

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Pastoral Staff

Rev. James Wood - *Pastor* x111

Rev. Paul Butler - *Pastoral Vicar* x118

Deacons - Ed Hayes x0

Retired: William Kogler, Biagio Muratore,

Parish Center Office – Receptionist x0

Julie Burtoff, Admin Assistant x133

Faith Formation Office

FF@saintmargaret.com

Jackie Mirenda, Coordinator x131

Business Manager

Lisa Boyd x113

Facilities Manager

Michael Lorio x115

Music Ministry

Dr. Daniel Crews, Director x117

Parish Outreach

Outreach@saintmargaret.com

Julie Burtoff, x119

Holy Angels Regional Catholic School

Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422

Michael Connell, Principal

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)



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 1, 2019

Phone: (631) 732-3131

Parish Center Office Hours

Open for Walk-In Business Morning Afternoon Eve

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9^{am} - 1^{pm} 2 - 4^{pm} 7-8^{pm}

Wednesday 9^{am} - 1^{pm} 2 - 4^{pm}... No Eve

Friday 9^{am} - 1^{pm}

Saturday 9^{am} - 12^{pm}

Sunday Closed

Fax (631) 732 - 8827

www.saintmargaret.com

81 COLLEGE ROAD • SELDEN • NY 11784-2813

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,

I am not a morning person; waking up “bright-eyed and bushy tailed” is not my style. So, there have been mornings when I rely on routine and presume I am going through all the details. Recently, I was preparing a cup of coffee, using my regular routine. I put the filter into the basket, measured the coffee into the filter, poured water into the holder, and turned the machine on. All done without a hitch. Then, I moved onto another task. When the brewing stopped, I returned and saw that I had missed one small (!) part of the routine: the cup was on the counter three inches from the coffeemaker. The freshly brewed coffee was all over the counter!

I thought of this in light of Jesus’s warning in today’s Gospel. “Therefore, stay awake!” We can so easily presume that simply because we do something regularly, we are doing it the best way. This applied to my making coffee that morning. More seriously, it also applies to our relationship with the Lord. We all have our routines of prayer and worship, but how often our minds are elsewhere, we cut corners or we don’t want to make the effort to try something new. Advent is the Church’s season which reminds us that we stand in the presence of a God beyond our understanding. It invites us to pause and reflect on a familiar story in new ways. It is an opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the richness of our Catholic Faith. “Stay Awake!” ~ *Fr. Jim*

PS. Here are two good online resources for information and prayers to help on your Advent journey:

(1) **Best Advent Ever 2019** (2) **Advent Reflections with Bishop Barron.**

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday December 2

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

Tuesday December 3

7 pm Confirmation II.....Auditorium

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

Wednesday, December 4

6 pm Pageant Practice.....Church

Thursday, December 5

7pm Confirmation I.....Auditorium

Friday, December 6

7 pm PBJ Ministry.....Auditorium

Saturday December 7

9:30 am Children’s Choir.....Rm 105

10 am Altar Server Training.....Church

12 pm Lunch with Santa.....Auditorium

Outreach Christmas Door Collection

Sunday December 8

11 am Children’s Bible Study.....Auditorium

3 pm Children’s Christmas Pageant.....Church

Outreach Christmas Door Collection All Masses

Change in Parish Center Hours

Beginning on Friday, December 6th,
the office will be closed on Fridays.

Lector Books

NEW Lector books are available for pickup, in the
priest sacristy after all the Masses

Sacraments are Celebrations!

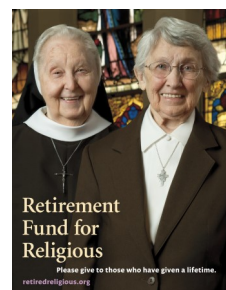
Wedding Banns



Banns II: Ashley Hughes, St. Margaret of
Scotland & Anthony Venuto, St. Anne, Ossining NY

Retired Religious

Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need by giving in next weekend’s collection. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious. Please be generous.



St. Margaret’s Men’s Breakfast

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN



Benefits: Like minded men offering strength and support to each other. It can be lonely out there when you’re not connected with others. Our simple solution of Mass & breakfast once a month with other guys can be an oasis in the desert. Talk or just listen to life experiences of: family, responsibilities, health, difficulties, relationships, jobs. We enjoy the food & even a joke or two! Be around men that believe as you do. It can help! **Come Join Us!**

December 7th. Bring a Friend!

The 1st Saturday of each month beginning with 8 AM Mass followed by breakfast. We’re usually out the door by 10 AM. For info call Lew 631-774-2972 / Dan 631-681-2559.



Lunch With Santa

Take your family picture with Santa
& enjoy lunch with friends and family.
Adults \$13 PP / children 5-12 yrs. old \$6
4 yrs. & younger - free. Call the Parish Center
732-3131 or 631-355-0006 to register.

Sponsored by Heart of the Island K of C

Saturday ~ Dec. 7th ~ 12 ~ 3 PM AUDITORIUM

Faith Formation

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. Contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 / comatwins@optonline.net.



Christmas Play Sunday, Dec. 8th ~ 3 PM

The children of Saint Margaret's parish prepare a gift for the Christ Child. They honor His birth by retelling the Christmas story for their family, friends & parishioners.

*Sunday, Dec. 8th Day of Show—arrive at 1:45 PM
Cast Party to follow immediately after Pageant.*

Parish Social Ministry



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

*St. Margaret's Outreach is asking for donations of
STORE GIFT CARDS & FAST FOOD GIFT CARDS (TEENS) IN LIEU OF TOYS AND GAMES*

Please keep in mind we can
always use
**NEW Socks, Underwear, Hats,
Gloves & Scarves!**

Christmas Door Collection

The weekend of Dec 8 & 9
after all the Masses.

Thank you for your generosity!

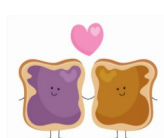


PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MINISTRY

Our Peanut Butter & Jelly Ministry makes sandwiches for the homeless once a month on Friday evenings. Volunteers of many ages spend an hour making & packaging the sandwiches to be distributed. We can always use more help. Come & have a fellowship night!

Please note (Health Requirements) You must wear a baseball cap, hat or supplied hair net.

Mark your calendar - 7 pm ~ **DECEMBER 6TH**



THRIFT SHOP Tues. & Thurs. 10 - 2 & Sat. ~ 10 - 12:30 *Come Visit and Shop*

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!

THANKSGIVING Thank you!

St. Margaret's Outreach would like to thank every one who donated to our Thanksgiving Distribution. Every gift card, turkey or groceries you donated helped over 65 families! They were assisted with a meal, turkey and a smile from our wonderful volunteers!

Thank you also to Newfield High School for a tremendous food drive and turkeys! Box loads of food were dropped off to fill our shelves!



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 SPECIAL INVITATION

We would like to make this special time an opportunity for parish members to help make our church especially beautiful for our Christmas celebrations and celebrate the memory of those who made past Christmases 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 Dec. 21st & 22nd**. (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.**



[cut here] -----

Memorial Donation – Christmas 2019 (deadline: December 12th)

Donor(s) _____

Address _____

Name of Person or Couple Memorialized _____

Living _____ Deceased _____

Becoming a Catholic Christian~ RCIA

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

The first stage is called "Inquiry," a time to ask questions and receive answers without any pressure to make a decision. The goal is to help adults move toward a commitment to the Lord and full participation in the Catholic community at their pace. It is meant specifically for adults who are seeking Baptism, or those who have been baptized but have not received Confir-



Heart of the Island Council—Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. Prospective members call Tom Piderit at 917-365-7546. .



Holy Angels Regional School

Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade.

Contact us to schedule a tour 631- 475-0422 -
1 Division St., Patchogue MICHAEL CONNELL ~
PRINCIPAL MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG

Students in Pre-K celebrated Election Day by having a secret ballot vote for their favorite book character. The candidates were Clifford, Pete the Cat and The Pigeon. The Pigeon was the winner, until Mrs. Pagano and Mrs. Rossi's votes were counted, and it became a three-way tie!



Offertory Support ONLINE BILL PAY

is the form of Electronic Giving we are using in the parish. Your bank offers this service that sends money out of your bank account to whomever you wish. ONLINE BILL PAY services will print an actual check and mail it to St. Margaret of Scotland. Sending your regular Offertory support electronically will save you time and money. In addition, it helps us at St. Margaret to budget more confidently. Your Bank does not charge a fee for this service.

To set up sending your Offertory Support all you need is:

Your St. Margaret Account Number: *Located on your stewardship envelope directly under the date (or call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x0 for your number). Please make sure this number is listed under notations or in address.*

St. Margaret's Mailing Address: *St. Margaret of Scotland Church 81 College Road, Selden, NY 11784*

- Visit your bank's website or call your bank for more information.
- On your bank's website: Click on BILL PAY or Pay Bills: each bank may have a different name for bill pay service.
- Click on "Set up NEW PAYEE": Complete all required fields.
- Enter amount you will be remitting. Schedule payments for weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly: 52x, 26x, 12x.

If setting up for Capital Campaign, please call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x0 for assistance.

Christmas Boutiques & Craft Fairs

St. James Christmas Fair

Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10-4. Food, raffles picture with Santa your Christmas shopping. VENDORS wanted! Secure a place for \$100. For info call Megan Peters at 631-941-4141. Parish Center ~ 429 Rte. 25A, Setauket



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Sunday, Dec. 8th ~ 9-5. Unique Christmas shopping! Baked goods, raffles, gifts. Vendors & info call 631-585-5186. 800 Portion Rd., Ronkonkoma.

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!



Envelopes do Help

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

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**

Opłatek – A Polish Christmas Tradition



One of the highlights of Christmas festivities in Poland is the Opłatek (pronounced "o-PWAA-tek"). The Opłatek is a decorated Christmas wafer, similar to a large white host. Each person receives one, and then invites the others gathered to break a piece off and eat it. While they are breaking one another's opłatek, people exchange wishes for a blessed Christmas and good health and prosperity. After all those present have broken and shared the Opłatek, good food and Christmas carols (in Polish and English) are enjoyed.

This year, members of our Polish community will gather for a traditional Opłatek celebration, and they invite all parishioners to join them in this beautiful tradition. The gathering will take place in our parish Auditorium on Saturday, **December 14th** at 6:30 PM. If you would like to come, we need you to do two things: (1) let us know how many people are coming and (2) plan on bringing a traditional Christmas dish that can be shared at the potluck meal.

Since arrangements take time, we ask that you call or email before **December 6th** Call the Parish Center at 631-732-3131 x133 or Henryk Chelminski at 631-693-9310. Email: **HENRYKC@OPTONLINE.NET**.

Campaign Catch Up

Dec 1, 2019

Vol II Edition 38



So Much To Be Thankful For

Total Pledged
\$858,180



Thanks to the sacrifice and support of 414 families, we have already completed these projects.

Schedule of Work

PHASE I

2019

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

PHASE II

2020

- Update Auditorium Bathrooms and Kitchen
- Replace the Sidewalks
- Add Handicapped Parking spaces and Re-coat & re-stripe the Parking lot

PHASE III

2021

Come, Sing!

St. Margaret's choir needs your voice. ***"Where He leads me, I will follow..."*** The choir is growing. If you can hold a tune, and want to enjoy singing and learning songs with others, send a note to the Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Daniel Crews, at [**dcrews@saintmargaret.com**](mailto:dcrews@saintmargaret.com) or call him at 631-732-3131 Ext. 117 (or stop by the Music Ministry area, after mass) and we will invite you to Come, Sing!



St. Anthony's High School Concert

*Christmas Concert of Instrumental & Choral Music
to be held Friday, **Dec 13 & Saturday, Dec. 14** at
7 pm in the Auditorium. Donation \$10. Wolf Hill
Rd . In Huntington.*



Messiah Sing Along

Come join us on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 3 PM in Staller Recital Hall on Stony Brook Campus. Free admission ~ bring your own score of music or purchase at the door! Go to [**stonybrook.edu/music**](http://stonybrook.edu/music) or call 631-632-7330.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and May 1-3, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://www.menynli.org/>.



Dr. Scott Hahn

Famed Catholic Theologian Dr. Scott Hahn will be speaking at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue on **Saturday, Dec. 14th** from 9 AM - 12:30 PM. Cost is \$20.

Tickets can be purchased on line
at www.stpaulcenter.com/longisland or by
calling the parish office at 631-475-4739.



Villa Immaculata House of Prayer

Contemplative Color Advent Step away from the busyness of the holiday season & move to a time of stillness & grace. Contemplative Color is a meditative practice using watercolor ink process known as *dropping color*. No artistic ability is necessary. Presenter is Barbara Van Wagner. Saturday, Dec. 14th or Tuesday, Dec. 17th—both sessions from 10-3. \$45 each day includes materials. Bring a bag lunch. Space is limited-to register call Sr. Ronald at 631-727-5122. Located at 3560 Sound Ave., Riverhead.