



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

May 24, 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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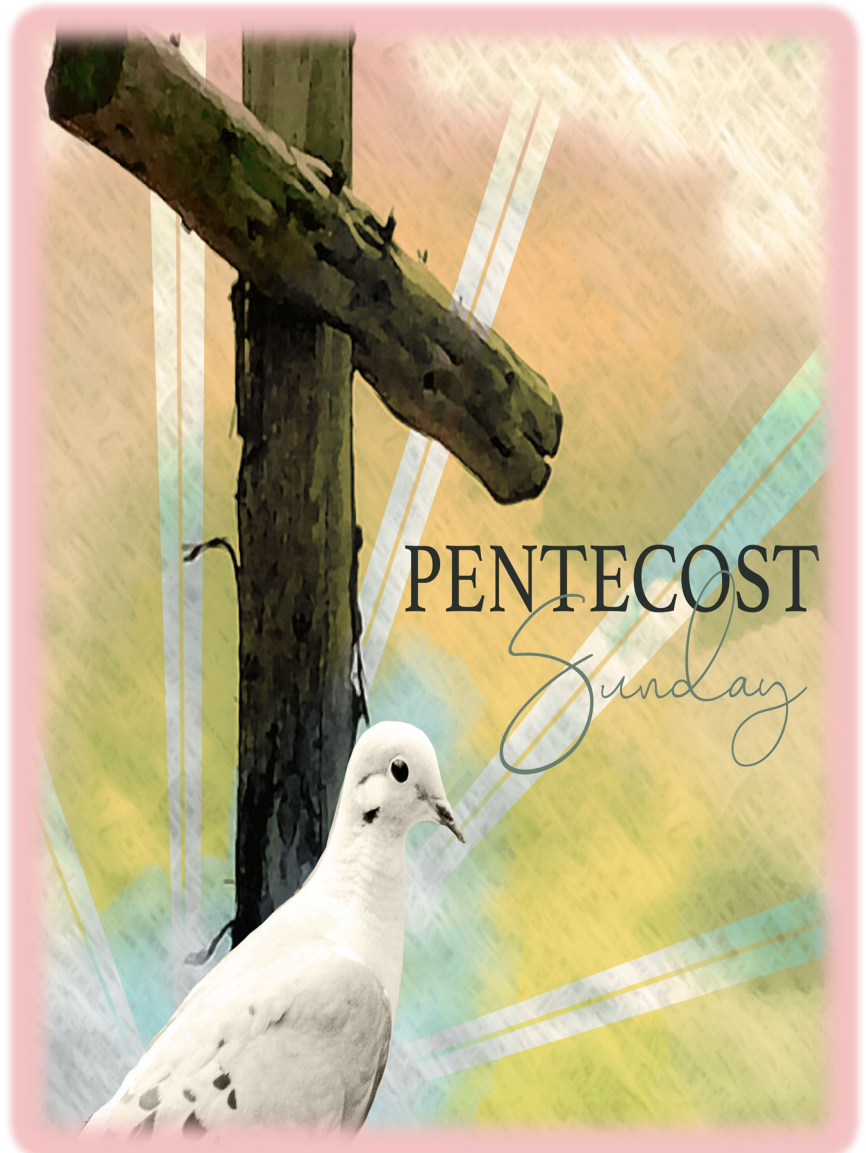
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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me. (Lk 4:18)

The words above are spoken by Jesus early in His public ministry. He is citing the prophet Isaiah as He stands in the synagogue on the day of the sabbath. He closes out His remarks with this statement: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 4:21) The Spirit of the Lord is with the Son always. There are signal moments when the Holy Spirit's Presence is demonstrably clear in the earthly life of Christ. Among these is the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan at the hands of John. The Holy Spirit is on this occasion "like a dove." (Lk 3:22)

Pentecost is something entirely different, however. The Spirit is "like a strong driving wind." (Acts 2:2) The Spirit this time "appears (as) tongues of fire." (Acts 2:3) The Spirit's Presence now is much more forceful but definitely not threatening. The Spirit is powerful and strong as the Church and history converge at just the right time. Pentecost is surely not for the timorous. The Spirit transforms us from the inside out, compelling us forward to evangelize the nations.

Fill us, Lord, with your Spirit that we might be courageous and intrepid in carrying out the mission which is ours through Baptism. Let us endeavor to be fit instruments for the Lord's work, always ready to apply mercy and healing where they are needed most.

On this Pentecost Sunday, I offer a wrap-up of important matters at this time of year, and I start with what happened last Sunday (May 17th) following the 10:00 AM Mass. We had our third annual Communion Breakfast in the auditorium. We had more than 100 people in attendance! Kudos to the Knights of Columbus (Heart of the Island Council) for serving at the event. We are grateful as well to our guest speaker, Fr. Louis Cona, for his fine talk. Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the event.

Today, May 24th, at the 10:00 AM Mass, there are 6 young adults who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. A reception will be held in the auditorium following the Mass.

On Monday the 25th, we mark Memorial Day which is a civil holiday and the pastoral center building is closed. It will re-open on Tuesday the 26th at 9:00 AM.

A week from today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. And the Sunday after that, we observe the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. About Corpus Christi, I will add a few remarks now. And I start by saying that the principal Mass on June 7th is at 10:00 AM.

At the 10:00 AM Mass for Corpus Christi, lectors, extraordinary ministers and catechists renew their commitment to their ministries and or apostolate. This will occur after the homily at the Mass.

As we have done in previous years, there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament (weather permitting, of course, it will be outdoors). The route will be on parish property and off of it too. We will have the assistance of the police officers from the Sixth Precinct as we walk along College Road.

Coming back into the church at the conclusion of the Procession, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There is a social in the auditorium to conclude our festivities on June 7th.

If you are a lector, an extraordinary minister or catechist who cannot be present for the 10:00 AM Mass, you should contact me in advance and let me know of your expected absence.

As I mentioned in this space the last time, a few months from now, in September when the new school year starts, we have two evenings of formation for our catechists. The dates are the 8th and 9th of September. The evenings start at 7:00 PM and finish at 9:00 PM. Catechists, kindly mark your calendars now.

A reminder that every weekend, we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Margaret. I encourage all parishioners to make a point of praying before the Eucharistic Lord before the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturdays (4:00 – 4:45 PM). On Sundays, the Exposition is in between the 10:00 AM Mass and the 12 noon Mass (11:15 AM – 11:45 AM). Come, let us worship!

The Eucharistic Revival is alive and well. To mark our nation’s birthday this year, Catholics are walking in pilgrimage from St. Augustine in Florida to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Why Saint Augustine in Florida? It was the site of the First Mass offered in the New World.

Follow this column for more news on the Eucharistic Revival in the next couple of weeks as we draw closer to our nation’s birthday on July 4th.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Wedding Banns Banns II

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

Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction



Our Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction will take place Sunday, June 7, following the 10:00 Mass. Hospitality is to follow in the church auditorium. All are invited.



Harley Ray Agostino
Sophia Elizabeth Fusco
Jaxson Trent Mattus

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.

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, May 26th, at 9:00AM.



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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM
Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM
Thursday, June 4th 3:00-6:00PM



Saint Margaret’s Spousal Bereavement



Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their husband or wife. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis and 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 6th grade • Fee: \$50 per child

Registration is now open! • Limited to first 100 children

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

Parish Social Ministry

Knights of Columbus Grocery Bag Distribution and Collection



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
- ◇ Chicken Gravy
- ◇ Beef Stew
- ◇ Cake Mix
- ◇ Rice Meals
- ◇ Shampoo

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.

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.



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.



Hospitality Sunday

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



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.



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



Early Childhood Program

at Holy Angels Regional School



Nursery

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

Pre-K

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



Scan to learn more and register



Children must be fully potty-trained



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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

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



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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

Communion Breakfast 2026

Saint Margaret's third annual Communion Breakfast was a great success. Thank you to our guest speaker, Fr. Louis Cona, the Knights of Columbus, and JeJoJo Bagels in Centereach for all your contributions. We are very grateful!



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.

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.



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

