



# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*

May 17, 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

**St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Center**

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x111

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Deacon William Kogler – Retired  
Deacon Biagio Muratore – Retired

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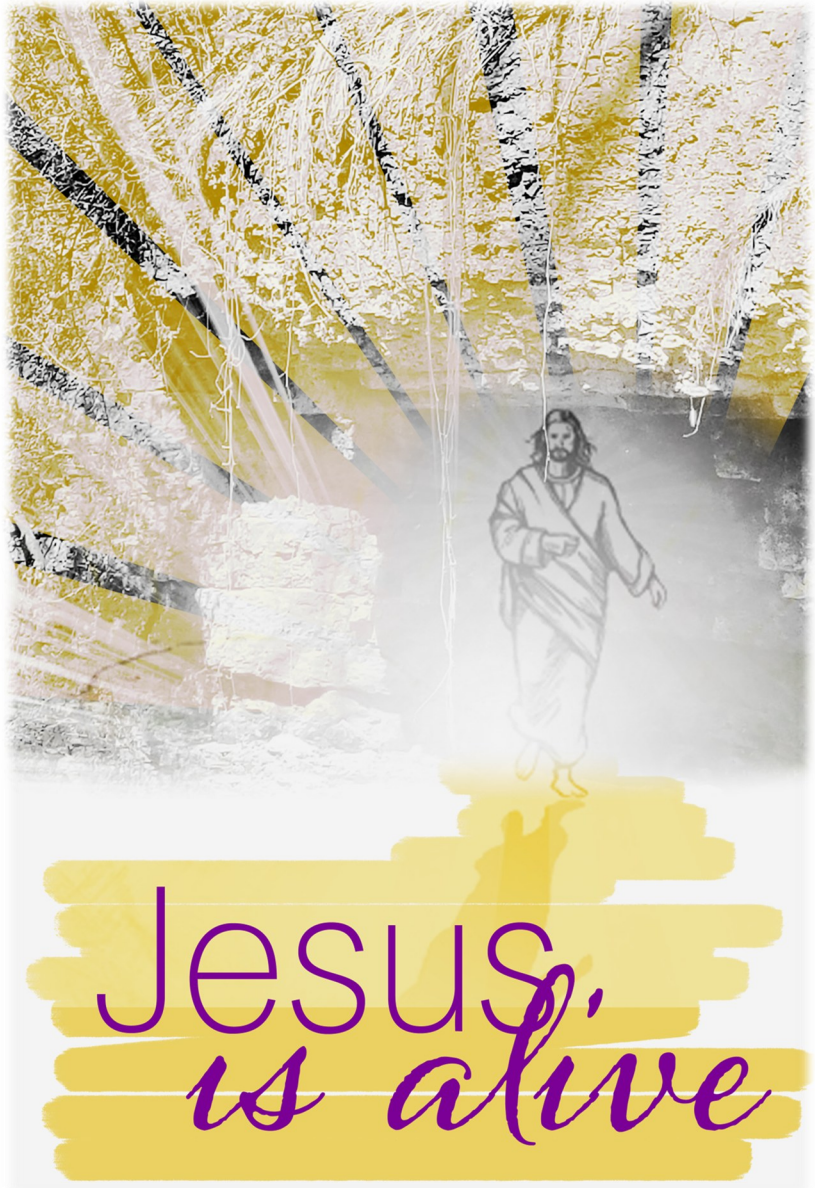
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**Holy Angels Regional Catholic School**

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## Time, Talent, & Treasure



**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** This week, pray every morning for your Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted throughout the world because of the Faith. Pray that they may have courage and strength in the face of adversity.

**General Intercession:** For persecuted Christians around the world. We pray to the Lord...

## Sacrificial Giving

Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

May 9/10

	Stewardship	Envelopes
Collected at Mass	\$8,693.00.....	182
Mailed Contributions	\$4,588.00.....	74
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$13,281.00</b>	

### Readings for Next Sunday Pentecost Sunday

First Reading.....Acts 2:1-11  
 Second Reading.....1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
 Gospel.....Jn 2:-19-23

For the week of  
May 17



Altar Bread & Wine  
Special Intention for

William Muller

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—1:00PM, 2:00—5:00PM

Friday 9:00AM—1:00PM

(631) 732-3131

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

**BAPTISMS:** Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ PARISH CENTER:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00AM – 4:00PM. Call for an appointment - x131

### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ PARISH CENTER:

Tuesday—Thursday: 10:00AM – 1:00PM. Call for an appointment - x119

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 18**

Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 19**

Lawrence Fascella

**Wednesday, May 20**

Chris Meekins

**Thursday, May 21**

Thresiamma Peter

**Friday, May 22**

All Deceased Dominicans

**Saturday, May 23**

8:30AM

Phillip McGinty

5:00PM

Sheila Collins

**Pentecost Sunday, May 24**

8:00AM

Stephen Gassick

10:00AM

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12:00PM

Irene Chelminski

**For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as:** Jim Rojas, Marilyn Vacchio, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Laura



Durant, Laura Positano, Lorraine Vogel, Ray Klyn, Veronica Sheridan-Cox, Joseph Laria, Scott Spencer, Christina Muller, James & Catherine Reynolds, Valarie & Victor Aurigue, Elizabeth Robitaille, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Lauren Esposito, Steven Vacchio, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Melissa Kitching, Angela Discepola, Christine Rosado, Joseph Benevento, Rosemarie Rizzo-Cohen, James Bennett, Katherine & Kenneth Kermain, John Sullivan, Melissa Rodgers, Richard Martin, Estelle Beauchamp, Christopher D'Costa, Crotieau Family, Jaime Ottenwalder [U.S. Navy], Carol Etro, John Roucoulet, Raymond Grunthner, John Positano, Thomas McInnes

*Family members: please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for four weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note: due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only. Thank you.*

A few days ago, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension. While other places in the United States celebrate the Lord's Ascension on a Sunday, we continue to mark this Mystery of the Faith on the 40<sup>th</sup> Day of Easter. A number of other Archdioceses and Dioceses still follow the older pattern – mostly in the regions of our country where the Church has been well established for a long time. It recalls an earlier time in our history where Catholic Schools were more plentiful than they are now, and these schools were closed on both Thursday and Friday (the day after Ascension Thursday).

The Lord's Ascension begins the era of the Church. The Ascended Lord never abandoned the Church He founded but His Bodily Presence is not with us any longer. But then again, we always have the Bodily Presence of the Lord with us in the Holy Eucharist. Gone then, but still with us too. It's not a contradiction in terms, but it does recognize the multi-faceted Presence of the Lord in history. That multi-faceted Presence of the Lord signals that the Incarnation forever changed our understanding of Who God is. He has drawn that closely to us by taking on our humanity. The movement of history is upward then; its fulness is celestial. And, thus, the Church lives for the eschaton (the end times); her fulfillment is not earthly as are the other things of the earth. Our vocations then reach their apogee outside of time; we are different and Christ Himself has seen to that!

And so today we mark the Seventh Sunday of Easter, on our way of course to the Pentecost of the Holy Spirit.

We have our third annual Communion Breakfast today and it follows the 10:00 AM Mass. I will comment in next Sunday's bulletin column on this event. I will only say here and now that we met our goal of 100 guests at the event. Thank you for supporting this endeavor!

A week from today, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. As I have indicated before in this space, there will be adults who celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:00 AM Mass. There will be a social in the church basement following this Mass. All are invited to join us.

I have some more comments on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi which we mark on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. The first thing to say is that we continue to recognize the special character of this liturgical observance every year. We are still in the Eucharistic Revival! This has not changed. And it won't until more and more Catholics resume the practice of their Catholic faith by going to Mass every week.

We highlight the participation of lectors, extraordinary ministers and catechists by a renewal of commitment at the 10:00 AM Mass. All of the lectors, extraordinary ministers and catechists have received letters from me to attend that 10:00 AM Mass. The renewal of commitment will take place following the homily.

When Mass is over, we process outdoors with the Blessed Sacrament (weather permitting, of course). The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament is partly on parish property and partly off of it (on College Road).

We return then to church for Benediction. At the conclusion of Benediction, there is a social in the church basement.

I ask once again that if you are a lector, extraordinary minister or catechist and you **cannot attend the 10:00 AM Mass for some good reason to contact me in advance.**

There is yet another item for catechists to keep in mind and that would be just as the new school year begins in September. We have back-to-back nights of formation for you. The dates are Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Each night starts at 7:00 PM and finishes at 9:00 PM. Letters inviting catechists to these evenings go out in the regular mail at the beginning of the summer. But you can mark your calendars now.

Lastly, I remind you that the Holy Eucharist is exposed in the church on Saturdays and Sundays. On Saturdays, it begins at 4:00 PM and finishes before the 5:00 PM Mass starts. On Sundays, it commences at 11:15 AM and concludes at 11:45 AM. Come early for Mass and stay after Mass is over – whatever you can manage with your schedule.

The Eucharistic Lord is waiting for us. Let us oblige His company and be satisfied that we have such easy access to Him in peace and serenity.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule  
Pastor

### Bible Study



Bible Study will not meet this coming Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. It will resume the following Wednesday.

Bible study takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00AM in the Parish Center, led by Deacon Ed Hayes. All are invited. Please bring your bible.

### Saint Margaret's Annual Communion Breakfast

**THIS Sunday, May 17 — 11:00AM | Auditorium**

It's not too late to attend!

Walk-ins will be accepted at the door.



### Save the Date

Adult Confirmation Celebration

Pentecost Sunday

May 24—10:00AM

Reception to follow in auditorium



Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction

June 7—Following the 10:00 Mass  
Hospitality to Follow in Auditorium



### Wedding Banns

**Banns I**

Rebekah Crews, St. Margaret of Scotland, and Anthony DeScalo, St. Patrick's, Smithtown



### 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 one.



### 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.



# God Bless Our First Communion Candidates May 9, 2026

Alexa H.

Alexandra G.

Alexis V.

Alice O.

Andrew F.

Chiara J.

Chloe C.

Cristian M.

Daniela S.

Dylan G.

Ella J.

Emma W.

Giada R.

Grayson E.

Jameson K.

Jaylah R.

Jazmine E.

Jonathan S.

Julia L.

Kennedy W.

Khloe L.

Kiefer C.

Kinsley C.

Leah B.

Lillian A.

Lucy M.

Mariana G.

Megan C.

Melanie C.

Natalia F.

Noah C.

Noah R.

Pierina G.

Presley R.

Scarlett O.

Shea B.

Skylar N.

Sophia C.

Sophia O.

William C.



First Communion



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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)



# Hospitality Sunday

Our next Hospitality Sunday is taking place May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00AM, in the auditorium. We will be celebrating our Adult Confirmandi!



## JOIN US

### Holy Angels Regional School Community Family Day



June 6, 2026

Join us as we celebrate our faith and community

1 Division Street, Patchogue

Saturday, June 6, 2026

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm



# Pray for the Homebound

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)



# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej  
For Scripture Reflection Series  
**ENCOUNTERS with JESUS**  
Tuesday, May 26, 2026  
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



**CONVERSATIONS  
With the Risen Lord**  
Matthew 28 + Mark 16  
Luke 24 + John 20-21

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

[westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



# 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.



**LIVING WATERS**  
Therapeutic Catholic Counseling

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

## 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.

## Parish Social Ministry

### Knights of Columbus Grocery Bag Distribution and Collection

Food Drive  
for Hunger



The **Knights of Columbus** are partnering with our Outreach Ministry to assist in replenishing our pantry. Bags will be distributed on **May 23/24 at all Masses**, and on **May 30/31** the knights will be in front of the church to receive your donations.

Please assist them—and us—as you can. If anyone is able to help Outreach on **May 30/31** please leave a message at x119. **Thank you!**



### 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:

- ◇ Instant Potatoes
- ◇ Beef Stew
- ◇ Gravy
- ◇ Cake Mix
- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Bar Soap

### 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.