



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

April 19, 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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It is already the Third Week of Easter. Today, we hear at Mass the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus which is found in the Gospel of Saint Luke. The story has characteristics that we have already seen, namely, the initial lack of recognition of the Risen Christ, followed by the sudden recognition of the same Risen Christ. As a result, we begin to understand just how compelling is the Resurrection.

The Resurrection changes the Lord's outward appearance – so much so that disciples like Mary Magdalen fail to recognize Jesus in His very corporeality (bodiliness). The disfigurement of the crucifixion was not erased from history. The wounds of the Passion remain on Jesus' Body, but there is a wholeness to His transformation when the Lord walks out of the tomb. The victory is through and through; it is never half way or provisional. The risen state of our bodies reflects forever the splendid handiwork of our Creator.

Let me review some matters in our post-Easter life which are found at Saint Margaret. And I'll start with the month of May. We have two sessions of First Holy Communion on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be 40 children who are admitted to the Holy Eucharist for the first time then. Please see the posted photographs of First Holy Communion in the vestibule of the church where they will be located.

The next day, Mother's Day, we will have a crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the grotto on our property. It will follow the 10:00 AM Mass. In the event of inclement weather, we will have the crowning of a statue of the Blessed Mother indoors.

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Communion Breakfast in the auditorium following the 10:00 AM Mass. We urge you to obtain a ticket in advance. Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule of the church on the weekends of May 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. The cost of a ticket is \$10.00 per person. The Knights of Columbus (Heart of the Island Council) will assist you in your purchase of a ticket. They will also host the Communion Breakfast starting at 11:15 AM.

The next Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of Pentecost. At the 10:00 AM Mass, adults will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Currently, these adults are undergoing catechesis on Monday nights in the pastoral center building. We are not accepting any new candidates. The sessions are closed at this point.

And in the month of June, on the 7<sup>th</sup>, we have the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The principal Mass that day will be at 10:00 AM. At that Mass, there will be a renewal of commitment for the lectors, extraordinary ministers, and catechists. Following Mass, there is a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament outdoors. Following Benediction, there is a reception in the church basement for all who participate in the festivities.

On this last point, the Blessed Sacrament, I must make important comments here in this column. And I start with the act of receiving Holy Communion. With the celebration of every Mass, there is a distribution of Holy Communion. Every Catholic should know there is a proper way to receive Holy Communion, and there is an improper way to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Communicants are **NEVER, repeat, NEVER** to take the Lord's Body and Blood back to a pew with them in the hand. Communicants **reverently** receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand and the Lord is consumed **right there. I remind all parishioners that Catholics may receive the Lord's Body and Blood. The Holy Eucharist is ordinarily, under most circumstances, not to be received by those outside the Catholic faith.**

I call to your attention also that the Holy Eucharist is presented to the communicant and the communicant gives a response too. That response is **Amen**. It is **not** silence.

We learn how to receive Jesus in Holy Communion – most of us, anyway – when we are 7 or 8 years of age. That way of receiving Holy Communion, we use the rest of our lives.

I will mention other matters having to do with the reception of the sacraments in successive columns. In the past, this was not necessary. But certain unacceptable behaviors in church now have become almost normative. There is a liturgical propriety that we are to observe in church; it is not up to individuals to do as they please when it comes to the reception of Holy Communion.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

### 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.



### 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.

### Hospitality Sunday

Hospitality Sunday is taking place next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:10AM, in the auditorium. Sponsored by *The Heart of the Island Knights of Columbus*. All are invited! Stop by for fellowship and a bagel.



### 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.



### Heart of the Island 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 church ministries. They assist with parish events throughout the year. Prospective members should call Tom Piderit at (631) 682-8711.

### 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.



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM  
Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM  
Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*

# St. Margaret's Annual Communion Breakfast

**Sunday, May 17 — 11:00AM**



This year's guest speaker is Fr. Louis Cona from Saint Patrick's Parish in Smithtown.

Tickets are \$10 each. They will be available for purchase in the church vestibule the first two weekends in May, as well as in the Parish Center. Cash or check.



***All are invited!***

## Faith Formation

### Vacation Bible School

*Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*

**July 6-10 | 9:15AM—12:30PM**

Ages 4 years to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Fee: \$50 per child

Registration is now open

Limited to first 100 children

Contact Jackie Mirenda at 732-3131 x131 or [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com) with questions or if you would like to volunteer.



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



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

## 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 Carrots
- ◇ Canned Fruit
- ◇ Peanut Butter/Jelly
- ◇ Chili
- ◇ Spaghetti Sauce
- ◇ Saltines
- ◇ Small Cans Chicken
- ◇ Cookies

### The Children's Community Head Start

The Children's Community Head Start birth to five program offers a free federally funded home visiting program for families with children age birth to five and women who are pregnant. You would receive developmentally appropriate activities, family support. And socialization. For more information, contact Vicky at (631) 372-0810 or Maria at (631) 626-0671.



### 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 x119 for more information or if you would like to volunteer in some capacity.

# Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If regret over a past abortion is part of your life, you are not alone.

July 10-12 • Huntington, NY

We care. We can help.

Your story is confidential.

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional and/or spiritual pain of an abortion. God's mercy awaits you. Come receive His healing.

**Retreat Fee: \$300**

Limited Space. Call now.



**Contact:**  
Donna Crean 631-258-5062  
donna@livingwatertherapy.org  
www.rachelsvineyard.org



# Blood Drive

## Callari Memorial Blood Drive

Roll up your sleeve in memory of someone special.



## Selden Fire Department

Sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

1:45-7:45

44 Woodmere Place, Selden – Truck Bays

Appointments are preferred and walk-ins are welcomed!

Scan the QR code or call 1-800-933-2566, or visit [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)

Any medical questions please call 1-800-688-0900  
Any further questions contact Jennifer at 516-310-2382



Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Visit [nybc.org/coronavirus](http://nybc.org/coronavirus) for COVID-19 safety protocols.

For many years the Callari family chaired and coordinated the Selden Fire Dept. and St. Margaret's R.C. church blood drives.

In the past few years, and with deepest regrets from our communities, we lost these wonderful volunteers. Selden Fire Department is holding a memorial blood drive to honor Ex. Capt. and former Commissioner Joe Callari, his wife Sue Callari former Chaplain S.F.D.L.A. and their daughter Roe Callari Ex. Capt. of S.F.D. and Past President of S.F.D.L.A. respectively.

Please join us to honor this dedicated family by donating a pint of blood. Your pint of blood will save 3 lives!

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St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School  
Presents

# A Taste for Education

Monday April 27, 2026

6:00 PM

SJB Cougar Cafe

1170 MONTAUK HIGHWAY, WEST ISLIP, NY 11795

Interested in being a vendor?

Contact Tim Murphy at [murphyt@sjbdhs.org](mailto:murphyt@sjbdhs.org)

Tickets: \$50

Scan QR code to purchase tickets!

TO CELEBRATE 70 YEARS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRESENTS

# AN EVENING WITH SARAH HART

Saturday,

May 16, 2026

at 7:00 PM

TICKETS \$30

INCLUDES CONCERT & RECEPTION

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS AS A PARISH WITH MUSIC, STORYTELLING, AND FELLOWSHIP

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org) or at the Parish Office.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
455 Hunter Ave, West Islip NY

Details: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

## Calling All Fitness Enthusiasts! Sisters of St. Joseph 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run/Walk Saturday, May 16 — 8:30AM-2:00PM

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood warmly invite you to lace up, show up, and stand out as a valued partner at the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sprint into Spring 5K Fun Run/Walk** on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, hosted on their breathtaking 212-acre Brentwood campus.

This signature event is more than a race; it's a community gathering filled with vibrant energy, wellness, and connection. Families, local leaders, businesses, and supporters will come together in support of the Sisters' mission, programs and services. Enjoy ZUMBA, DJ, Breakfast boost stations, Vendors, BBQ food, Bouncy houses, raffles, and so much more.



For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [brentwoodcsj.org/event/sprint-into-spring-5k-fun-run-walk-2](http://brentwoodcsj.org/event/sprint-into-spring-5k-fun-run-walk-2) or contact Emily Monem at (631) 273-1187 ext. 154.

1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood

## 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.



## 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 noon daily.

## Hands Needed



Our Music Ministry is still 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 x117.

## Save the Date

### May Crowning

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>—Following the 10:00 Mass

### Adult Confirmation Celebration

Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>—10:00AM  
Reception to Follow in Auditorium

### Corpus Christi Procession & Benediction

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>—Following the 10:00 Mass  
Hospitality to Follow in Auditorium



## SPRING BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH  
PARISH HALL  
800 PORTION ROAD, LAKE RONKONKOMA**

Doors Open at 12:30 PM; Raffles called at 2:00 PM

Admission: \$10 at the door

Includes: 25 yellow tickets for prizes valued under \$49.99  
& coffee/tea & cake.

Deluxe, Grand Prize Tickets & 50/50 Raffle

You must be present to win!! Join us for an afternoon of fun!  
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Illuminating and Educating our  
Children through Jesus Christ

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