



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

May 10, 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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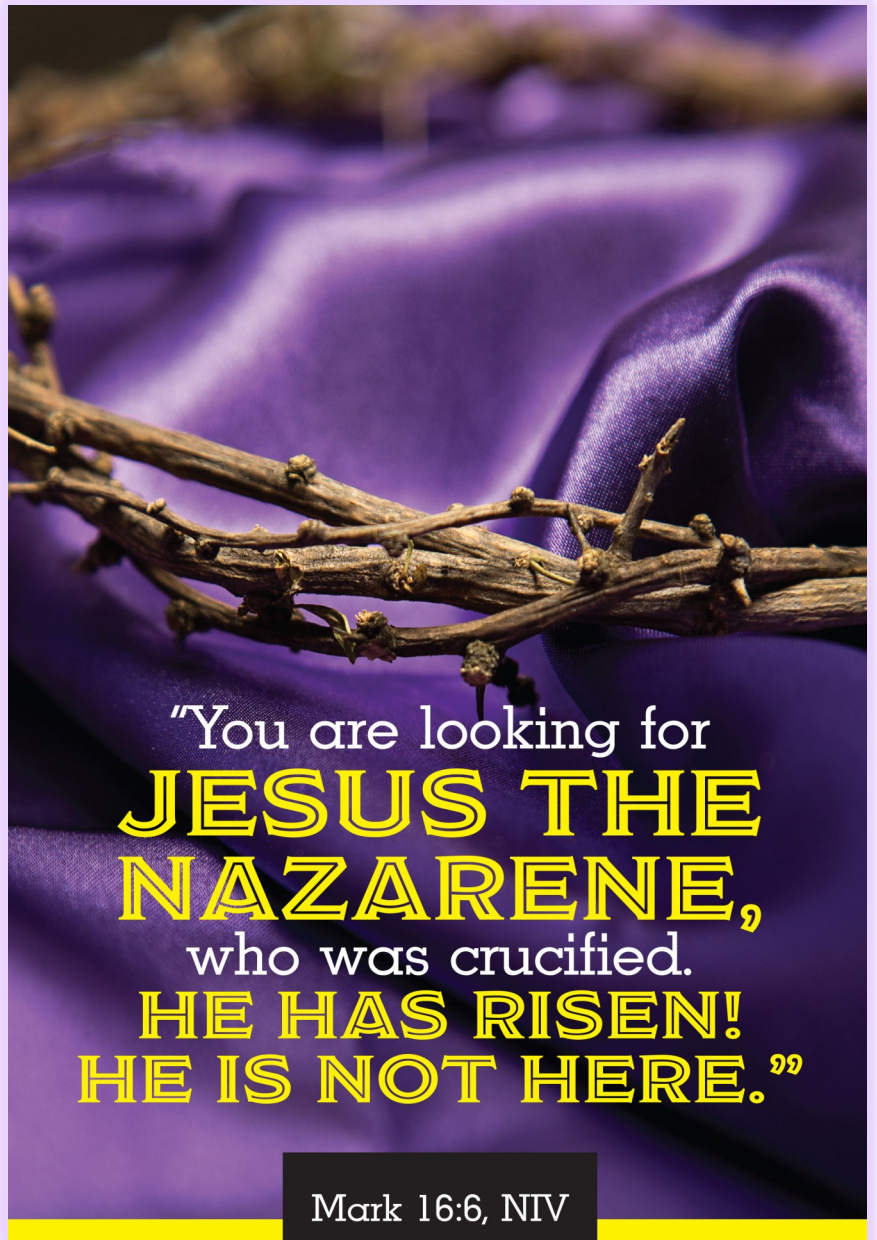
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For the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we have another Second Reading at Mass from the First Letter of Saint Peter. I focus on just one verse from today's text. "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1 Pt 3:15) This verse is the basis for what is known as apologetics.

Apologetics is indeed a part of the theological enterprise – an indispensable part of it too. Apologetics is the effort we make to build the case for reason in the study of theology. It is not only faith which belongs to theology but so too does reason. Those looking for a thoroughgoing treatment of faith and reason would do well to consult *Fides et Ratio*, the encyclical (1998) of Pope Saint John Paul II.

As for parish news, let me address these matters right now.

Today is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in attendance at weekend Masses. Following the 10:00 AM Mass today, we will process to the statue of Our Lady on parish property. I invite all to join us by walking in single file to the grotto. When we get to the grotto, I ask that we spread out in a semi-circle as we sing Marian hymns and listen to readings from Sacred Scripture and prayers chosen for the occasion. The Crowning will not take long (just a few minutes) but watch that no one is near a moving vehicle on parish property.

A week from today, May 17<sup>th</sup>, we have our annual Communion Breakfast. The Breakfast follows immediately the 10:00 AM Mass. It is hosted by the men of the Heart of the Island Council of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets for the Breakfast (\$10.00 per ticket) are available in the vestibule of the church before and after all Masses this weekend. A fair number of tickets have already been purchased. We are looking to have 100 persons attend the Breakfast.

I ask that the following groups take a table at the Breakfast: music ministry, ushers, catechists, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact Adriana at the parish center building during regular business hours to reserve your table.

The speaker at the Breakfast is Fr. Louis Cona. Fr. Cona is assigned to Saint Patrick Church in Smithtown.

The last session for the catechesis of adults before the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation is tomorrow night (May 11<sup>th</sup>). Those adults who are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will do so on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 AM Mass. Two weekends from now, on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit and fill us with your grace that we might renew the face of the earth.

On the first Sunday of June, the 7<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The principal Mass that weekend is at 10:00 AM. Catechists, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are to attend that 10:00 AM Mass. There is a renewal of commitment for them following the homily.

Our outdoor Procession (weather permitting) begins immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday. The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament starts on parish property and then goes on to College Road before it comes back on to church property again. The men who belong to Heart of the Island Council (Knights of Columbus) will assist us in the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament.

After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in church, there is a reception in the church basement. All are invited to join us for the repartee.

The last time in this space I commented on leaving early from church, that is, before Mass is over. I mention this time **coming late** to Mass – and that would be daily Mass and Sunday Mass. It is best to wait in the vestibule until there is a break and there is a change in posture (sitting to standing) or music covers the moment.

A lot more work needs to be undertaken that we might reduce and eliminate noise in church. I ask all parishioners to be attentive to the need for silence when we worship the Lord. We are silent and recollected in the Presence of Mystery; otherwise, we will never know the Lord Who reveals Himself to us in the deepest recesses of our hearts.

The *Catechism* Study Group meets on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM in the pastoral center building. All are invited to join us. Our schedule is set all the way through June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We break for the summer and return to meeting in September after Labor Day.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

## Mother's Day May Crowning



*We will be honoring the Blessed Mother after the 10:00 Mass this 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.*

## Baptisms

Rocco Matteo Lozada De Leon  
Bella Mae Engelmann  
Giorgio Frank Garcia  
Matthew Lukas Granata

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

Thursday, May 14

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



## Catholic Communications Campaign

There will be a second collection next weekend to support the Catholic Communications Campaign.

This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, TV, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!

## 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.

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!***

### 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. All are invited.

Please bring your Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Copies will be provided if you do not have a copy.



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00PM

### 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.



## 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 x131 or [jmirenda@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jmirenda@saintmargaret.com)

with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

## 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.

## HOLY ANGELS REGIONAL SCHOOL

Illuminating and Educating our Children through Jesus Christ



### ENROLL NOW

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- Kindergarten Program
- Elementary School
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Tuition assistance is available through Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.



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# VIRTUS®

Thank you to all our ministers who are in compliance with the Diocese of Rockville Centre. As a reminder, all volunteers who are involved in any ministry in the diocese need to have completed the following:

- Attend a "Protecting God's Children" class
- Create a Virtus account on [VirtusOnline.org](http://VirtusOnline.org)
- Sign the Code of Conduct on website
- Complete a background check on website
- Complete the monthly bulletins (sent to your email) if you work directly with children

**If you have not done these things, you are not cleared to volunteer in our parish.**

To find out the status of your Virtus account, or if you need assistance in any way, contact Adriana at [ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com](mailto:ABurtoff@saintmargaret.com) or x118.

Thank you for your cooperation.

DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE



## Holy Hour & Eucharistic Procession

"Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church..." — Pope St. Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi

Join us as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage travels the Eastern Seaboard in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary.

While the National Pilgrims rest on Long Island, our Diocese will unite in prayer through a special Holy Hour—offering a meaningful opportunity to spiritually participate in this historic pilgrimage.



**President:**  
Bishop John O. Barres



**Preacher:**  
Fr. Cassian Derbes, O.P.

**JUNE 17, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**

Retreat & Conference Center of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

For more information, please contact:  
[mcooke@drvc.org](mailto:mcooke@drvc.org)

## 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:**  
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[donna@livingwaterstherapy.org](mailto:donna@livingwaterstherapy.org)  
[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

## 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:

- ◇ Peanut Butter
- ◇ Instant Potatoes
- ◇ Gravy
- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Bar Soap
- ◇ Detergent

### 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.

### 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.



### Hands Needed



Our Music Ministry is 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.

### 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 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