

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)



April 14, 2019

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Parish Center Office Hours

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

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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.

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	336	10,763 ²⁵	11,295 ⁰⁴	357
Mailed Envelopes	21	1,204	1,527 ⁰⁹	14
Electronic Donations	45	3,927	5,046	55
Total Collection	402	\$15,895 ²⁵	\$17,868 ¹³	426

Mass Attendance	5^{pm}	8^{am}	10^{am}	12^{pm}	Total
This Week	255	185	232	276	948
<i>Last Yr's Avg</i>	269	178	252	280	982

First Reading.....Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Second Reading....Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5-6b-8
Gospel.....Lk 22: 14-23: 1-49



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.

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.

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

9:00 A.M.

Gerard Leigh

Tuesday - April 16th

9:00 A.M.

Joan Casey

Wednesday - April 17th

9:00 A.M.

John & Dorothy Roth

Holy Thursday, - April 18th

8:00 P.M.

In Thanksgiving

Good Friday - April 19th

See Schedule

Holy Saturday - April 20th

8:00 P.M.

For All Parishioners

Easter Sunday – April 21st

8:00 A.M.

Robert M. Aretakis

10:00 A.M. CHURCH

Michael Lo Grande

10:00 A.M. AUDITORIUM

John Rocchetta & Andrea Davanzo

12:00 P.M. CHURCH

Anthony Alessi

12:00 P.M. AUDITORIUM

Jhon Vanarken Jr.

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

MaryJane Kogler, Patricia Lunetta,
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, 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, Robert Finger, Cathy Reynolds, Patricia Ferrere, John Fiscina, Eric Cohen, 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,

As we hear in the Gospel Passion account today, the forces of sin and darkness are arrayed against the light and life that Jesus has shared throughout his ministry. For Christians, Holy Week is not simply a memory, but a chance for us to choose Christ and his way more fully. Here are some thoughts for our prayer these days.

The Power of Fear, the Power of Trust – Jean Vanier (adapted)

The pain Jesus confronts is that while some are brought to faith by miracles, others harden their hearts in the face of such a challenge to their sense of reality. They do not want to see; they are blind to reality; they cannot believe that Jesus is really from God, that God will look after them as God has done in the past. Their refusal to believe in Jesus makes them refuse to believe in God's love for His people.

Why do they refuse to trust Jesus? Is it their fear of an uprising and retaliation of the Romans? Is it their fear of change? Is it their fear of losing power and control of the situation? Is it their fear of trusting and surrendering to God? Is it jealousy of Jesus because so many are going to him? It is probably a mixture of all those things, which find a home in the dark areas of OUR OWN hearts, too.

We can and do refuse to look at and listen humbly to reality, to read the signs of the Holy Spirit in what is going on in the world and the church around us. We can and do also refuse to trust the power of God within us and in others. How can we use this coming week to face this struggle in ourselves? ~ *Fr. Jim*



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

(A Day of Fast and Abstinence)

11:00 AM — Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM — The Lord's Passion

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



Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 15th

3-9 pm ~ Church

*Also available at neighboring parishes
at similar times*



Sacraments are Celebrations!

Baptisms

Seth Anthony Horton, Jace Charles Monte

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].



Holy Land 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.

Easter Food Blessing

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



Faith Formation

**There will be NO
Faith Formation classes from
April 18th thru April 27th**

Vacation Bible School

Due to the construction on the parish property, VBS will be cancelled for the summer of 2019. See you in 2020!



Parenting Tips & Videos

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



**Please Pray for our
Confirmation Candidates
as they prepare for the Sacrament
on May 14th**



**And
Our First Communion
Children**

**as they prepare to receive on
May 5th and May 19th**



Parish Social Ministry



Thank You!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who participated in our Spring Food Drive and to all who assist us throughout the year!



A wonderful job was done by our volunteers and to the
Knights of Columbus
and the Hibernians!



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



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 5th 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 15th.** Registration forms are at the Parish Center. For info call (516) 678-5800 x 506.

THANK YOU GALLAGHER FAMILY

Our St. Margaret Family enjoyed all the Irish treats at our Hospitality Sunday. The Gallagher family from our Selden Shop Rite supplied us with delicious Irish soda bread, cookies. Thank you!



St. Gianna Mass For Women and Families

Saturday, April 27th @ 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 19th.

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

Donor Name: _____
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Parish: _____
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Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

I/We agree to make a gift of:

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Exp. Date: ____ / ____ Total Amount: _____

Phone # _____

Signature: _____

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

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

2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



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 Bob & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at www.wmew.org

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

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.



PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday April 15

9:30 am Women's Bible Sharing.....Rm 207
3-9 pm Diocesan Day of Reconciliation.....Church

Tuesday, April 16

7 pm Chosen I ~ NO CLASS
7:30 K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, April 17

Faith Formation in Session
No Other Activities Scheduled

Holy Thursday, April 18

4 pm Last Supper Prayer Service.....Church
8pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19

11 am Stations of the Cross.....	Church
3 pm The Lord's Passion.....	Church

Holy Saturday April 20

9:30 am Blessing of the Food.....Church

Easter Sunday April 21

See Schedule

No Faith Formation Classes 4/18 thru 4/27

A SPECIAL INVITATION

*On Easter, we celebrate the New Life of the Risen Lord. Symbols of life are an important part of this great feast, especially flowers. Once again, we want to offer an opportunity for parish members to assist in making our altar and church a sign of New Life this Easter and celebrate the memory of those who made past Easters special. All are invited to make a memorial donation which will be used for our decorations. All the names of those memorialized (both living and deceased) will be printed in our bulletin of **April 27 / 28** (Please note: donations are NOT for any particular or individual plant, but toward the overall expenses of the decorations.) Please fill out the form below and place it and your donation in an envelope marked “**Memorial Donation.**” You can put it in the basket with your regular collection, mail it or drop it off at the office. Thank you*



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Memorial Donation – Easter 2019 (deadline: April 23rd) ~ Please Print

Donor(s) _____

Address

Name of Person(s) or Couple Memorialized

Living _____

Deceased

Sunday, Apr 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Hats off to Jesus' message

Imagine a baseball-cap seller in the first century. Further imagine the catchy phrases on the brim of his wares: "The last will be first." "Let me wash your feet." "Love your enemies." "Bless those who hurt you." "Be like the children." "Feed my sheep." "Take up your cross." "The humble will be exalted." "Blessed are the meek." Who's going to buy this misguided fellow's hats? The rest of us want to boast, not bow. This guy doesn't get it. He needs to get into another line of work. Would you wear a hat that says: "I come to serve"?

TODAY'S READINGS: Procession: Luke 19:28-40 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 (38). *"I am among you as the one who serves."*

Monday, Apr 15, 2019

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Oil of gladness

In the Hebrew Bible, we read of kings, priests, and prophets being anointed by the pouring of oil on them. In the Catholic tradition, oils are used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. We also use oil to bless altars and other objects. But why? Its purpose is to recognize the presence of the Holy in the person or thing anointed. To be anointed is to be set apart as special, cleansed, healed, and strengthened. Reflect on how you've been marked as belonging to God and called to share in the holy mission of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). *"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus."*

Tuesday, Apr 16, 2019

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Don't fail to find God

One of the lessons of Holy Week is that God draws grace and goodness out of any situation—even one that to us looks like a complete failure. God uses all of what is—every person's strength and weakness, every experience, encounter, accident, war or act of kindness, natural beauty or disaster—to make visible God's love and sustaining presence in the world. The psalmist put it this way: "For darkness is as light" to God. The message of Holy Week is one for the entire year. Make a habit of looking for the ways God redeems our "failures." See how grace abounds.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). *"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*

Wednesday, Apr 17, 2019

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Suffer the servant

Holy Week highlights the "Servant Songs" found in the Book of Isaiah. These are lyrical poems written about a servant whom God calls to leadership but the people abuse. The servant sacrifices himself for the sake of the people and is vindicated by God. The traditional Jewish interpretation is that the servant is a metaphor for the Israelites. Christians see the servant as a prefiguring of Jesus and the servant's suffering foretelling the Passion of Christ. Perhaps both are true. In these sacred days let your heart be filled with reverence for the suffering servant.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). *"I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me . . . My face I did not shield."*

Thursday, Apr 18, 2019

HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Triduum enchilada

Tonight's Mass of the Lord's Supper begins with the Sign of the Cross. Take note of it because you won't see another one for three days until the blessing and dismissal from the Easter Vigil. The reason for this is because the Triduum, the Three Days of Easter, is of one piece. It begins tonight and is carried through Good Friday and on to the Easter Vigil. So Catholics enjoy staying "in the zone" of celebration for the whole enchilada. Every thought, word, and action is wrapped in the awareness of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Triduum is moving and deeply enriching, so join in fully!

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). *"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Friday, Apr 19, 2019

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE

It is finished—and it has just begun

We can look high and low but we will not find a Catholic Mass celebrated anywhere on this day. There is a Good Friday service, to be sure, but there is no Mass. However, we will gather in churches throughout the world to hear scripture tell of the trial, death, and burial of Jesus. We will pray the prescribed 10 prayers of intercession. We will walk in procession to venerate the cross. And, on this second of the three sacred days this week that are known as the Triduum, we will receive the Eucharist, consecrated at the Mass of the Last Supper the night before. On this day of prayer and remembrance, do one thing to imitate the love and compassion of Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42 (40). *"And after this, Joseph of Arimathea . . . asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus."*

Saturday, Apr 20, 2019

HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL

A vigil for the ages

The Easter Vigil Mass we celebrate today has not always been popular, having been an institution in the early centuries of the church, falling from practice in the Middle Ages, and then re-emerging around Vatican II. Today this "mother of all vigils" (as Saint Augustine called it) moves people through its intense symbolism of fire, light, dark, incense, and song. The Easter Vigil reminds us that faith isn't just an idea; it is a full-body experience and way of life. Whether or not you attend the Easter Vigil, you can allow your faith to be a full-sensory experience, perceiving God in touch, song, aroma, and beauty.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12 (41). *"You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation."*

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 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.

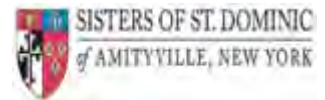
Emails to jwood@saintmargaret.com are welcome, too.

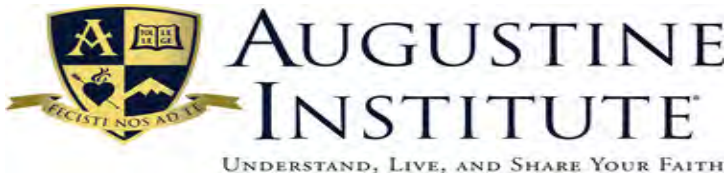
If you would like more information, please call Fr. Jim (732-3131 x 111)
or email to the address above.

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 7th 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. We hope you will join us!





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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!



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 or call 631-444-8606.



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

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

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

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.

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 _____

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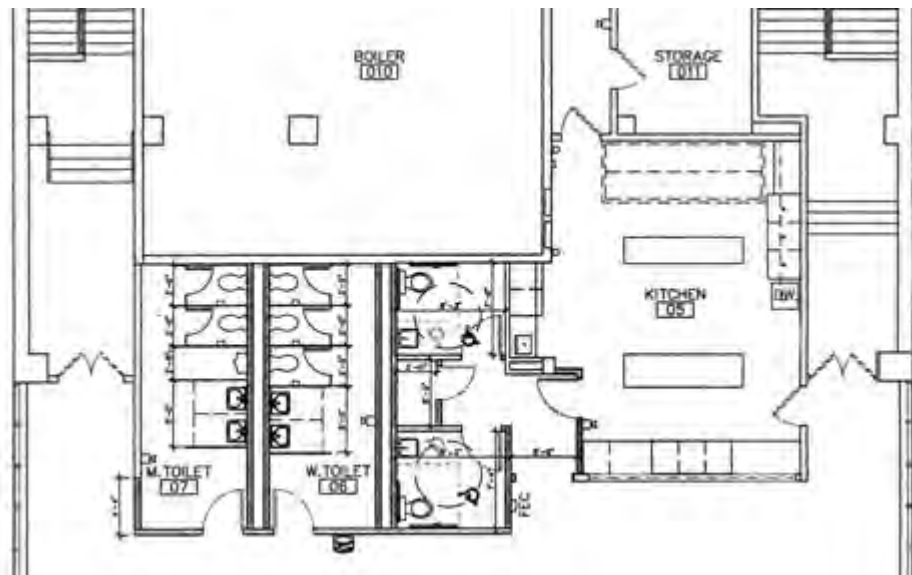
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Total Pledged: \$856,209

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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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