

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

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)

## *The Journey, Cross & Crucifixion*



**Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM ~ CHURCH**

**April 7, 2019**

**Phone: (631) 732-3131**

## **Parish Center Office Hours**

Open for Walk-In Business	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup>	2 - 4 <sup>pm</sup>	7 - 8 <sup>pm</sup>
Tues thru Thurs	9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup>	2 - 4 <sup>pm</sup>	
Friday	9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup>		
Saturday	9 <sup>am</sup> - 12 <sup>pm</sup>		
Sunday	Closed		

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## Time, Talent & Treasure

### Stewardship Thought for the Week

As Christian Stewards we need to remind the world of God's love and forgiveness. Every aspect of our lives - gifts as well as sufferings - can, if surrendered to God, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.

### 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.

	#	2019	2018	#
Collected at Mass	320	9,414 <sup>69</sup>	Easter	
Mailed Envelopes	20	803 <sup>67</sup>	Sunday	
Electronic Donations	22	1,076		
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>\$11,294<sup>36</sup></b>	<b>\$</b>	

Mass Attendance	5 <sup>pm</sup>	8 <sup>am</sup>	10 <sup>am</sup>	12 <sup>pm</sup>	Total
This Week	271	150	229	254	904
Last Yr's Avg	269	178	252	280	982

### Readings for Next Sunday

#### Palm Sunday

First Reading.....Lk 19: 28-40, Is 50: 4-7

Second Reading .....Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel.....Lk 22: 14-23: 1-49



**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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 A.M.**

Domenica Puleo

**Tuesday - April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Wednesday - April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Thursday, - April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 A.M.**

Special Intention Kristof Chelminski & Stanislaw Malinowski

**Friday - April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 A.M.**

Cathy Rafter

**Saturday - April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 A.M.**

Victor Battipaglia

**5:00 P.M.**

Anna Hroncich

John & Helen Donach, William & Mary Cannon

**Sunday - April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 A.M.**

Anthony Pillittier

**10:00 A.M.**

Michael Lo Grande

**12:00 P.M.**

For All Parishioners

**For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as**

MaryJane Kogler, Patricia Lunetta, Valerie J. Aurigue, Terri Persina, Jon Lasher, Jillian Brown, Paul Tomko, Patricia Wowk, Eric Chan, John Augusta Jr., June Tamillow, Joe & Sue Callari, Sarah Behie, Eppie Larke, Alyssa Baisch, Marilyn & Steven Vacchio, Natasha Roucoulet, Wendian & Nicholas Alfieri, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Virginia Nunlist, Laura Durant, Warne Family. Sue Finnigan, James Finnigan, Lorraine Vogel, Sharon Klyn, Vincent Rutherford, Marie Positano, Christina & Baby Muller, Laura Positano, Joseph Kiely, Dominic & Mary Percoco, Frank Guttilla, Jennifer Roucoulet, Robert Finger, Cathy Reynolds, Patricia Ferrere, John Fiscina, Eric Cohen, Baby Emma, Cindy Byrne, Dylan Joseph Sergio, Virginia Butler & Roger Ferrere.



Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 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,

In every age, some will think it “reasonable” or simply realistic to admit that some things can’t be done and some divides will never be bridged. The goal of world peace or the eradication of poverty may just be pipe dreams. World-weary “reasonable” people are willing to accept the world as it is and make their peace with reality. Jesus also knew quite well the condition of the human heart and the subsequent divisions. But he also knew the heart of God. The realistic might resign themselves to systems of inequality, but God’s will and purpose is to establish justice for all.

Throughout the Bible, we hear how God is constantly opening a way where there is none. In the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament), the God’s most famous path through certain destruction happened at the shore of the Red Sea, when a nation was led from slavery to freedom against all odds. Whenever human beings are tempted to say, “No way,” God resolutely creates a way. This is the foundation of the Jewish celebration of Passover. For Christians, the ultimate proof that God was doing something mightily new in the world, right now, was the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. In today’s Second Reading, St. Paul (who never knew Jesus before his death) emphasizes the central point of the Resurrection.

If Jesus’s suffering and death could be transformed into new life, then all bets about what reasonable people find plausible are off. As we begin this last week before Holy Week, let us keep in mind the great examples of the Exodus and the Resurrection as we bring to the Lord our own situations that we “reasonably” think cannot change. ~ *Fr. Jim*

[DynamicCatholic.com/40days](http://DynamicCatholic.com/40days)

Loyola Press Lent

LPi/Lenten Reflections

Creighton University Lent

## PARISH EVENTS This Week

### Monday April 8

9:30 am Women’s Bible Sharing.....Rm 207

### Tuesday, April 9

7 pm NO CLASS Chosen I ~ Attend JCC on 4/11

### Wednesday, April 10

No Activities Scheduled

### Thursday, April 11

7 pm Chosen II Attends JCC

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

### Friday, April 12

4:30 & 6:30pm Communion Meditation #5 .....Auditorium

### Saturday April 13

9-4 CGS II Training .....Rm 207

9-11 Confirmation Interviews.....Auditorium

9:30 am Children’s Chorus.....Rm 105

### Sunday April 14

Palm Sunday



## Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

***PLEASE BE GENEROUS!*** For more info about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [MYFRANCISCAN.ORG/GOOD-FRIDAY](http://MYFRANCISCAN.ORG/GOOD-FRIDAY).

## STAY AND PRAY HOLY THURSDAY EVENING

One of the poignant parts of the Agony in the Garden is Jesus’s question to his friends, “Can you not stay awake with me for one hour?” At a time in his life’s journey when the Lord needed company, there was none. Each Holy Thursday, this waiting time is expressed symbolically with the time for prayer after Mass in front of the special tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is placed (the Repository).

You are invited to spend a half-hour or an hour of quiet time in church from the end of Mass (approximately 9:30PM) up to 11:00PM. If you can spend some time, please call the Center and let us know the time you can be there [631-732-3131].



## Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

3 - 9 pm ~ Church

*Also available at neighboring parishes  
at similar times*

## Easter Food Blessing

*Blessing of the Easter food and baskets will  
be on Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM  
in the Church. Please be on time.*



## Faith Formation

**Level 7 Chosen I** ~ No class on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Attend Journey Cross & Crucifixion on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in the Church.

### 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](mailto:JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM).



### Vacation Bible School

Due to the construction on the parish property, VBS will be cancelled for the summer of 2019.

See you in 2020!



### Confirmation Day

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 2 PM

Bishop Richard Henning

## Parish Social Ministry

### K of C / AOH GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION

The *Knights of Columbus & Ancient Order of Hibernians* are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry.



**April 6/7 at all Masses**, they 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 Julie in Outreach on **April 6/7**, please leave her a message at 631-732-3131 x119. **Thank you!**



### THRIFT SHOP

Come visit, shop, and say hello!  
Tuesday & Thursday - 10 - 2  
& Saturday 10 - 1.

*Please do NOT leave bags for Thrift Shop out in inclement weather or over the weekend. Use the gray bin to the right of the shop. We are unable to accept any furniture. Thank you!*

### HAVE YOU TRAVELED LATELY?

Our parish prepares wash-up kits for the homeless and could use donations of small travel toiletry items ~ shampoo, conditioner, body wash & lotion. Many Thanks!



**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. Thank you!



#### 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



## A THANK YOU FOR THE CALENDARS

Dear People of St. Margaret Parish,

Gratitude for sharing in **Hour Children's prison ministry**. The calendars meant so much to the women in prison that we serve. Even though the primary focus of Hour Children Ministry is on incarcerated women and their families, I was able to personally bring some of your calendars into Greenhaven Correctional Institution for Men – and thus see the joy and gratitude on the men's faces. What we take for granted!!

Please continue to pray for them. They pray for you and your families.

God's graces,  
Sr. Tesa Fitzgerald, CSJ



**Hour Children®** was named to acknowledge the important hours that shape the life of a child with an incarcerated mother – the hour of their mother's arrest, the hour of their visit, and the hour of her release.

Founded in 1986, we strive to end the cycle of intergenerational incarceration. Our mission is to help incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children successfully rejoin the community, reunify with their families, and build healthy, independent, and secure lives. To accomplish this, Hour Children provides compassionate and comprehensive services and encourages all to live and interact with dignity and respect.



Through community-based services and in-prison programming, our historical recidivism rate (the tendency of criminals to reoffend) is 3.5% - far lower than NYS' reported rate of 39%. **Of hundreds of families – and all the children – with whom we have worked and remain in contact (the majority), we know of only one child who followed his mother to prison.** The rest are living productive lives in their communities.

Hour Children's efforts are framed by two philosophies: **change takes time** and **love makes a difference**. Thus, our programs remain open to families for as long as they are needed. There are no deadlines, and women are able to participate as long as they are making progress. You are invited to learn more by going to [WWW.HOURCHILDREN.ORG](http://WWW.HOURCHILDREN.ORG)



### Golden Wedding Liturgy

**Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More**

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Special Mass on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. The Liturgy will begin at 2:30 PM. **Registration forms must be received by the Office of Worship by April 15<sup>th</sup>.** Registration forms are at the Parish Center. For info call (516) 678-5800 x 506.

### Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

In keeping with the spirit of penance, Catholics are asked to observe the following practices:

**Good Friday** is a day of fast\* and abstinence\*\*

**All Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence\*\*

**\*Fasting:** All between the ages of 18 and 59 may eat only one full meal & two small meals on these days (no snacks).

**\*\*Abstinence:** All from the age of seven onwards abstain from meat on these days.

*Illness always exempts people from these requirements.*

### St. Gianna Mass For Women and Families

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre will be presiding. Part of the liturgy will include a blessing in thanksgiving for those celebrating, hoping for and expecting the gift of a child. After Mass there will be an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Gianna. Reception at the Pastoral Center at 6:00 PM with Speaker Dr. Anne Nolte, Co-Founder of the National Gianna Center. RSVP by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Your gifts make a difference  
in the lives of others!*

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I/We agree to make a gift of:

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25

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**If you wish to make monthly deductions via your credit card, please call 516-678-5800 ext. 296 to verify how many months are remaining.**

*When you provide any information to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we maintain the confidentiality of such information and use it only to serve you better.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**100% of All Funds Raised are Restricted to Support the Ministries of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is conducted on a calendar-year basis. Amounts received under the Appeal are time-restricted for the next fiscal year. Please visit our web site for a listing of the ministries supported by the Appeal. [www.dnrc.org/CMA](http://www.dnrc.org/CMA)

**Donations can be dropped off  
at the Parish Office**

## 2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing  
 Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PEOPLE SERVED IN 2017

### Living and Sharing our Faith

Baptisms: 11,823 Confirmations: 11,668 First Eucharist: 11,445 Marriages: 2,177  
 Children and Youth in Faith Formation: 88,573 Volunteer Catechists: 10,000

### Vocations

Seminarians: 23 Diaconate Candidates: 26

### Education

Diocesan Elementary and High Schools: 14,591  
 School of Missionary Disciples: 200

### Caring for God's People

Parish Outreach Program: 100,000  
 Hospital Ministry: 200,000  
 Respect Life: 132,607 in 32 initiatives

### Catholic Charities

Housing: senior, physical disability and pastoral care: 4,042  
 Mental Health Outpatient Services: 1,895  
 Senior Services: 3,995  
 Food and Nutrition Services: 17,087  
 Disaster Response: 153  
 Parish Social Ministry: 1,617

### Building God's Kingdom

Campus Ministry: 3,500 a month  
 Youth Ministry: 5,800  
 Young Adult Ministry: 3,500 a month  
 Hispanic Ministry: 250,000  
 Catholics of African Ancestry: 25,000





## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



### Welcome All Marriage Encounter Couples!



Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late; make time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, & Jun 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at

**[HTTPS://WWMENYLI.ORG/](https://wwmenyli.org/)**

## 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.

## Parenting Tips & Videos

Go to [DRVC.ORG/FAITHFORMATION/PARENTING AND FAMILY LIFE](http://DRVC.ORG/FAITHFORMATION/PARENTINGANDFAMILYLIFE) for up-to-date ideas, activities, reflections and advice.



## Holy Week Services

### Sacrament of Reconciliation April 15

3 – 9 PM

### Holy Thursday April 18

11:00 AM — Chrism Mass/St. Agnes Cathedral

4:00 PM — Last Supper Prayer Service

8:00 PM — Mass of the Lord's Supper

Quiet Prayer Time Immediately Following

### Good Friday April 19

11:00 AM — Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM — The Lord's Passion

Quiet Prayer Time Immediately Following

### Holy Saturday April 20

9:30 AM — Blessing of the Food

8:00 PM — Easter Vigil

**\*No Confessions or 5PM Mass on Holy Saturday\***

### Easter Sunday April 21

Church ~ 8:00 & 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Auditorium: 10:00 AM & Noon

## Calling All Alumni!

Did you attend: All Saints HS (Brooklyn, NY) Bishop McDonnell HS (Brooklyn, NY) Dominican Commercial HS (Jamaica, NY) Maria Regina Diocesan HS (Uniondale, NY) Queen of the Rosary Academy (Amityville, NY) St. Agnes Academic HS (College Point, NY) St. Agnes HS (Rockville Centre, NY) St. Albert's High School (Brooklyn, NY) St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS (West Islip, NY) St. Joseph's Mountain School (Monticello, NY) St. Michael's HS (Brooklyn, NY) St. Nicholas HS (Brooklyn, NY) ?

**If so, then we're looking for you!** The Sisters of St. Dominic would like to invite you to an alumni gathering on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 -5PM at the Motherhouse in Amityville. Join classmates for a meet & greet with some of the Sisters who taught at your alma mater, tour the Motherhouse grounds, and gather for prayer at St. Albert's Chapel. Tickets are \$25 PP in advance (\$30 day of event). Proceeds will support the mission of the Sisters. For more info, call: 631.842.6000 ext.246 or [advancement@amityop.org](mailto:advancement@amityop.org). We hope you will join us!



## Holy Angels Regional School

*Open Registration Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.*

Contact us to schedule a tour 631- 475-0422 -  
1 Division St., Patchogue -Michael Connell, Principal  
[MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG](mailto:MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG)



Kristen- "I can help out more around the house and help my parents more."

Michael- "I can go to church every Sunday."

Ashton- "I can focus on my schoolwork and not fool around in class."

Kailynn- "I can attend more volunteer activities at my parish."

Hadley- "I can help my family more without expecting anything in return."

Katelyn- "I can give up an activity or object that distracts me from strengthening my relationship with God."

Claudia- "I can try to make more moral choices. In addition, I can show everyone respect and help them out if needed."

**What an inspiring group of students. We can all feel refreshed reading their thoughts this Lenten season!**

**Sunday, Apr 07, 2019**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Woman, liberated**

The church needs a "deeper theology of women," Pope Francis has acknowledged, one recognizing the "feminine genius." Religious institutions, no different from secular ones, struggle with issues of gender equality—which often translates into viewing women as problems to be solved. As in the time of Jesus, women continue to be blamed for feelings that arise in men regarding them: from desire to confusion to exasperation to violence. Sexism isn't just a political football. It's a sin, as the U.S. bishops declared in 1988, that "violate[s] the basic tenets of our faith." Like Jesus says, go and sin no more.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11 (36). "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

**Monday, Apr 08, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Log on to Catholicism**

Thanks to the Internet, we can tell everyone what we think of movies and restaurants, the local plumber or even the parish down the street. Just leave a recommendation on Facebook—or a diatribe on Yelp. Though reviews are sometimes written out of frustration, they're often (or should be) offered with the good intent of helping others discover something useful or avoid a bad experience. As Catholics, we're called to offer the world a spiritual testimonial, by the example of our lives and the witness of our faith in action. Aim for a five-star rating!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20 (25). "I testify on my behalf and so does the Father who sent me."

**Tuesday, Apr 09, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Cross purposes**

The idea of homeopathic medicine is that one can use a small amount of a pathogen to fight off what, in full strength, would make you ill. In mainstream medicine a similar idea lies behind immunization. In both cases the very thing that can cause disease becomes the means of healing. The bronze serpent that Moses crafted to cure his people if they looked at it, as well as Jesus lifted on the cross and drawing all people to himself, evoke the same idea: The very instrument of bitterness and death, through grace, becomes the source of life. During your Lenten prayer spend some time simply gazing at a crucifix, not to dwell on the agony of Jesus but upon the "wondrous love" and healing that the sign of the cross has become.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM."

**Wednesday, Apr 10, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Is your response programmed?**

Pavlov's dog taught a humbling lesson: how easily behavior can be manipulated and controlled. Ring the dinner bell, you salivate. Pass the donut shop and you reel at the thought of a Bavarian cream. In the biblical book of Daniel, citizens were obliged to worship a statue each time the king's band played the Idolatry Theme Song. Most folks got into the rhythm. Three men said no and wound up in the furnace. Do you trust heaven enough to

"just say no" when everyone around you embraces the patterns of fashion or materialism?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). "Be ready now to fall down and worship the statue I had made, whenever you hear the sound of the . . . musical instruments."

**Thursday, Apr 11, 2019**

MEMORIAL OF STANISLAUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

**An unimpeachable witness**

One of the engaging things about saints like Stanislaus from centuries ago (b. 1030) is the legends that spring up about them—perhaps not true in a literal way but often carrying kernels of wisdom of a deeper order. Bishop Stanislaus is said to have brought a man who had been dead three years back to life in order to foil a land-grabbing plot of a nefarious king. Given three days to produce a witness to the church's claim on the land, he prayed ceaselessly before calling the seller of the land from the grave to testify on his behalf. The take-away? God hears and responds to your fervent prayers.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254). "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death."

**Friday, Apr 12, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

**No time like the present**

This is the fifth Friday of Lent and Easter is a little more than a week away. As you take stock of what Lent has been for you, do you feel God's peace, no matter what is happening in your life? Or do you feel you missed the chance to grow closer to God with practices of prayer, fasting, or generosity to others? If you feel peace, be grateful. If you do not, all is not lost. Make the intention to give this day to God, to fast from something that will make you mindful that God is with you, and ask for the strength and peace only God can give.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 18; John 10:31-42 (255). "My God, my rock of refuge, my shield . . . my stronghold."

**Saturday, Apr 13, 2019**

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR

**The pitfalls of power**

Separation of church and state is a relatively recent idea. For much of its history the church was closely entangled with the secular powers that be. Religious issues were frequently political, and political ones religious. This relationship could be risky for both sides. The seventh-century Pope Saint Martin I, for example, started out as a diplomat. As pope he convened a council to condemn a heresy, but when the Christian emperor weighed in on the matter, Martin refused to accept the imperial decision and on the emperor's orders he was eventually kidnapped and banished and died shortly thereafter. Over the centuries the church has learned to be careful about becoming too involved with secular power. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said about his retirement, "The path of power is not the road of God."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). "It is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."

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



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## *Creative Ministries Presents The Journey, Cross & Crucifixion*

*A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of The Cross. Join us as we experience the trial of Jesus, His journey through the streets of Jerusalem, & His final moments on the cross.*

**Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM ~ CHURCH**

*A freewill offering will be taken.*

## **Liturgical Ministry Training**

One of the most important fruits of the Vatican Council (1962-1965) was the desire of the Bishops from around the world for more active participation on the part of the congregation at Mass. This began by having the Mass translated into local languages. Building on that, various ministries were revived or created to allow men and women to use their gifts to strengthen the local parish. Readers of the Scriptures (Lectors) and Ministers to assist with Holy Communion have enriched our worship here at St. Margaret over the years.

**Longtime or new parishioners are invited to prayerfully consider this opportunity to become part of these wonderful ministries. It would be a wonderful way to thank the Lord for his blessings!**

Training sessions will be offered in May for

**Lectors and  
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**  
at Parish Masses



**Training for both Ministries:**  
Thursday 7pm – 10pm [May 23 in Melville]



**Additional training for Ministers of  
Holy Communion to hospital/homebound only:**

A new program has been established. Please call Fr. Jim for more information.

**If you are interested, please write to Fr. Jim  
at least two weeks before the date of the session  
that you are interested in attending**

describing why you feel called to one of these ministries.

Emails to [jwood@saintmargaret.com](mailto:jwood@saintmargaret.com) are welcome, too.

If you would like more information, please call Fr. Jim (732-3131 x 111)  
or email to the address above.

April 7, 2019



## AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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## FREE Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans

Save the date ~ Saturday, **April 27** from 9-1.  
The LI State Veterans Home is holding a free info and screening event along with answers on numerous topics. Go to [www.listateveteranshome.org](http://www.listateveteranshome.org) or call 631-444-8606.



**Stony Brook University Grounds**  
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY

## Free Comprehensive Child Care

The Children's Community Head Start Birth to Five Program provides free comprehensive early childhood education and family support services to eligible expectant mothers and low income families with children ages birth to five in Central Suffolk County. To see if you qualify call 631-585-3131-Ronkonkoma & 631-476-9698-Port Jefferson or visit [WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG](http://WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG)

## JOB FAIR ~ LI Job Finder

Tuesday, April 30th from 9:30 am-2:30 pm at the Radisson Hotel in Hauppauge. Free admission for job seekers-wear proper attire and bring your resume!

## Free Job Readiness Program

Have you struggled finding a job in today's market? Learn the proven fundamentals that will get you noticed and hired. **3 free classes** by John Coverdale on **5/16, 23, & 30** from 5:30-8:30 PM. Brookhaven Town Hall ~ 1 Independence Hill. Farmingville. Call to register for your place at 631-451-6563. Preference to Veterans.

## Suffolk Community College Open House

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 12-3 PM. Meet faculty, explore scholarship opportunities, tour, speak with counselors, learn about clubs. Bring a copy of your official High School transcript. go to [SUNYSUFFOLK.EDU/OPENHOUSE](http://SUNYSUFFOLK.EDU/OPENHOUSE) to RSVP.

## Molloy College Open House

Spring Open House will be held on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Located at 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Center. For info call 516-323-4000.

## Diocese Young Adult Ministry

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

## St. Margaret's Website

*Keep up to date with all our activities, info & bulletins. Go check it out & make it a favorite!* [SAINTMARGARET.COM](http://SAINTMARGARET.COM)

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# Campaign Catch Up



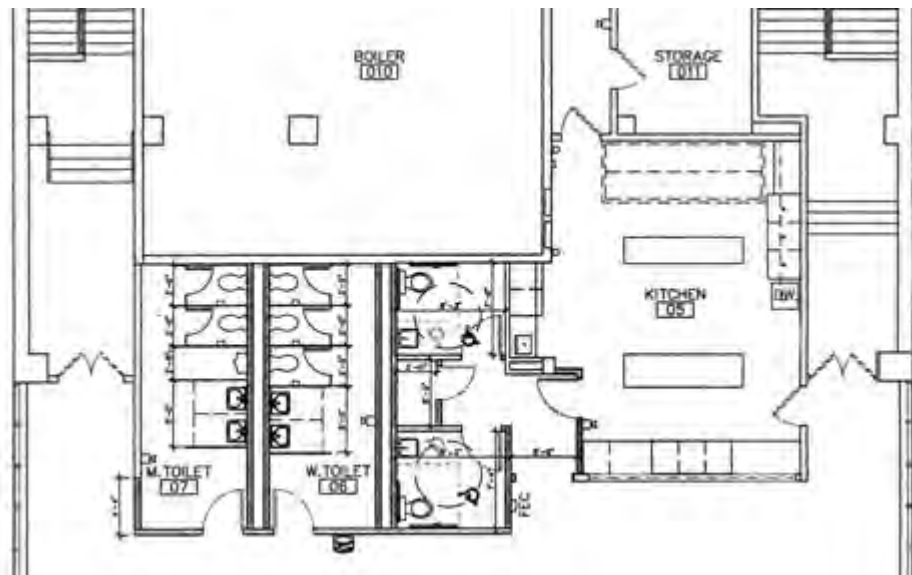
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## Total Pledged: \$856,209

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

## Auditorium Planning Well Under Way



The planning for the update of the Auditorium is well under way. It is our plan that the work be done this summer while the entrance bridge is replaced.

The wall in front of the rest rooms will have to be moved out to accommodate the widening of the stalls for “adult sized” bodies. Two ADA compliant restrooms will be added for the convenience of those in wheelchairs or walkers. To accomplish this, the floors of the restrooms will be dug up to allow moving the plumbing lines.

The installation of a new hood

in the kitchen will permit the re-installment of our long stored stove and the ability to expand equipment for preparing food for our parish celebrations. A new hot water heater, sized to the kitchen needs, will make cleaning up easier. A new dishwasher will ensure the proper cleaning of the kitchen utensils.

Under-counter refrigeration and a freezer will make it easier to access food needed for an event. New lighting will brighten the kitchen area. We are looking to address the electric needs of the kitchen and auditorium for coffee urns.

### 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

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