

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)



Happy Father's Day



June 16, 2019

Phone: (631) 732-3131

Parish Center Summer Office Hours

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

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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,

This weekend we have the simultaneous celebrations of Holy Trinity Sunday and Father's Day. Both the concept of "God" and the image of "father" have changed over the centuries.

Of all the nations and civilizations in history, the ancient Israelites alone held fast to one **God**. Originally they presumed that He was concerned about them alone, while other gods took care of other peoples. It took longer to realize that their God was the only God, and even longer to recognize that He cared for all peoples. The majesty of God and his Law were (and are) central to the identity of the Jews, even as their land was conquered and occupied over and over. Creator, Protector, Lawgiver are images that predominate in the Old Testament. It was Jesus who left us the gift of "daring to say" Our Father to that majestic and eternal God! With this foundation, it took four hundred more years for Christians to accept the mystery that one God was a Trinity of Persons – a God of dynamic, eternal Love.

Regarding **father**, a similar development has happened. From the earliest human communities, the idea of "father" was connected with doing and action: a protector, a hunter, a "breadwinner," a mentor, the "head of the house," to name a few. These and other characteristics have morphed as time has gone by, and some new dimensions have emerged. For example, fathers are not expected to hunt for food for the family; but there is an expectation of fathers being regularly involved with day-to-day responsibilities in the household (shopping, cooking, and hygiene). More and more, spouses recognize the importance of listening to each other and working together when dealing with more important decisions, too.

The point of these very broad and imperfect summaries? Both celebrations remind us that our experiences of **God** and **fathers** are part of a larger learning experience stretching through the generations of our human family. We still only see imperfectly, but we are adding richness to what we have received. ~ *Fr. Jim*

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18

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

June 19—June 23

No Activities Scheduled

Reminder For Summer Thursday Mass

This year July 4th is on a Thursday.

Mass will be held at 9 AM in Thanksgiving of Our Nation.

There will be no Mass on Friday, July 5th instead.

Beginning July 11th, there will not be a daily Mass on Thursday throughout the summer.

Thursday Mass will resume on 9/5/19.

Mass Times @ Neighboring Parishes

While our front bridge is under construction there will not be a handicapped entrance.

Below are the times for weekend Masses at our neighboring Parishes. (English)



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach

Saturday-5:30 pm / Sunday - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30

St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Saturday-5 pm / Sunday - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville

Saturday-5 pm / Sunday-9:00 am & 12 pm

St. Gerard Majella, Pt. Jefferson Station

Saturday 5pm / Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00

40 Year Milestone Celebrated

Dcn. Biagio Muratore and Dcn. Bob Gaudioso (who served at St. Margaret before moving) were two of the first deacon class ordained in 1979. Our prayers are with them both as they continue to serve the Lord's people



Please Consider Sponsoring a Weekly Memorial



Would you like to remember a loved one? Give thanks for one of God's many graces? Offer up a prayer for someone in need?

Please contact the Parish Office for information on Memorials. St. Margaret's offers the opportunity to remember loved ones by covering the cost of the altar flowers and bread & wine used during the week.

Sacraments are Celebrations!

Wedding Banns



Banns II: Stefanie Musso, St. Margaret of Scotland & Salvatore Buccellato, St. Jude, Shirley

Faith Formation

REGISTRATION NEWS

DEADLINE JUNE 17TH.

Any questions, please contact Jackie at our Faith Formation office at 631-732-3131 x131.



Due to the construction on the parish property, VBS will be cancelled for the summer of 2019. Below are two neighboring churches that will be holding VBS. See you in 2020!

ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Chestnut St., Centereach. July 15-19. 631-585-8760

HOPE LUTHERAN ~ Dare Rd., Selden

August 12-16. 631-987-4464

PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday ~ 9 - 5 (Closed Lunch 1-2)

Tuesday ~ 9 - 5 & 7-8 pm (Closed Lunch 1-2)

Friday ~ 9 - 1 Closed Saturday & Sunday

Please note—evening hours on Tuesdays only..

St. Margaret's Summer Family Fun Night at the L.I. Ducks

Saturday, July 20th at 6:35pm ~ Fireworks NIGHT!

\$11 per ticket available at the Parish Center



Parish Social Ministry

WANTED FOR THRIFT SHOP

Infant & Toddler Girls and Boys Summer Clothing ~ ASAP!

Please place in our bin or drop off.

Tues. & Thurs. 10-2 (Closed Saturdays for the summer) Come Visit & Shop!



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!



Our Outreach is in need of **grocery bags!** Please be sure they are regular size (no small newspaper size) and sturdy. Paper or plastic is ok. Your help is greatly appreciated!

This Dot Could Save Your Life!

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



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

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

*Update your card annually.

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

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

VIRTUS ~ Training & Child Lures Program Deployed in Parishes to Ensure a Safe Environment

As the Diocese of Rockville Centre Office for the Protection of Children and Young People works to oversee that the mandates of The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) are being followed throughout the diocese (see related story), dedicated staff and volunteers at the parish level have stepped up to ensure young people remain safe.

The diocese uses the safe environment program called VIRTUS, which was created by the National Catholic Retention Group, Inc. and “is the brand name that identifies best practices programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote ‘right doing’ within religious organizations,” according to virtusonline.org. The word *virtus* comes from the Latin meaning valor, moral strength, excellence and worth.



“VIRTUS is a very solid program with a good track record,” said Mary McMahon, LCSW, director of the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People. All clergy, employees and volunteers in the diocese are required to take a VIRTUS class, she said. VIRTUS classes are offered at parishes throughout the diocese every day, in English and Spanish. The classes offer presentations on the prevention of child sexual abuse, making participants aware of the signs of abuse, the methods and means of how offenders commit abuse, and steps used to prevent such abuse.

“We receive inquiries every week from individuals asking if they are required to attend VIRTUS because they already attended New York State training for mandated reporters,” McMahon said. “The answer is absolutely yes!” and here’s why: VIRTUS offers the perspective that child safety is the responsibility of the entire community; all of us need to be watchful, responsible & vigilant.”

POWERING CHILDREN you know that the Bible writes about you?”

Kathy Knott of the Church of St. Joseph in Babylon begins all of her Think First & Stay Safe Child Lures Prevention presentations to children in Grades 1 ~ 6 with the same question. “Yes!” she continues, holding up a Bible as they ponder the question. “In the Psalms, the Bible says you are fearfully and wonderfully made by the God who loves you.” She tells them God gave them a heart, which tells them how to be compassionate and kind. It also tells their mind what to do: “It tells you to Think First & Stay Safe,” she says.

The Think First & Stay Safe program, which the diocese mandated starting this year for all parishes, educates grade-school children in age-appropriate, non-frightening ways about bullying, child abuse, child luring, child abduction and other forms of child victimization, according to the Child Lures Prevention website, childluresprevention.com. Knott said she strives to empower children to make good decisions. **“One of the tools your brain uses is your gut,” she tells them. “If the gut tells you there’s danger, there’s danger. Your gut is never wrong! It never fails! Never ignore your gut feelings.”**

“The expression on the little faces says, ‘I’ve got this, I know what my gut feels like. I can say ‘no!’ I can say ‘stop!’” she said. Knott attended a VIRTUS class more than 12 years ago as a catechist for children with special needs. “I knew I wasn’t part of the problem,” she said, “but I heard the call to be part of the solution.” In addition to presenting the Child Lures Prevention program in her parish, she is also a VIRTUS facilitator and travels to other parishes to present both programs. A team of volunteers and catechists at the Church of St. Hugh of Lincoln in Huntington Station worked together to present the Child Lures Prevention program to the students and included a presentation for parents as well. On a Saturday in January, the team presented Think First & Stay Safe to the students with their parents present; then as the students enjoyed bagels and juice, the parents were given a separate presentation on abuse prevention by the Safe Center of Long Island.

“It was very well received, and the day wasn’t too long for busy families,” said Helen Schramm, director of religious education at St. Hugh. “It also gave parents an opportunity to hear the information their children are receiving in our program in regard to their safety on this very important issue.”

At the Church of Sts. Philip and James in St. James, Rita Byrne has managed to stay on top of all the paperwork required for the parish’s 400 to 500 volunteers in her position as coordinator of volunteers. Byrne upholds the diocesan and parish policy that every new volunteer at the parish is required to fill out a packet of forms before he or she can volunteer. “If there’s no VIRTUS certificate attached, then they can’t volunteer,” said Byrne. After a volunteer’s packet is complete, Byrne enters the information into the parish and diocesan data system for background screening.

All volunteers in the diocese undergo a background check and are rescreened every five years. They also sign a form stating they received and read a code of conduct outlining expected, acceptable behaviors. The VIRTUS training, background screening and code of conduct all meet Mandate 2 of The Charter. It’s a lot of detail,” Byrne said of her job.

“I’m getting it down to a science now. People know what to expect. The purpose is protect kids. I tell people, ‘It may be more paperwork for you, but it’s a good thing.’ Some people will say, ‘But I’m not doing [any volunteering] with children,’ but it doesn’t matter—everyone is required to go through this process.” Byrne’s work is only part of her volunteer position at the parish, but she said it pays to devote the time to it.



“I think I’ve got a pretty good handle on it, but it’s a learning curve,” she said. “I’m learning something new every day. It’s manageable once you get it into a system.” **“God First, kids first!”**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse more by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 28-30 in Huntington, NY and Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at

[HTTPS://WWMENYLL.ORG/](https://wwmenyll.org/).



Women's Bible Sharing

Come meet other women in the Parish on Monday mornings for an hour of fellowship and discussion. Meet in the Parish Center at 9:30 AM. Bring a friend!



In Need of Bereavement Counseling?

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

Take Five for Faith

Due to our smaller summer bulletin, Take Five for Faith will resume in September. For all who enjoy & use it, please go to their website for the daily readings. Free daily email & app available at TakeFiveForFaith.com/subscribe.



Catholic Charities Chemical Dependence Clinic

Hampton Bays Outpatient Chemical Dependence Clinic provides treatment services to assist people in recovery maintain sobriety & live independently & productively. Services include individual & group counseling; DWI/mandated & aftercare; educational programs; crisis intervention; psychiatric services; medically assisted treatment; evaluations; & referrals. The program also serves spouses, & family members, co-dependents, & adult children of alcoholics (ACOAs). Our clinics provide counseling services in Spanish. Located in St. Rosalie's Church Community Center, 31 E. Montauk Hwy. Hampton Bays. For info call (631) 723-3362.



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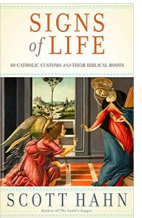
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Diocese Young Adult Ministry

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

Traveling this Summer?

To find out Mass times where you are go to MASSTIMES.ORG to find out what works best for you.



Summer School ~ St. John the Baptist HS

The High School is offering Summer School and Regents Review. For info ~ STJOHNTEBAPTISTHS.NET/ACADEMICRESOURCES or call 631-587-8000 x117.

St. James Cemetery ~ St. James Parish on Rte. 25A in

E. Setauket, recently constructed a columbarium [a sepulchral vault or other structure with recesses in the wall to receive the ashes of the dead] in their cemetery. They are extending an invitation to our parishioners to purchase a vault for their final resting place. If interested, contact Todd Bradshaw or Megan Peters at 631-941-4141.

FREEDOM TO BE BORN FACE THE TRUTH PRO-LIFE VIGIL

Pro-life Face the Truth event on SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019, from 10:30AM to Noon (come for all or part of the time); on the public sidewalk along Route 347, Lake Grove (near Smithaven Mall). Without the Right to LIFE we have no other rights! Pro-lifers continue to be challenged to defend the right to LIFE enumerated in the Declaration of Independence. We are called to take a public stand to declare that the right to life starts in the womb. Pro-lifers are asked to join this Face the Truth event to be a witness against the tragedy of abortion (participants must be peaceful & lawful). Rain or shine. Signs available (parking lot of Staples but near road). Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org; Instagram (LICOALITIONLI) and follow us on Facebook.

Campaign Catch Up



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Total Pledged: \$857,880

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

One Last Step for Parishkind



Monday morning, after 9am mass, as the contractors removed the shrubbery from the front bridge, a few of us paused for one last selfie on the soon to be no more bridge.

Regarding the parish renovation projects, here is a follow up to last week's announcement. The first project (the side stairways) is finally complete. Some cosmetic work is still being done during the week, but they are open for use.

Now, the challenging part—the front entrance bridge. Preparation work began on June 10th. (See picture above.) The actual removal is planned to start on Monday, June 17th.

- This means that the only entrances to the church for the time it takes to rebuild it will be the side stairways.

- We explored a temporary bridge, but it is out of the question for safety and code reasons.
- We looked into another site – Suffolk Community College – but they could not guarantee one set place. Other possibilities were ruled out by being out of the parish (VFW or Elks on Horseblock Rd.)

The only realistic option is keeping the Mass schedule for those who can come in by the side stairways. (A list of Masses in neighboring parishes is in this bulletin and copies are in the lobby.) The contractor is the same one we used for the side steps and the rail fabricator already has the specs. We are hoping that the summer months will be enough time to have a new entrance installed (which will not be a bridge). We will keep you informed.

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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