

Registration Form - Complete and Return to the St. Gerard Parish Office

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Please mail or return form to the church office in a sealed envelope marked
Adult Enrichment Course.

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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





40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 18-March 29

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



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



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:



- ◇ Canned Chicken ◇ Small Bags Rice
- ◇ Spaghetti ◇ Cake Icing
- ◇ Peanut Butter ◇ Toothpaste

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.

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.

Hands Needed

Our Music Ministry needs 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.

