



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

**April 26, 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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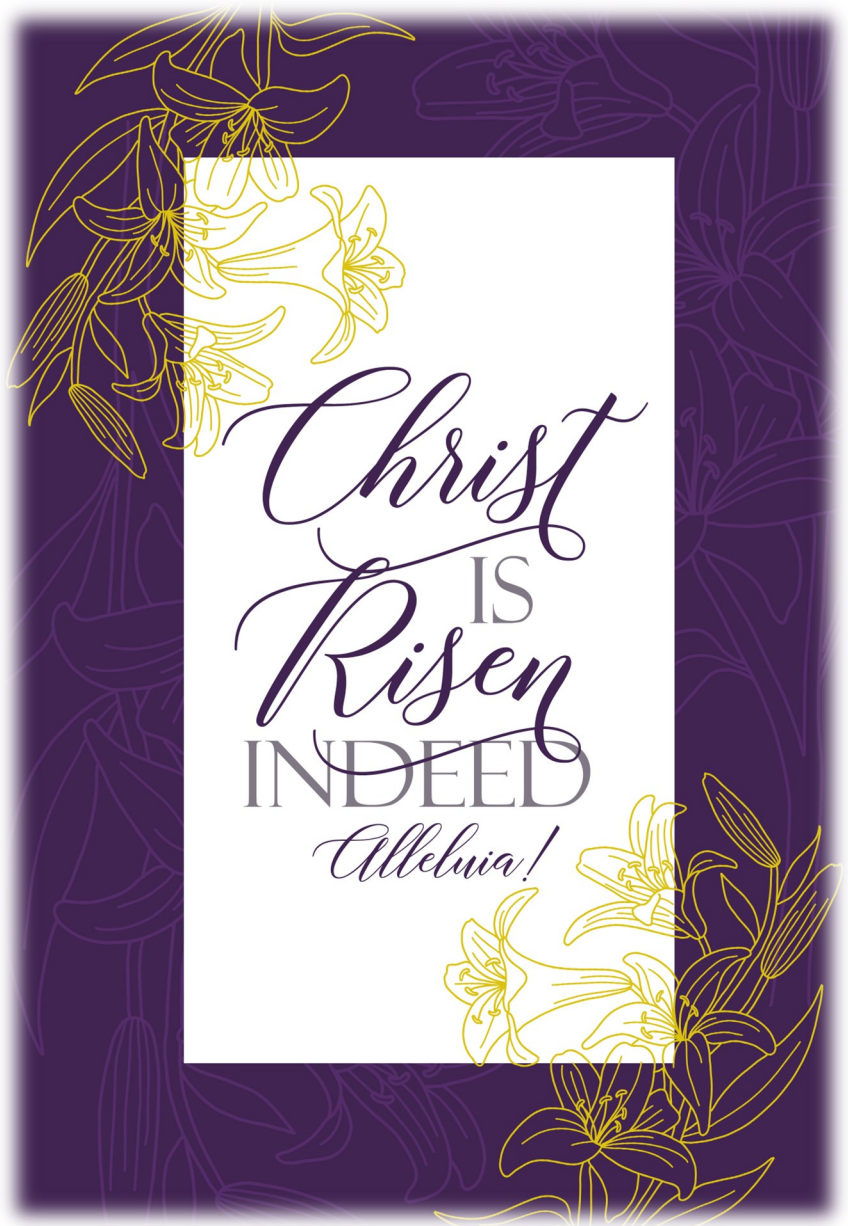
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We refer to the Fourth Sunday of Easter as Good Shepherd Sunday. The name is taken from the title Jesus applies to Himself. He is the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11). As the Good Shepherd, He is responsible for the sheep. That responsibility extends to laying down His life for the sheep, which is what happened on Good Friday. Up to that surrender of His life, the Good Shepherd takes care of the sheep. He does this by opening the gate for them, allowing them to graze but not letting them go their own way and becoming lost.

It's that aspect **before** the act of the Good Shepherd laying down His life for us which should get our attention in the Easter Season. The Good Shepherd guides us, making sure we do not get injured or get separated from the sheepfold. Making sure we do not get injured or get separated from the other sheep, the Shepherd carries out the work of directing us and forming us.

The Good Shepherd is a model then for other shepherds, those who direct souls and hearts within the flock of Christ. The Good Shepherd's care is for souls and hearts which belong to the Lord through a profession of faith. It is vocational in nature, it's what you make your life's work. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us bear in mind our need for shepherds (priests) who offer their lives as pastoral leaders, those who give their lives in a manner of speaking for the sheep who belong to Christ.

In this Easter Season, I take the opportunity to invite you to join us for events on our calendar over the next few weeks. And these events are the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Communion Breakfast and the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

As I wrote last week, following the 10:00 AM Mass on Mother's Day (May 10<sup>th</sup>), we will gather at the grotto on our property to crown the statue of Our Lady. This devotion (outdoors so long as the weather permits, of course) consists of hymns and readings from Sacred Scripture and prayers.

The following Sunday, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, is when we have our Communion Breakfast. It too follows the 10:00 AM Mass. The Breakfast takes place in the auditorium or basement of the church. We begin the sale of tickets next weekend in the church vestibule. The cost of a ticket is \$10.00. The speaker at the breakfast is Fr. Louis Cona. Fr. Cona is assigned to Saint Patrick Parish in Smithtown.

The Knights of Columbus (Heart of the Island Council) are assisting with the sale of tickets and with serving at the breakfast. We thank them for their help at this event and throughout the year at other events too.

On the first Sunday in June, the 7<sup>th</sup>, we mark the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The principal Mass that day is at 10:00 AM. All lectors, extraordinary ministers, and catechists are expected to attend the 10:00 AM Mass and renew their commitments to carrying out ministerial or apostolic responsibilities throughout the year. Following the Mass, we process with the Blessed Sacrament outdoors. Upon returning to church that morning, there is Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We finish with a reception in the church basement on that day.

On another matter, we are nearing the end of the catechetical year. As I have written before in this space and I say it again now, parents and their children who are enrolled in Faith Formation are to attend **Twenty Minutes (starting at 9:30 AM)** according to the schedule determined at the start of the school year. I add too that parents and their children are to attend Mass at 10:00 AM in the church. Families are not supposed to check out by ascending the staircase and walking **out the doors of the church**. As I have stated before on many, many occasions, **the precept to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days applies to all Catholics. It is only in an emergency or because of a serious illness that Catholics may excuse themselves from attending Mass.**

The *Catechism* Study group began meeting on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the pastoral center building. It meets each Tuesday at 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM (except this coming Tuesday on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April). We meet through the middle of June (the 16<sup>th</sup>). The group does not meet in the summer. It resumes meeting in September. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor



## Mother's Day May Crowning

*We will be honoring the Blessed Mother after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to come and join as the parish processes to crown our Statue of Mary to thank God for the gift of such a loving Mother.*



### 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



Leo Thomas McKinney  
James William Musano  
Valentina Jamileth Platero Alvarez

### Save the Date

#### Adult Confirmation Celebration

Pentecost Sunday

May 24—10:00AM

Reception to Follow in Auditorium



#### Corpus Christi Procession & Benediction

June 7—Following the 10:00 Mass

Hospitality to Follow in Auditorium

### 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.



### 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.

### Catechism Classes



Catechism study classes are taking place on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00PM in the Parish Center. It is an hour-long session of immersion in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). The next class session will take place next Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.



**Please Pray for our First Holy Communion children as they prepare to receive on May 9<sup>th</sup>.**



# Saint 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 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
- ◇ Bar Soap

### 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 (631) 732-3131 x119 for more information or if you would like to volunteer in some capacity.

## Hospitality Sunday

Don't forget! Hospitality Sunday is this Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00AM, in the auditorium. Sponsored by *The Heart of the Island* Knights of Columbus. Stop by!



## 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!  
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

New York Blood Center

## 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!

#nybloodcenter   
800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org

# Early Childhood Program

at Holy Angels Regional School



### Nursery

- Monday-Friday
- 3 & 5 Day Options
- 8:30 - 11:00 AM & 12:00 - 2:30 PM

### Pre-K

- Monday-Friday
- 3 & 5 Day Options
- 8:00 AM - 2:20 PM

Children must be fully potty-trained



Scan to learn more and register!



631-475-0422



[www.holyangelsregional.org](http://www.holyangelsregional.org)



1 Division Street Patchogue, NY 11772

## 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.

## 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.

## Looking for Catholic Gifts and Items?



Our Lady of the Island Shrine carries a wide variety of religious articles.



258 Eastport Manor Rd., Manorville  
[OurLadyOfTheIsland.org](http://OurLadyOfTheIsland.org)

## 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.



## 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>**.

The event will be 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 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

## 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, & more.



## 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.