

# 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)



## Moses and the Burning Bush Third Sunday of Lent

# March 24, 2019

## Phone: (631) 732-3131

### **Parish Center Office Hours**

<i>Open for Walk-In Business</i>	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon thru Thurs	9 <sup>am</sup> - 1 <sup>pm</sup>	2 - 4 <sup>pm</sup>	7 - 8 <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

We are grateful for all Christian stewards who do not judge our brothers and sisters but lead them to Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. To be stewards of the Faith, we must show the world Our Risen Lord.

## Sacrificial Giving

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

	#	2019	2018	#
Collected at Mass	335	9,458 <sup>39</sup>	10,283 <sup>98</sup>	369
Mailed Envelopes	12	640	617	18
Electronic Donations	43	2,332	1,105	24
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>\$12,430<sup>39</sup></b>	<b>\$12,005<sup>98</sup></b>	<b>411</b>

Mass Attendance	5 <sup>pm</sup>	8 <sup>am</sup>	10 <sup>am</sup>	12 <sup>pm</sup>	Total
This Week	253	138	238	293	922
Last Yr's Avg	269	178	252	280	982

## Readings for Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading.....Jos 5: 9a, 10-12  
 Second Reading.....2 Cor 5: 17-21  
 Gospel.....Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32



**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 - March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M.

Josephine Comi

**Tuesday - March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M.

Michele Bongiorno & Michael Lo Grande

**Wednesday - March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M.

**Thursday, - March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M.

**Friday - March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M.

**Saturday - March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 A.M.

Teresa Tomko

5:00 P.M.

Madeline Tecza

Alfonso Fiore

**Sunday – March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 8:00 A.M.

For All Parishioners

10:00 A.M.

David Armendinger & Jerry Gunning

12:00 P.M.

Christine Gandiello

**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, 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, 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

## Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

How many names do you have? Think of all the ways people get your attention. A man named John Sims may be Jack to his friends, and in certain formal situations, Mr. Sims. But more important, he may be Daddy to someone and Honey to someone else. Maybe he's even the boss, the villain, or the hero in someone's eyes. All of these names tell us who this man is and the variety of his relationships to others. These days, our names are known to so many people because of the internet. Yet, something about that can make us uncomfortable, because we have lost control of sharing our name. And to give our name to another person is to open a door and admit entrance to someone who is no longer a stranger.

Today's first reading gives us a name of God that has a special meaning to the Jewish people. Many will not even pronounce the Name. As Christians, we are privileged to call God by another name: Father. By sharing that name, Jesus invites us to see that we get to know our true selves not from the roles we play, the things we do, or the place in which we find ourselves, but through that personal relationship with God.

Lent is a special time for us to seek to appreciate that Name that Jesus shared with us, to find out what's at our core, and to let the Holy Spirit guide us in producing spiritual fruit. I invite you to see our Parish Lenten Mission as a way of doing that!

~ Fr. Jim

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

Loyola Press Lent

LPI/Lenten Reflections

Creighton University Lent

## PARISH EVENTS This Week

### Monday March 25

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

7:30 pm Parish Retreat.....Church

### Tuesday, March 26

7 pm Chosen I .....Auditorium

7:30 pm Parish Retreat.....Church

### Wednesday, March 27

7:30 pm Parish Retreat.....Church

### Thursday, March 28

7 pm Chosen II with Mtg.....Auditorium

### Friday, March 29

4:30 & 6:30pm Communion Meditation #3 .....Auditorium

### Saturday March 30

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

10 am C of F .....Rms 206/207

5 pm Mass ~ K of C Food Handout

### Sunday March 31

K of C Food Handout—All Masses

## Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30 pm ~ Church



# AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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

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## 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.*



## Faith Formation

### CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 6 ~ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>  
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](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!



### 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](mailto:comatwins@optonline.net).



### Parenting Tips & Videos

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



## 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.



**March 30/31 at all the Masses,** members will be handing out grocery bags.

**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!**



### OUR THRIFT SHOP IS OPEN!

Come visit, shop, and say hello! Our hours are 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!***

### 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

## St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Retreat



# *A Time of Grace*

**Presented by Michael Sullivan, O.S.A.**

**March 25 - 27, 2019**

**7:30-9:00 PM**

*Join us as Father Sullivan offers dynamic and engaging reflections that will renew your heart this Lent. Confessions will be available on Monday evening of the retreat. Wednesday evening includes Benediction. A free will offering will be taken on the final night. All are invited.*

*Bring a friend.*

***Sunday: To Be Born Again. The grace of Baptism in our day-to-day lives.***

***Monday: The Healing Love of Jesus. God's power at work, guiding us to experience the gift of reconciliation.***

***Tuesday: The Call to Be Church. The Church survives and thrives because the Lord Jesus is in us all—saint and sinner alike.***

***Wednesday: Our Response to the Call. How to take God's gifts and express them in our lives.***

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

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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







# PALM CROSS

**\$10.00 EACH**

*Available after Masses Saturday 4/6 & Sunday 4/7  
While Supplies Last !*

## Villa Immaculata House of Prayer

**"A Lenten Journey"** ~ A four part video series presented by Rev. Michael Himes, a professor at Boston College who draws insight from the Gospel of St. John focusing on *water, light and life*. Tuesday, March 26 from 10AM-3PM. Fee \$30 each day ~ bring a bag lunch. **The Way of the Cross with the Women of the World** invites us to walk mindfully in solidarity with women. However all men & women are invited to this prayer. March 25 from 10AM-12PM. To register and info call 631-727-5122 M/F - 10-5. Villa Immaculata is located at 3560 Sound Ave in Riverhead.

## 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)



As we enter the Lenten season, our 2nd Graders were asked to reflect on what sins they want God to clean from their hearts and how they can try harder to make good choices! Here's what they said:

**Logan-** I'm sorry for pushing my sister and I'm going to try to be kinder to her.

**Vincent-** I'm sorry for hurting my sisters, I want to try to be nicer to them.

**Annabel-** I know I shouldn't fight with my brothers, we have to try harder to get along.

**Noah-** I'm sorry I hit my sister, I don't want to hurt her so I shouldn't do that.

**Grant-** Sometimes I don't listen. I want to be more focused at school and when I play sports.

**Faith B-** I'm sorry for yelling at my sister, and I want to show better sportsmanship.

**Cole-** I'm fresh to my dad sometimes, I can make better choices.

**Alexa-** I want to control my anger better.

**Addison-** I'm going to try harder to not fight with my sister and do my chores when I'm asked.

**Jace-** I'm going to try to listen better so I can make my mom happy.

**Gianna-** I'm sorry I gave my mom a hard time when I had to take my medicine. I'm going to just take it quickly and get it over with from now on.

**Faith J-** I'm going to try harder not to yell at my siblings and treat them how I want to be treated.

**Jordyn-** I push sometimes, but I know I need to use my words, not my hands.

**Aiden-** I'm going to listen to my mom better when she says it's time to shut the TV and go to bed. I'm not going to hide the remote anymore.

*Let's all pray alongside our second graders this Lenten season!*

**Sunday, Mar 24, 2019**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**When to be a quitter**

In playground rhetoric, a quitter is among the worst things to be. Even in adulthood, none of us wishes to cultivate a reputation for not following through on projects and promises. But sometimes it's good to quit, as any nicotine addict, alcoholic, or gambler will attest. How do we judge "when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em"? Jesus promotes fruitfulness as the most reliable measure of an effort's viability. Holding on to a fruitless situation that does not respond to herculean efforts toward cultivation is a waste of life's soil. Contemplate what to preserve and what to prune.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 (30). *"So cut [this fig tree] down. Why should it exhaust the soil?"*

**Monday, Mar 25, 2019**

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

**Do not be afraid**

Artist Henry Ossawa Tanner's painting of the Annunciation allows us to imagine the awesome exchange between Mary and the angel Gabriel in a new way. The light in the painting depicts the Divine messenger, but it is the look on Mary's face that reminds us of her humanity and makes us ponder our own. When the unexpected or the confusing complexity of life stops us in our tracks, when we do not understand, and when we feel afraid, it is God's promise to be with us and Mary's model of acceptance and trust that can console and lead and guide us. If there is a doubt, or a struggle to understand, or a fear of the unknown for you today, surrender your worries to Mary and ask for her help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"May it be done to me according to your word."*

**Tuesday, Mar 26, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Lighten your load**

Forgiveness is one of those things that's easier said than done. Even after we've reluctantly uttered the words, "OK, you're forgiven," who among us hasn't secretly carried a grudge against our offender? Judging by the number of lawsuits filed each year, we aren't so good at forgiving our debtors or trespassers. But does "forgiving from the heart," as we are called to do, mean we have to become everyone's favorite doormat? Hardly. It simply means that we accept the fact that others are as human and prone to folly as are we. Lent is the perfect season to practice forgiving from the heart. Give it a try—you'll feel lighter when you no longer have to carry that grudge around.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). *"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"*

**Wednesday, Mar 27, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**School is in session**

In his sixth-century *Rule*, Saint Benedict, one of the founders of monasticism, described a monastery to be a "school of the Lord's service." School may not be everyone's favorite place, but in the best sense of the term, a school is a good place to learn, and the Catholic tradition offers a number of them. The liturgy, for example, is a school for prayer—think of all the different kinds of

prayer in the Mass—and also for life: You learn to make yourself a living sacrifice in communion with Jesus. Scripture, the saints, and the church's moral teachings also offer "learning opportunities" to explore. It's time to get some schooling!

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239).

*"Hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe."*

**Thursday, Mar 28, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**How to be more prophet-able**

Many think of biblical prophets as people whom God gave the mysterious power to see into the future. Prophets, however, were not crystal-ball gazers who predicted what was to come. Most of the time they talked about the present—their present—and sometimes about the past as well. They focused on what the People of God were doing—or not doing—in their relationship with God. In bringing God's word to a situation, they called people back to God and showed them that God was still a guiding force in their lives. God summoned a long line of prophets to serve the Israelites, and there have been Christian prophets, too. A few prophets might even be around today. Hear any?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). *"I have sent you untiringly; all my servants the prophets."*

**Friday, Mar 29, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

**When will we forgive?**

Nobody likes a traitor. From Brutus to John Wilkes Booth to Judas, those who betray ultimate loyalties like patriotism or friendship seem beyond redemption. A deep bond also exists within families that can be trespassed or broken. In times of infidelity, mistreatment, severed trust, or divorce, it can seem that the idea of family itself has been lost. While people often don't feel the capacity to pardon violations, emotion plays only a part in the task of forgiveness. Forgiving is also an act of will, not only of feelings. God models the decision of forgiveness for us, allowing the healing to begin. Abstain from meat today—and from withholding the healing power of forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). *"I will love them freely; for my wrath is turned away from them."*

**Saturday, Mar 30, 2019**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Go ahead and ask**

While most of us do not commit obviously grievous sins, we still "miss the mark" regularly in subtle ways, for example, by being angry or self-righteous. Although it is not easy or comfortable to admit that we are not perfect, our spiritual well-being depends upon it. May our prayer today be that we are made aware of the times and ways we have sinned so that we can ask for God's mercy. For although God doesn't wait to be asked before forgiving us, we cannot receive that forgiveness if we haven't acknowledged our need for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). *"The tax collector prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'"*

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



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## 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 March, April and May for

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



**Training for both Ministries:**

Wednesday 7pm – 10pm [April 3 in Baldwin]  
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.

## Installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will be airing the Mass of Installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan as the 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. The Mass will air live on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from St. Joseph Cathedral beginning at 1:30PM ET and will rebroadcast later that evening at 8PM ET. The Catholic Faith Network (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 at [www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org)<<http://www.CFNtv.org>>



## 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

## 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 *confi-*  
*dential message* ~ 631-585-9393 x290 or email  
**FAMILYCENTER@MCPL.LIB.NY.US.**



**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 which is located under the DATE. Thank you.

## 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.

## 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)

# 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.

## 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](http://OURLADYOFTHEISLAND.ORG)**

## 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/)**

## Reunions!

**St. Anthony of Padua** School in E. Northport—Oct. 12th in the auditorium. Contact through Facebook *Saintanthony Renunion* or *stanthonyofpaduareunionenpt@yahoo.com*.

**Bishop Reilly High School** (currently St. Francis Prep), Fresh Meadows will be holding their 50 year reunion from graduating class of 1969. Contact [reillyreunion50@gmail.com](mailto:reillyreunion50@gmail.com).

# 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.

# SCPD Police Exam

is scheduled for **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Be sure to note that the registration deadline for this exam is **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**. This exam is given only once every **4** years.



English and Spanish recruitment flyers and registration forms for the exam can be found at ***www.JoinSCPD.com***

## Minimum Requirements

**Age**-Minimum age: 19 years on the date of the written exam to be eligible for appointment. • Maximum age: 34 years on the date of the written exam. **Education**-Graduation from a standard senior high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma recognized by the New York State Department of Education, by the date of appointment. **(No college required for appointment).** **License Requirement** -Possession of a valid New York State operator's or chauffeur's license at the time of appointment. **Written Examination** - Candidates who attain a reachable passing grade will have to pass the following qualifying tests and evaluations: Medical, Personality Assessment (Psychological), Polygraph, Extensive Background Check & Physical Fitness Screening. **Citizenship & Residency**-Candidate must be a NY State resident and a US citizen at time of appointment.





# Campaign Catch Up



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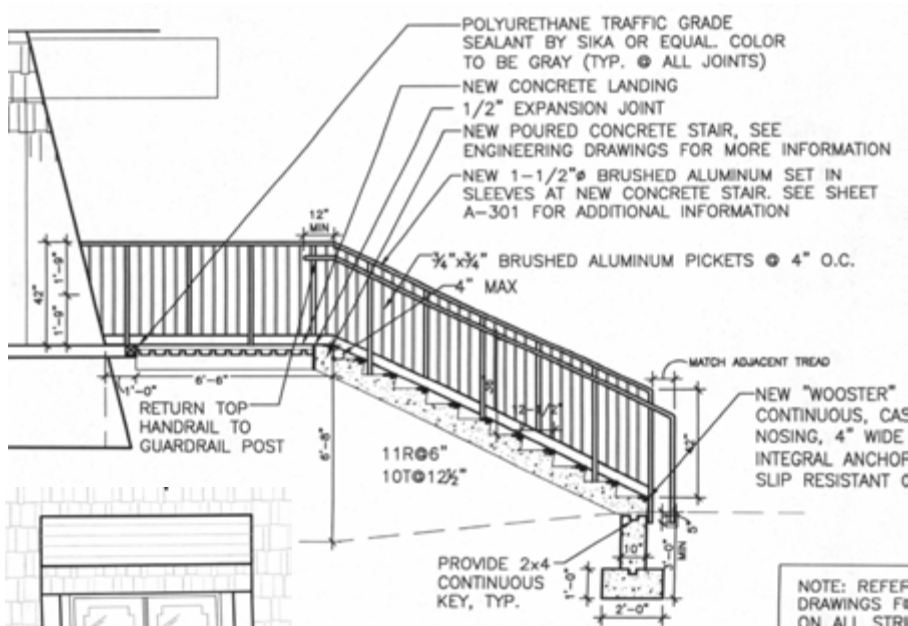
## Total Pledged: \$856,209

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

## Handrails Schedule: by end of March

Architect approved shop plans. Fabricator says work to be finished by end of month.

entrance bridge so that the full job can begin after Communions, Confirmation and weddings this



Projects in our pipeline:  
① Work on the church side entrances,

only awaiting the railings to allow us to reopen the side entrances.

② Initial work done on the main

spring (a defrosting system has been built into all three to minimize any icing).

③ Architect has made first visit to take specs for blueprints for the auditorium restrooms and design an ADA compliant restroom and bring the kitchen up to code. We hope to see this work done this summer.

④ Contract signed for the conversion of the Parish Center heating system to gas. To be done after PSE&G installs a gas line.

### 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