

# 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,

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Julie Burtoff, Admin Assistant x133

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## **Business Manager**

Lisa Boyd x113

## **Facilities Manager**

Michael Lorio x115

## **Music Ministry**

Dr. Daniel Crews, Director x117

## **Parish Outreach**

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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)



## **Epiphany**

# January 5, 2020

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

## **Parish Center Office Hours**

*Open for Walk-In Business* Morning Afternoon Eve

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9<sup>am</sup> - 1<sup>pm</sup> 2 - 4<sup>pm</sup> 7-8<sup>pm</sup>

Wednesday 9<sup>am</sup> - 1<sup>pm</sup> 2 - 4<sup>pm</sup> ... No Eve

Friday Closed

Saturday 9<sup>am</sup> - 12<sup>pm</sup>

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,

Movement is the common thread in today's Epiphany readings. Through the words of the Prophet Isaiah, we can picture people from every nation, awakened by the light of the world dawning after so much darkness, drawn to Jerusalem in joy and awe. God's light also serves as a beacon for the members of the Jewish people who are finding their way home from exile.



The psalm underscores the universality of this vision. The images of kings and gifts are repeated; justice and peace are hallmarks of God's reign. So much is in motion here: camels and kings, tangible gifts and priceless divine promises! Then Paul adds his piece. A mystery now revealed through the Resurrection of Jesus sets tradition itself in motion. Gentiles (non-Jews) are welcomed into the promises once reserved for Abraham's children. He reminds us that the foundation of salvation is not our worthiness or human identity, but the generosity of God's love. A love beyond our understanding!

When Jesus is born, the heavens themselves are in motion in a new and different way. The three Magi from the East noticed it. They are excited by this movement of a new star across the sky and set their hearts on following it. They are willing to take a long mysterious journey because truth itself appears to be in motion, and wise folk always want to know where it's going. In our generation, Pope Francis asks us to take the journey of faith courageously, to follow the light wherever it leads us. As this New Year begins, are we willing to follow the example of the Wise Men of long ago? Will we try to look at our faith with new eyes and trust that God can lead us, even in uncertainty?~ *Fr. Jim*

## PARISH EVENTS This Week

### Monday January 6

9:30 am Women's Bible Sharing.....Rm 207  
6 pm Level 1 C of F.....Church/Audit

### Tuesday January 7

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium

### Wednesday, January 8

6 pm Level 4 C of F.....Church/Audit

### Thursday January 9

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium  
7:30 pm Finance Mtg.....Rm 207

### Friday, January 10

7 pm PBJ Ministry.....Auditorium

### Saturday January 11

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

### Sunday January 12

No Activities Scheduled

## March for Life ~ Save the Date

**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. Infant Jesus & St. Louis de Montfort are sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. Adults \$15, teens \$10, Kids 1-12 free. Cost includes free beverage & snacks. Depart 5 AM from Infant Jesus, 110 Myrtle Ave., Pt. Jefferson; return 11 PM. Luxury Coach with bathrooms, dvd,~ stops for breakfast & dinner. For info call Mike Schwenk @ 631-664-4817 or Kevin Crowley @ 631-878-8950.



## Tax Statements

Call the Parish Center if you would like your 2019 tax statement at 732-3131 x133. Please leave a clear message with your name, address and if you know your envelope number. Statements will be mailed near the **end of the January**. Thank you.

## Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~  
the office will be closed on Fridays.

## 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!



## 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!



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Faith Formation

### CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 1 ~ MONDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

6 - 7 PM - AUDITORIUM/CHURCH

### CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

LEVEL 4 ~ WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

6:30 PM - AUDITORIUM



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

There are still a few openings in the 3/4/5 year old program on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.

If interested in this program for your child, please contact Jackie Mirenda, Faith Formation Coordinator, 631-731-3131 x131 ~ [JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM](mailto:JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM).

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above) are invited to come and sing. Contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 / [comatwins@optonline.net](mailto:comatwins@optonline.net).

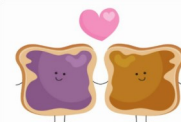


## Parish Social Ministry

### PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MINISTRY *Mark your calendar - 7 pm ~ **JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>***

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.***



### THRIFT SHOP

*The Volunteers and Staff  
wishes everyone a  
Blessed New Year.*

***We will reopen on January 7<sup>th</sup>***

### 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!



### Hospice / Bereavement

We are here for you -- ready to serve patients and their families. Our dedicated inpatient center will allow us to provide specialized care for patients whose symptoms and medical needs cannot be managed in a home setting.

***For more information about Good Shepherd Hospice, please call 631-465-6350.***

***To refer a patient to Good Shepherd Hospice, please call 631-465-6363.***

***Visit our website [GOODSHEPHERDHOSPICE.CHSLI.ORG](http://GOODSHEPHERDHOSPICE.CHSLI.ORG) to learn more.***

### 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





## Everyone Has a Story ~ Queen Esther!

Set in the Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty & bravery brought to life on-stage.

A musical show like no other!

Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA

- ◆ Depart from St. Margaret's parking lot 7am/Return 10pm
- ◆ Bathrooms are on the bus
- ◆ Return trip home includes a 20 minute stop on your own **(pack a sandwich or buy a burger - not included)**
- ◆ For info, contact Julie Burtoff at the Parish Center - 631-732-3131 x133

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

\$162 pp PAYS ALL

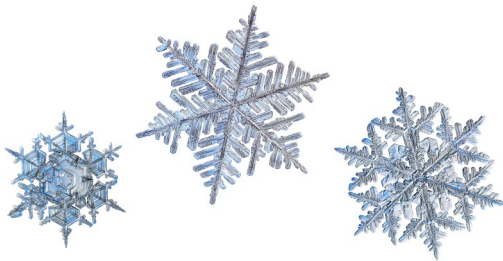
Includes ticket to "Esther" (3pm), deluxe coach bus, lunch at **Shady Maple Smorgasbord**, and all tips and taxes.

**Sign up in the Parish Center.**

## Winter Wingo

Friday Night ~ January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

Auditorium! Bring the Family!  
More info next week.



### Bishop Barres

recently addressed the Child Victims Act in this video produced by Catholic Faith Network. It is airing on CFN and diocesan media platforms. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/aU8Ps8fRFIU>.

Post Office Box 9023, Rockville Centre, New York 11571-9023.  
Phone 516-678-5800. Fax 516-678-3138. [bishopsoffice@drvc.org](mailto:bishopsoffice@drvc.org)

### Hints for the Flu Season

Since we are in the flu season, we are offering two practical directives to assist the congregation during Mass. The "Sign of Peace" does not have to be a handshake. Turning to those near you and offering a slight bow with a verbal wish without touching is proper. Be mindful of the symptoms of colds and the flu. If you have any symptoms, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the Communion Cup.

Also, getting a flu shot is a way of helping yourself & others.

## 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. .



# New Year's Bible Verses

*Scripture is full of God's promises. Here are some to begin the New Year in a spirit of hope!*

**Isaiah 40:30-31** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

**Psalms 98:1** Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**Isaiah 43:19** See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

**Proverbs 23:18** There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

**1 Peter 1:3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Romans 5:5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**Revelation 21:5** He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

**Micah 7:7** But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

**Isaiah 40:31** Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

# Campaign Catch Up

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## In One Long Year

Total Pledged  
\$869,706



### Schedule of Work

- |  | 2019        |
|--|-------------|
| <b>PHASE I</b>   |             |
| ● Replace the Church Entrance Bridge and Side Stairways                        |             |
| ● Mandated Removal of the oil tank in the Parish Center and replace the Boiler |             |
| <b>PHASE II</b>  | <b>2020</b> |
| ● Update Auditorium Bathrooms and Kitchen                                      |             |
| ● Replace the Sidewalks  |             |
| ● Add Handicapped Parking spaces and Re-coat & re-stripe the Parking lot       |             |
| <b>PHASE III</b>   | <b>2021</b> |

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### ***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.**