



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

May 3, 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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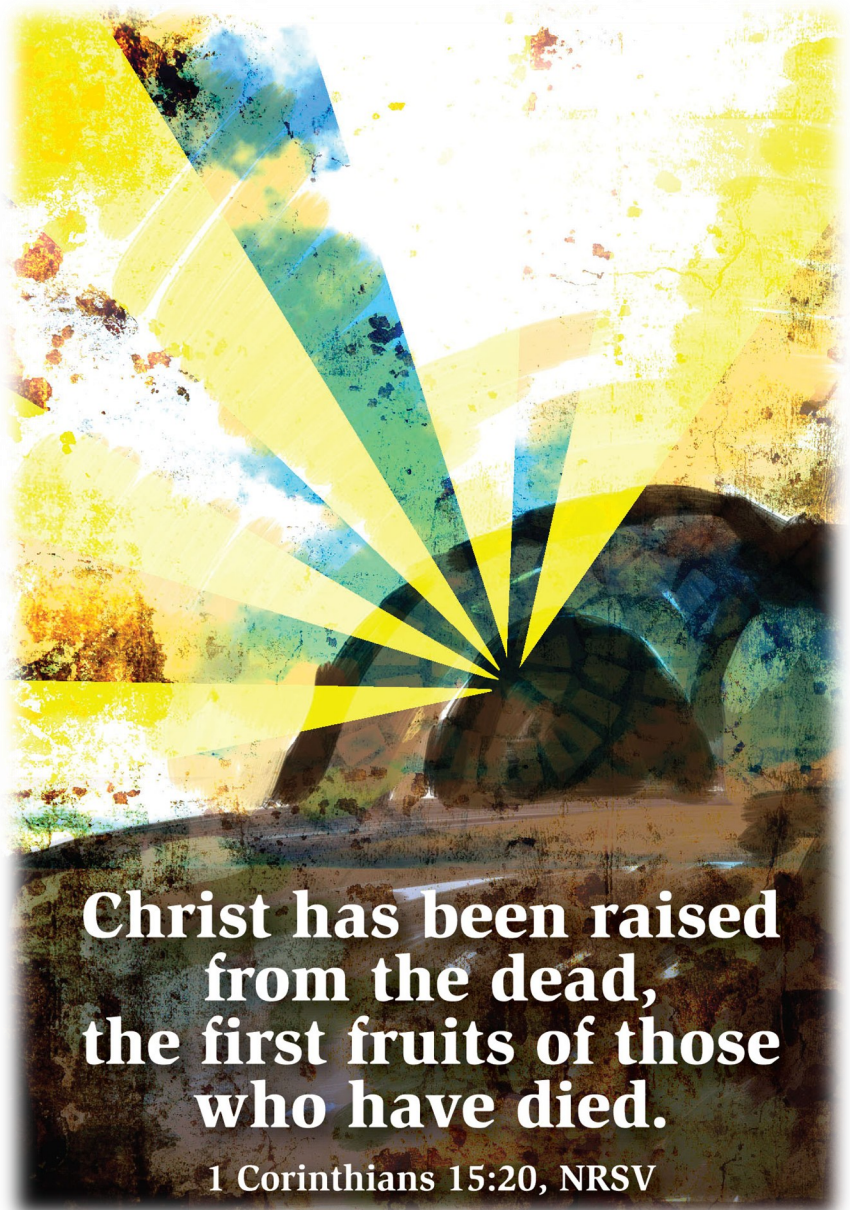
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**Christ has been raised  
from the dead,  
the first fruits of those  
who have died.**

1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV



As we enter more deeply into the Easter Season (today is the Fifth Sunday of Eastertide), we have a gospel text which takes us back to the Last Supper. In Saint John's account of this great mystery in the Lord's life and in the life of the Church, we have Jesus making the declaration: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The words *way*, *truth*, and *life* are meant to convey that Jesus is supreme in every way conceivable. Not to be missed either are the first two words: *I am*. Jesus uses the first two words, *I am*, on multiple occasions in His ministry. The *I am* words indicate always the authority Jesus possesses as the Son of God.

This authority cannot be lost on us, the disciples of the Lord. Our discipleship is all the more urgent and all the more captivating because Jesus has shown us how to exercise this authority by prayer, by healing, by communion, by service, by mission, etc. As Jesus led in these ways, the Church must not hesitate to lead in these ways too. We cannot be weak or cowardly and we cannot waver or vacillate. The world is a darker place, a more perilous place without the *ekklesia*, the "calling," that is, the Church. We have been called to the Church by Baptism; let us live then as the faithful sons and daughters of our Father God.

It is getting closer to Mother's Day and the Communion Breakfast, so I will comment on these two right at the start and then move on to some other issues.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. I encourage you to have your mother (living or deceased) remembered in our Mother's Day Novena of Masses. There is a Mother's Day envelope which has been mailed to parishioners who use envelopes to support our parish. There are additional envelopes available in the church. There is a box designated for Mother's Day envelopes in the vestibule of the church. You may place your envelope there. Or, you can place it in the collection basket next week at Mass.

On Mother's Day's following the 10:00 AM Mass, we crown the statue of Our Lady at the grotto on parish property. All are invited to join in this devotion. We process to the grotto in one long column, singing a Marian hymn. At the grotto, there will be the proclamation of Sacred Scripture and distinctively Marian prayers. In the event of inclement weather, we will have the Crowning inside the church.

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:00 AM Mass, we have our third annual Communion Breakfast in the auditorium. Ticket sales commence this weekend in the vestibule of the church before and after all weekend Masses. The Knights of Columbus (Heart of the Island Council) will assist you in the purchase of a ticket (just \$10.00 per person). I encourage you to invite your family and friends to the Mass and breakfast. Sit downstairs at the same table too. The speaker at the Communion Breakfast is Fr. Louis Cona. He is currently an Associate Pastor at Saint Patrick Church in Smithtown.

We end the Easter Season with the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 24<sup>th</sup>. At the 10:00 AM Mass on that day, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on young adults. The candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are attending catechetical sessions now. They will be joined by their Sponsors in the church on May 24<sup>th</sup> and will be seated accordingly in pews reserved for them. A reception follows the Mass in the church basement. All are invited to join us.

I ask two things as I come closer to the end of this column. First, I ask that you remember we have Eucharistic Adoration twice on the weekend: Saturday afternoons beginning at 4:00 PM until 4:45 PM **and** on Sunday mornings from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM. I urge you to come early to the 5:00 PM Mass or stay after the 10:00 AM Mass. The **Eucharistic Revival** is not over – not by a long shot! Much, much more needs to be done – personally and corporately. Second, I ask that we all be more conscious of our conduct in church. There continues to be a lot of noise in the church when Holy Mass is being offered. Along with the noise, there is the regular practice of worshippers leaving early. By leaving early, I mean before the final hymn even starts. I ask that **all** remain in their places until the final hymn is over and the Mass is over.

On Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM, we have *Catechism* study. The one-hour sessions go all the way until the middle of June. All are invited to join us and learn more about our Catholic faith.

Lastly, in the coming weeks, I will comment more on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. It is one of the highlights of the liturgical year, capped off by an **outdoor** Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 10:00 AM Mass.

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.*


## The Ascension of the Lord A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 14

Mass offered at 9:00AM & 7:30PM



## 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.

## 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

## 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 parish will provide a copy of the catechism.



## 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



The Filipino Community of Saint Margaret of Scotland Church  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

# Santa Cruzan and Flores de Mayo

JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF FAITH, CULTURE, AND TRADITION

- **SANTA CRUZAN** IS A GRAND FILIPINO PROCESSION HONORING QUEEN ELENA'S JOURNEY TO THE HOLY CROSS.
- **FLORES DE MAYO** CELEBRATES OUR DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY THROUGH BEAUTIFUL FLORAL OFFERINGS.

 PROCESSION OF QUEENS IN TRADITIONAL GOWNS	 FLORAL PRESENTATION	 HOLY MASS TO FOLLOW	 CELEBRANT: FR. ANDY EGARGO
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May 10, 2026 | 2:00 PM  
81 College Road, Selden, NY 11784  
• Filipino food will be served

*Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us*

# 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

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



### Vacation Bible School

*Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*

**July 6-10, 2026**



Open to children age 4 to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
\$50 per child. Sign up at the Parish Center.  
Contact Jackie Mirenda for more information.

### Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director

Remaining Dates:

- ◇ 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:

- ◇ Small Kids Drinks
- ◇ Bar Soap
- ◇ Instant Potatoes
- ◇ Detergent

Thank you all for the incredible response of bag donations. We are good now!

### 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. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you.



### 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.

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# SPRING BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

**Sunday, May 3rd**

**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

## 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 info 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



### New Parishioner? Moving? Need to update information?

Fill out the form below—drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_ Updating \_\_\_\_\_

### 5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



- 1 Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions
- 2 Monitor technology use (trust but verify)
- 3 Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech
- 4 Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks
- 5 Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online


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## 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.

## 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.

## The Children's Community Head Start

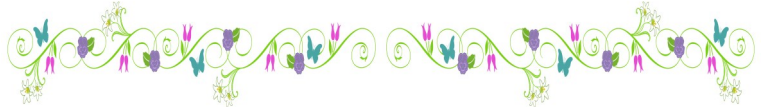
The Children's Community Head Start birth to five program offers a free federally funded home visiting program for families with children age birth to five and women who are pregnant. You would receive developmentally appropriate activities, family support. And socialization.



For more information, contact Vicky at (631) 372-0810 or Maria at (631) 626-0671.

## 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.



# 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.

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**Contact:**

Donna Crean 631-258-5062  
donna@livingwaterstherapy.org  
[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)



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## AN EVENING WITH SARAH HART

Saturday,  
May 16, 2026  
at 7:00 PM

**TICKETS \$30**

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& RECEPTION**



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AS A PARISH WITH  
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AND FELLOWSHIP

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