

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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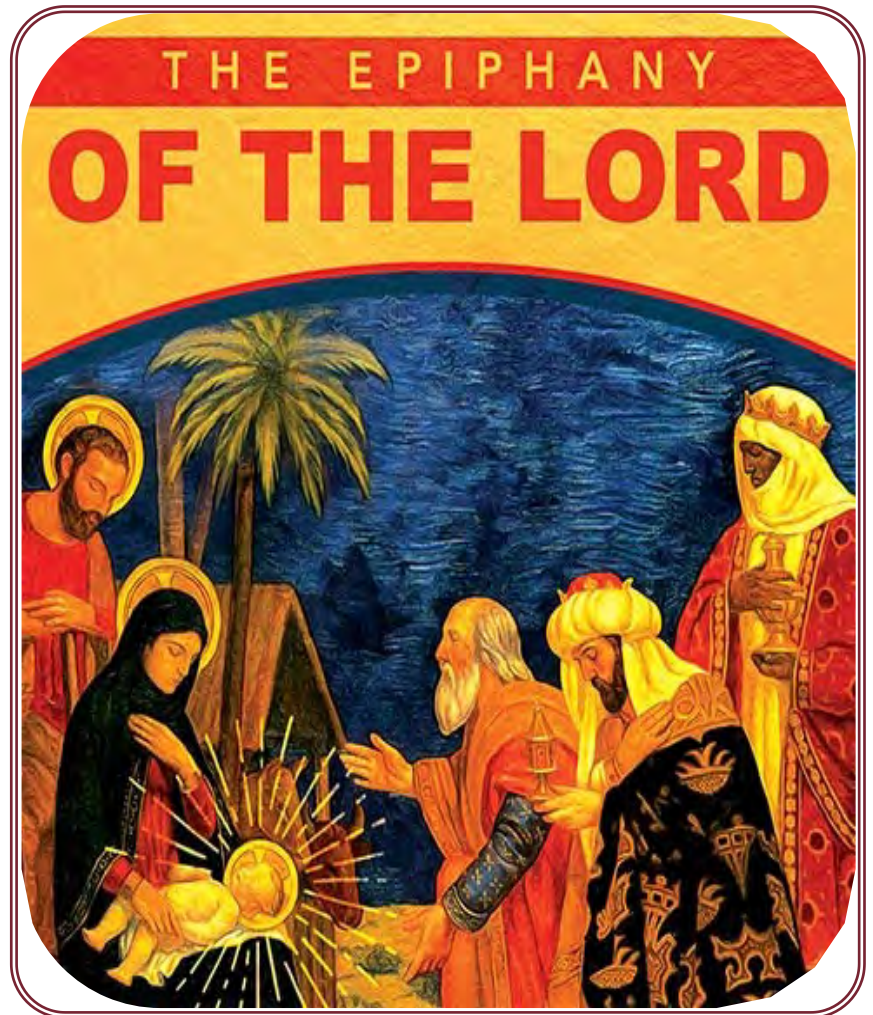
Saturday: 8:00am, 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm (Noon)

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturdays: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm (or appointment)



January 6, 2019

Phone: (631) 732-3131

Parish Center Office Hours

Open for Walk-In Business	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon thru Thurs	9 ^{am} - 1 ^{pm}	2 - 4 ^{pm}	7 - 8 ^{pm}
Friday	9 ^{am} - 1 ^{pm}		
Saturday	9 ^{am} - 12 ^{pm}		
Sunday	Closed		

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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who live each day preparing for the coming of the Son of Man.

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.

	#	2018	2017	#
Collected at Mass	286	8,398	8,155. ⁰⁶	224
Mailed Envelopes	10	404	2,077	10
Electronic Donations	17	936	1,194	27
Total Collection	313	\$9,738	\$11,419.⁰⁶	281

Mass Attendance	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
This Week	250	165	218	263	896
Last Yr's Avg	269	178	252	280	982

Readings for Next Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading Is 40: 1-5, 9-11
 Second Reading..... Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7
 Gospel..... Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22



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: Prospective parents should telephone the Parish Center about three months before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your child's baptism and enroll you in the required baptismal class. Baptism classes are held monthly on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month. The baptism date will be set at the time of the class. The child's birth certificate as well as the godparent's "sponsor certificate" (godparents must be Confirmed practicing Catholics) must be presented before a date is finalized.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center: Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Closed on Fridays.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center: Tuesday and Thursday 10 am -1 pm. and 2 - 4 pm.; Call for appointment.

Masses for the Week

Family members and/or those who requested the Mass are always welcome to present the gifts of bread & wine at the offertory procession. On week-ends, please introduce yourselves to our ushers or call the office during the previous week.

Monday - January 7th

9:00 A.M.

Michael Lo Grande

Tuesday - January 8th

9:00 A.M.

Michael Lo Grande

Wednesday - January 9th

9:00 A.M.

Joseph S. De Molfetto

Thursday, - January 10th

9:00 A.M.

Anthony Litka

Friday - January 11th

9:00 A.M.

Saturday - January 12th

8:00 A.M.

Bexaida M. Cardona

5:00 P.M.

Thomas G. Lampasona

Nancy Galteri

Sunday - January 13th

8:00 A.M.

Harry Aretakis

10:00 A.M.

For All Paishioners

12:00 P.M.

Donald Pesce

For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, & Valerie J.

Aurigue, Terri Persina, Christina Muller, Jon Lasher, Harold Burton, Jillian Brown, Paul Tomko, Patricia Wowk, Eric Chan, John Augusta Jr., June Tamillow, Sue Callari, Sarah Behie, Eppie Larke, Alyssa Baisch, Marilyn & Steven Vacchio, Natasha Roucoulet, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Virginia Nunlist, Laura Durant, Eileen Vincench, Warne Family. Sue Finnigan, James Finnigan, Lorraine Vogel, Vincent Rutherford, Marie Positano, Baby Muller, Laura Positano, Joseph Kiely, Dominic & Mary Percoco, Frank Guttilla, Walter & Valerie O, Helen R, Jennifer Roucoulet, Robert Finger, Cathy Reynolds, Patricia Ferrere, John Fiscina, Rosemary Martorelli, Eric Cohen, Baby Emma & Cindy Byrne.



Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 3 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.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The Visit of the Wise Men is one of the best known and most painted of the Christmas stories. It captures our imaginations in many ways: the quest for an answer to a mystery; a journey to faraway lands; the highborn humbling themselves before a poor infant in a stable. No one knows the names of these “Magi” (wise men, interpreters of dreams) or where they came from. Tradition calls them Gaspar, Balthasar and Melchior and over the centuries they became known as The Three Kings. In our own personal ways, we have made similar journeys of spending time and effort to reach a goal, and sometimes we had to humble ourselves to achieve it. So a connection is there.



But the later darker part of the story is important to remember, too. The plot to kill the Infant Jesus was hatched by King Herod due to the visit of the Magi. Herod's paranoia caused the exile of the Holy Family to Egypt and the massacre of the children of Bethlehem. In our time, millions of people around the world are living the nightmare of forced exile and watching their families suffer in refugee camps or worse. In addition, children who are used and abused and killed by powerful political and economic leaders for their own gain can be found on every continent of the world.

As we celebrate this “Twelfth Day” of the Christmas season, let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and hearts to the ways we can be of assistance to those who are suffering these terrible burdens. ~ *Fr. Jim*

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday January 7

9:30 Bible Sharing.....Rm 207

Tuesday, January 8

7 pm Lvl 7.....Auditorium

7 pm K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, January 9

6:30 pm Catechesis of the Family 4Ch /Audit

7:30 pm 12 Step Bible Study.....Rm 153

Thursday, January 10

7 pm Level 8.....Auditorium

7:30 pm Finance Mtg.....Rm 207

Friday, January 11

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday January 12

9:30 Children's Chorus.....Rm 105

10 am Catechesis of the Family.....Rms 206/207

Sunday January 13

10 am Mass—Pre Cana Open

March for Life ~ Save the Date

Friday, January 18th. Infant Jesus & St. Louis de Montfort are sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. Adults \$15, teens \$10, Kids 1-12 free. Depart 5 AM from Infant Jesus, 110 Myrtle Ave. in Pt. Jefferson; return 11 PM. For info call Mike Schwenk @ [631-664-4817](tel:631-664-4817) or Kevin Crowley @ [631-878-8950](tel:631-878-8950).



Hospital Visits

Deacon Bill is available to visit parishioners at our local hospitals. Call the Parish Center at 732-3131 ext. 0, please provide the patient's name, hospital and room number.



Tax Statements

Call the Parish Center if you would like your 2018 tax statement at 732-3131 x133. Please leave a clear message with your name, address and if you know your envelope number. Statements will be mailed near the **end of the January**. Thank you.

Becoming a Catholic Christian~ RCIA

Do you know a friend or family member who has expressed a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith? Is there someone who has mentioned to you that they are thinking about becoming a Catholic and does not know how to proceed? Are **you** someone who is reading this yourself and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If the answer to any of these questions is “Yes,” then you are invited to continue your exploration with the members of our RCIA team. RCIA stands for **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**.

The first stage is called “Inquiry,” a time to ask questions and receive answers without any pressure to make a decision. The goal is to help adults move toward a commitment to the Lord and full participation in the Catholic community at their pace. It is meant specifically for adults who are seeking Baptism, or those who have been baptized but have not received Confirmation or Eucharist. For more information, please call the Parish Center (631-732-3131 x 133).

New Parishioner? Moving out of the parish?

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

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____

Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 4 ~ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH
6:30 PM – AUDITORIUM

BECOMING A CATECHIST OR ASSISTANT



St. Margaret's is in need of catechists & assistants on all levels. **Faith Formation needs parents, grandparents and parishioners to share their faith.** Everyone has a faith story to share and our families want to hear yours. Please pray over this invitation & call Jackie Mirenda. 631-732-3131 X 131
JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM.

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Come and sing! Rehearsals for our Children's Chorus in the Parish Center on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:45AM. All boys and girls (from 2nd grade and above) are invited to come and sing. Please contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 or comatwins@optonline.net.



Parenting Tips & Videos

Go to DRVC.ORG/FAITH FORMATION/PARENTING AND FAMILY LIFE for up-to-date ideas, activities, reflections and advice.



Parish Social Ministry

THRIFT SHOP



Our Thrift Shop will be closed until further notice due to changeover & Parish construction. Please do not place any donations in our bins during this time. Donations can be accepted at surrounding parishes or the St. Vincent de Paul bin by the ballfield.

The office can assist you if needed.

OUR PANTRY SHELVES ARE OUT OF OR LOW ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

SALTINES, SMALL JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, & DETERGENT PODS.

Thank You!

Multiple Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities

For a full list of jobs f/t and p/t, go to WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBS. You can respond by mail, email, or fax. The website will assist you.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Cards are available in our *Outreach* office, if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one. For more info, visit or call the Parish Center at 732-3131 x119.



THE HOMELESS NEED OUR HELP

Our parish prepares wash-up kits for the homeless and could use donations of **WASHCLOTHS**, **small travel toiletry items & QUART SIZE SLIDER BAGGIES**. Many Thanks!



Helpful Phone Numbers

- Domestic Violence 1-800-799-SAFE & 631-666-8833
- Post Abortion Counseling - days 722-4355
- Project Rachel - evenings 242-0907 or 1800-456-HOPE
- Crisis Pregnancy/Counseling 243-2373
- 24 hr State Child Abuse 1-800-342-3720
- Baby Safe Haven Hot Line 1-877-796-HOPE
- Depression after Delivery 1-800-944-4PPD
- The Life Center 243-2373
- Drug Hotline 1-800-522-5353
- Suicide Prevention 1-800-639-5433



Holy Angels Regional School Open House and Registration

Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
1 Division Street, Patchogue, New York



For more information, please contact the Main Office
at 631-475-0422 or visit us at
www.holyangelsregional.org

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How to Teach Children to Pray



QUESTION: What are some suggestions for how to teach children to pray?

ANSWER: God has specific purposes in how to teach children to pray. When a child is asked how to solve the world's problems, their answer is succinct and short. A child's worldview is how God intended man to live in harmony with each other. So too, is a child's view to prayer.

"Therefore, anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven" (**Matthew 18:4**).

If you ever get sick with an incurable disease and medical processes have failed, ask a child to pray for your healing. People who know how to teach a child to pray, empowers that child for life to pray without doubting. Children pray with an honest and simple belief that holds no biases. I've seen many miracles come about through a child's prayer. Children pray with simplicity and faith. Adults learn to doubt, causing disbelief and unanswered prayers.

- Be sure the children know that the purpose of prayer is to talk to God.
Talk through and discuss the Lord's Prayer (**Matthew 6:9-13**), not as a rote ritual to repeat, but as an example of what to include in a prayer. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to address God with respect, request our daily needs to Him, ask for forgiveness, know that God protects us from evil, and to close our petitions with honor, respect, thankfulness, and praise.
- Encourage children to start with simple sentence prayers like, "I thank God for..." or "I pray for..." More complex prayers will come.

Pray in front of your children, so they can learn by your example. Pray together as a family.

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Sunday, Jan 06, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We bow to a higher authority

From the first moment of his papacy, Pope Francis impressed the world with his humility. The newly minted pope bowed his head and invited us, the church, to bless him. How rare it is for leaders on the world stage to approach their role with humility and reverence! The typical response to the bestowal of power is a rising spirit of arrogance and aggression. We observe the contrast between the Magi who prostrate themselves before an infant, while King Herod snarls and plots violence with his yes-men. How do we wield the authority we hold in our hands?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). *"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."*

Monday, Jan 07, 2019

MEMORIAL OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

And for your penance . . .

What if you went to Confession and for your penance the priest assigned you a book to write? This actually happened to Raymond of Peñafort (1175-1275), who felt that his life as a university teacher had been too soft and easy. When he asked his Dominican superiors to give him a harsh penance in retribution, they asked for a book to guide confessors. Later, in the "creative confessions" department, Raymond found himself the pope's own confessor. He assigned the pope the penance of swiftly hearing and expediting all petitions of the poor! Be creative in repenting, and be sure to do it whenever needed (more often than we like to admit).

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*

Tuesday, Jan 08, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

See God and love

No one, scripture says, has seen God and lived. But of course scripture also tells of numerous encounters with God in which someone came away without being reduced to a pair of smoking sandals. Today it's not impossible to see God either: in other people, who are made in the image and likeness of God and carry God's spirit in them like a temple, to use Saint Paul's metaphor; in the sacraments, which make God present in a special way, especially in the Eucharist; in prayer, where we give expression to our relationship to God. Perhaps the most powerful way to pick up on the presence of God, though, is through love—in particular the kind of self-giving love that God has for creation, that Jesus has for the world. Where there is that kind of love, there God is.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). *"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."*

Wednesday, Jan 09, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Walk on

The disciples were terrified at the sight of Jesus walking on water. Indeed, God's power as evidenced in Jesus' miracles may seem terrifying, perhaps because the display of mastery over the forces of nature reminds us of our own limitations. None of us would last a minute trying to walk on water—but is that because of our physical limitations or because of our faith limitations? In the

gospel story, Peter actually does manage to take a few steps across the water toward Jesus, until he focuses on his own fears instead of Jesus' invitation. Bad move for Peter—and for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). *"But immediately Jesus spoke to them, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'"*

Thursday, Jan 10, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Keep your Christmas present

You remember Christmas—"May your days be merry and bright" and all that? Often we think of "getting through the holidays" rather than savoring, like fine wine, the implications of "God with us." What Christmas celebrates is nothing less than the most radical moment in human history: the leap from the divine to the human, piercing the veil, God taking root in skin and bone and changing our destiny forever. The lights may be packed away, the gifts exchanged, but that's the small stuff. How have I been changed by these days?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a (215). *"News of him spread throughout the whole region."*

Friday, Jan 11, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Count on God's mercy

Can any of us doubt that Jesus would choose the welfare of suffering people who come to him? Still, we often pray—and live—as if we doubt that God has our best intentions at heart. God's mercy is so clear and tangible, at the crèche and at the cross! If we ever find ourselves wondering if God really cares about the likes of us, we might bow and contemplate Jesus in the straw or nailed to wood.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). *"The leper bowed and begged Jesus, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.'"*

Saturday, Jan 12, 2019

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Back to the future

The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god of portals and doorways, of endings and beginnings. He is traditionally pictured with two faces: one looking back to the past, the other forward to the future. Tomorrow we celebrate the Baptism of the Jesus, which marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of ordinary time. That means today is a good day to look back over the Christmas season now ending and ask ourselves: What were some of the highs and lows? What could I do differently next year? Then look forward into the future: What must I let go of to embrace more fully the present moment? How do I want to live?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). *"He must increase; I must decrease."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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*Do you feel alone, frustrated or angry with each other?
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Does talking about it only make it worse?*

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.



For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or register for the upcoming weekend that begins~ **Friday, Jan. 18-20, please call 1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. *Location: Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington NY*

In Need of Bereavement Counseling?

If your family is in need of Bereavement counseling, go to [HTTP://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG/BEREAVEMENT](http://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG/BEREAVEMENT) for a full list of locations or call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x133. A six month wait after the death is suggested.

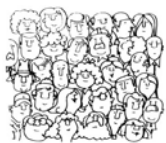
BABY DIAPERS...

Has your child changed diaper size? We will gladly accept **all children's sizes**. Please package them tightly in a strong bag and drop them off at the Parish Center. Many thanks!

SUNRISE FUND Tab Collection



Would you like to help kids with cancer? Save all of your can tabs from soda, soup, etc. & drop them off at the Parish Center. They will be turned in at Gershow Recycling to benefit the "Sunrise Fund" at Stony Brook Hospital. Thank you for your support!



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Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a "NO fee for service" program.

Low Gluten Altar Breads

Do you or anyone in your family have a problem with wheat products? This allergy often prevents people from sharing in Communion completely because they cannot receive the Host. We have special hosts made by a Convent in the Midwest that many people have been able to use, because there is only 0.01% gluten in these hosts. For info, check their website BENEDICTINESISTERS.ORG. IMPORTANT: if you are gluten intolerant, consult with your doctor before use.

If you wish to receive one of these hosts, please let the priest celebrating Mass know before Mass so he can have one for you, then go to him at communion. As you receive, please remind him that you need a "special host."

Divorce & Beyond Support Group

A ten week support group providing friendship, prayer and dedicated to helping each other deal with the challenges and difficulties faced during the experience of separation and divorce.

Wednesday, Jan. 23 & 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2019

7 - 9:30 p.m. St. Patrick Parish, Smithtown

FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY & MISCARRIAGE

The Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility at Good Samaritan Hospital provides general gynecological care, FertilityCare education, and infertility services – all with a deep commitment to honoring a woman's dignity and the sanctity of human life. Comprehensive gynecologic primary care and specialized fertility and family planning techniques are used to unmask the causes of infertility for all women, regardless of faith. We are pleased to be the first medical practice in the community to feature two new women's health services:

FertilityCare Services and NaProTechnology

These two unique services allow us to provide you with a natural, restorative, scientifically based approach to monitoring your health & managing your fertility. Please call 631-376-3232.



Family Center ~ Town of Brookhaven

Family Support free of charge ~ Middle Country Library

Referrals to Community Agencies, Health & Social, Child Care, Immigration & Residency, English Second Language, Food, Clothing & Utility Assistance, programs for Parents & Children & more. To schedule an appointment or confidential message ~ 631-585-9393 ext. 290 or email

FAMILYCENTER@MCPL.LIB.NY.US



Free Counseling at Hope House

In the age of high cost health insurance, Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson offers free individual, couple, family and group counseling services by licensed professionals & interns. We also offer psychiatric evaluations for medication. In addition, Sr. Mary Ann Bazata, S.S. N. D. offers free spiritual direction. If interested, please call 928-2377.

Caption Call Telephone for Hearing Impaired ~ Stay Engaged!

Difficulty hearing on the phone? As a provision through the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. Government established a fund to give individuals with hearing loss access to captioned telephone service at no cost. All you need is an internet connection and a Professional certification stating that there is a hearing loss. For info call 1 877-557-2227 / WWW.CAPTIONCALL.COM.



Catholic Gifts

Looking for Catholic gifts and items? You can visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine, 258 Eastport Manor Rd. in Manorville. Hours 10-4 weekdays & 10-5 Sat./ Sun. They carry a large variety of religious articles. OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG

Diocese Young Adult Ministry

Check out their new website at YOUNGADULTMINISTRY@DRVC.ORG for all the current happenings for young adults ages twenties, thirties and forties, single or married on Long Island.

This Dot Could Save Your Life!

Yellow Dot is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first "golden hour" after a crash or other emergency. A Yellow Dot in the driver's rear window of your vehicle will alert them that vital medical info is stored in the glove compartment. To join the Yellow Dot Program, contact the Suffolk county Sheriff's Dept. at 631-852-2663, contact Assemblyman Al Graf's Office at 631-585-0230 or go to NYSHERIFFS.ORG/YELLOWDOT.

*When you receive your package, complete both sides of the personal information card in pencil. Attach a recent photo of yourself and place it in a visible location in you glove compartment. Do the same for any other people who frequent your car.

*Put your Yellow Dot decal on the rear driver's side window.

*Update your card annually.

For more info on this or any state issue, contact Assemblyman Al Graf's office at 631-585-0230 or email GRAFA@NYASSEMBLY.GOV.

An Invitation For You

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to grow closer to Christ?

Come and See!

**The Franciscan Way for the Laity:
The Secular Franciscan Order**

St. Lawrence of Brindisi Community invites you to our Monthly Gathering to learn more:

January 6, 2019

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel

495 N Ocean Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772

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1:00pm: Benediction / Liturgy of the Hours
2:00pm: Social / Welcoming (Coffee / Cake)
3:00pm: Community News / Formation Talk

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You will have a chance to speak with members of the Secular Franciscan Order and learn about our way of life. Perhaps you may find the support you've been looking for to grow closer to Christ **just as St. Francis of Assisi did!**



Our Monthly Gatherings are always the first Sunday of the Month (Except September). New comers and walk-ins are always welcome. For more information call:

Gene Keenan, OFS Vocations Director:
(631) 737 - 5029

Mark Crean, OFS Minister:
(631) 698 - 5403





St. Margaret of Scotland Women



Our Annual Dinner & Program at the Ronkonkoma Cenacle.
"Fat Tuesday" or "Ash Wednesday Eve"



Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Deposits due no later than February 22, 2019

6pm - 9pm

Dinner at 6:00pm

Plan ahead, mark your 2019 Calendar now!

Don't miss our annual gathering!

Title to be announced shortly.

Always a wonderful program and fellowship night.

***Our Presenter: Valerie Dunne,
Cenacle Staff Associate***

\$45 per person

\$20 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot

Prepare for Lent with a wonderful dinner and program - Invite a friend!

 Please register me for the **March 5th, 2019** St. Margaret's Women's Dinner/Program

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Any food allergies? _____

\$20 Deposit - Drop off at St. Margaret's Parish Center or

Mail to: Cenacle Retreat Center, 310 Cenacle Rd., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 or call 588-8366 x 116

___ **Check** ___ **Cash**

___ **Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard only- please call Retreat Office to process.**

January 6, 2019

Envelopes do Help

A special thank you to the parishioners who have been using envelopes. Please remember that the parish is not able to record your donation for tax purposes unless it is in an envelope. Use of envelopes helps us when asked to sign forms attesting to eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor, determine Faith Formation parish support, as well as Catholic school subsidy for individual families.

Project Rachel

Are you or someone you know suffering from abortion loss? PROJECT RACHEL is the official outreach of the Catholic Church for post abortion healing. It is a network of special trained caregivers & clergy who are prepared to assist. A confidential call to 1800-456-HOPE (4673) can begin healing. www.HOPEAFTERABORTION.COM.

Pregnant? Need Help?

*Long Island Birthright cares about you!
Free, Confidential assistance, free pregnancy kits,
maternity clothes, baby clothes and referrals.*

106 Prince Road ~ Rock Point 631-821-9727

24 Hour Helpline is 1-800-550-4900



St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all our activities, bulletins, weather closures. Go check it out & make it a favorite!

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AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

UNDERSTAND, LIVE, AND SHARE YOUR FAITH

Augustine Institute produces a variety of inspiring CDs and best-selling Catholics books. There are a number of them conveniently available in our main lobby.

The CDs offer inspiring talks on various topics of Catholic life to help build up your faith in God & give inspiration in your life. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Saint Mother Teresa, Fr. Robert Barron, Matthew Kelly, & many more. A donation of \$4 for each CD is requested so we can continue this ministry.

In addition, there are books dealing with spiritual and other Catholic topics, including inspirational stories about special people. A donation of \$5 is requested for each book and \$2 per booklet. Donations help to maintain this ministry and enable us to continue to bring in new titles every couple of months.

For more info about the books, CDs, or monthly subscriptions, contact Henryk Chelminski at 693-9310. We invite you to take a few minutes to see what we have to offer. It could change your life or the life of someone you love!

Job Fair at Hauppauge Radisson Hotel

Tuesday, Jan. 15th from 9:30 AM—2:30 PM. Free admission for Job Seekers—bring copies of your resume. 110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway in Hauppauge.

O B. Davis Funeral Home Pre Planning

Seminar on pre planning will be held on Jan. 16th & 17th from 11AM-1PM. Lunch included. 2326 Middle Country Rd. in Centereach. RSVP to Gabrielle Zarate @ 631-585-8888.

Cenacle Happenings



TOPICS FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS—Contemplative Singles, Centering Prayer Afternoon and the Present Moment.

The Cenacle Retreat House is located at 310 Cenacle Rd. in Ronkonkoma. Throughout the year they offer prayerful Retreats & Programs.

Visit WWW.CENACLESISTERS.ORG/RONKONKOMA OR CALL 631-588-8366 for info.



CATHOLIC FAITH — NETWORK —



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) - is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture. Our mission is to proclaim the teachings of our Lord to the Catholic Community and beyond using media in all forms. (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream

Campaign Catch Up



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Total Pledged: \$855,608

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Still No News on Railings

We had hoped to have the stairways open for Christmas, but have hit a snag. The plan and design of the steps called for reusing the old railings. A recent inspection turned up the fact that the railings (while to code when originally built) do not meet the current code. The old railings are 4" too short and the uprights are 4" apart. The current code is that they



be no more than 3" apart, to insure a child cannot slip through.

Before Christmas, new railings were designed and we await design approval, bids and delivery estimates. Our first bid was for a 6 week delivery time.

We will keep you up to date. Please pray the remaining bids are quicker.

Proposed Schedule of Work

PHASE I **Fall 2018**

Approximate Cost: \$450,000

- Replace the Church Entrance Bridge and Side Stairways
- Mandated Removal of the oil tank in the Parish Center and replace the Boiler
- Update the Kitchen in the Auditorium

PHASE II **Fall 2019**

Approximate Cost: \$290,000

- Update Auditorium Bathrooms and Replace Parish Center's Handicapped lift
- Add Handicapped Parking spaces and Re-coat & re-stripe the Parking lot
- Install new padding on the kneelers

PHASE III **Fall 2020**

Approximate Cost: \$210,000

- Update Fire and Security Alarm systems in the Church and Parish Center
- Replace the Sidewalks
- Replace the Windows in the Parish Center

Funded

Pledged

Unfunded