



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

May 31, 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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TRINITY SUNDAY

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:16-17, ESV

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity today. It comes one week after the Church's focus on the Holy Spirit, and one week before we emphasize the Son with a focus on the Body of Christ. What we have today, liturgically speaking, is an emphasis on all Three Persons in the Godhead.

To bless ourselves or to make the Sign of the Cross is what we learn to do as youngsters. Many of us will use this gesture the remainder of our lives. To pray before and after meals, we often invoke the Triune God. Going to sacramental confession, we likewise do the same. We also put our fingers together and we dip those same fingers in a holy water font and bless ourselves when we arrive at church.

It seems that we have an easier time doing *trinitarian* things than explaining what the Holy Trinity is. That is because the Mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central Mystery of Christianity. The Persons of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – precede everything in creation. And yet we cannot see with our eyes the Persons who precede everything in visible creation. The invisibility of the Holy Trinity is actually the expressed power of Divine Personhood.

The power of Divinity is grace, that is, the *indwelling* of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. The essence of Divine Personhood manifests itself inside of us, in our souls really, and that is how we experience creation, redemption and sanctification. The dwelling of God inside of us reflects the great drama of salvation in which we participate on the level of interiority in the Fall and the Atonement.

One week from today (June 7th) is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. And that is what I wish to write about in the remainder of this column.

I start with this truth – the Lord is with us now but most especially He is with us in the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. As I have stated on many occasions, including often in this column, our faith in the Holy Eucharist is what makes us Catholic. Ours is a faith in the Real Presence. And by that, we mean that the Lord is with us Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Our belief in the Real Presence is grounded in what we call *transubstantiation*, that is, the substance of the bread becomes the substance of the Lord's Body, and the substance of the wine becomes the substance of the Lord's Blood. It is a genuine conversion which occurs even if we don't see that change with our eyes. But it does happen, and every time too. We have the Lord's word on that. The Church has confessed this Eucharistic faith from the time of the Last Supper.

As we have done every year since I came to Saint Margaret in 2021, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with great favor and intense pride. One of our weekend Masses (10:00 AM) is the principal Mass of the day. By that, I mean it is not just the Mass we celebrate, but our witness extends to a Procession with the Eucharist. As I have said at other times, the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament is outdoors, presuming the weather is favorable. Our procession with the Blessed Sacrament is on our property and off of our property. We will have the assistance of the officers of the Sixth Precinct to make sure that there are no mishaps with vehicular traffic on College Road.

Following the Procession, we return to the church for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. And following Benediction, there is a social in the church basement.

All are invited to join us at Mass, for the Procession, for Benediction, and at the social.

All catechists, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are to attend the 10:00 AM Mass and renew their commitment to their ministry and or apostolate. To date, three (3) persons among our catechists, lectors and extraordinary ministers have contacted me to indicate they will not be in attendance at the 10:00 AM Mass. So, I expect to see everyone else among the catechists, lectors and extraordinary ministers. There will be sign-in sheets in the vestibule of the church, so don't forget to sign-in there before Mass begins.

The Knights of Columbus will assist with the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament. They will also assist with the social in the auditorium.

Next week, I will report here on other things in parish life and give a recap of our observance of Corpus Christi.

Until the next time.

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction

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



Wedding Banns Banns III

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



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Saturdays 4:00-4:45PM

Thursday, June 4th 3:00-6:00PM

Adoration is the highest act of worship. By sitting quietly before His presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we offer to God what is most personal and pleasing—our time and our hearts. This allows our gracious God to draw us lovingly to Himself. By joining our adoration to prayer and praise, we celebrate that we are the Body of Christ. Come experience the beauty of this holy exchange heart to heart.

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.

Bible study will pause for the summer and resume in the fall. Follow future bulletins for when it pauses for the summer.

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.

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.

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.

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* have partnered with our Outreach Ministry to assist in replenishing our pantry.

They will be in front of the church to receive your donations.

Our food pantry relies heavily on donations from our generous parishioners. **Thank you!**

Food Drive
for Hunger



“Thank You” From the Long Island Life Center



A heartfelt thank you from the Life Center of Long Island to those who contributed baby items to our Faith Formation Lenten service project. They are very grateful for all of the supplies. All are welcome to visit one of their locations to see first-hand how your generosity is put to use. Call their Smithtown location to schedule a visit at (631) 656-0441. 91 Maple Ave., Smithtown | LifeCenterLI.org

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 Chicken ◇ Saltines
- ◇ Gravy ◇ Crackers
- ◇ Shelf Stable Milk ◇ 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.



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




Early Childhood Program
at Holy Angels Regional School



Nursery	Pre-K
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Friday 3 & 5 Day Options 8:30 – 11:00 PM & 12:00 – 2:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Friday 3 & 5 Day Options 8:00 AM – 2:20 PM

Children must be fully potty-trained




631-475-0422 | www.holyangelsregional.org | 1 Division Street Patchogue, NY 11772

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE


ONE NATION UNDER GOD

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.



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

President:
Bishop John O. Barres

Preacher:
Fr. Cassian Derbes, O.P.

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

For more information, please contact:
mcooke@drvc.org



FIRST FRIDAY Devotions

To The Sacred Heart of Jesus

JUNE 5

11:30am Mass
Followed by
Novena Prayers Exposition
Litany of the Sacred Heart
and Benediction

1:30pm Confessions

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
258 EASTPORT MANOR RD. MANORVILLE, NY
631-325-0661
OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.COM



Authentic Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, July 18
10:30am to 4:30pm

Young Adults Retreat
(age 20s & 30s)

- Spiritual Formation
- Rosary Walk
- Adoration & Confession
- Fellowship & Music
- Mass




SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND
258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY
631-325-0661

Bring Your Own Lunch
Register Today!
OurLadyoftheIsland.com



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



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 (631) 732-3131 x117.

Rosary for Life

Join the Office of Human Life, Family, & Bioethics in prayer every Friday at 3:00PM. Email lhonkanen@drvc.org if you would like the link sent to you each week.

Scan for Zoom link:



Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

"We pledge to preserve in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life." — Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022

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
- 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 or x118.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 _____