

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)



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 15, 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 Closed

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

Sunday Closed

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

St. John the Baptist's question, "Are you the One who is to come?" is among the most fascinating questions in the New Testament. First, it is the question on the minds of anyone who encounters Jesus (then and now). A simple yes or no would suffice, but in typical Jesus fashion the answer is more challenging. We all are looking for a Savior, but is one who cures and comforts outcasts the person we had in mind? Basically Jesus' message to John is: Here are the facts. It is for you to decide.

Second, what is so amazing about John's question is the level of trust it implies. John was confident Jesus would tell him the truth. In fact, John already knew the truth. If he hadn't been convinced Jesus was the Messiah, he would have never posed the question.

When you find yourself in doubt of who Jesus is, first think about Jesus' answer to John: Is the one who brings good news to the poor, helps the blind see, and deaf hear the savior you had in mind? If not, then perhaps you're on the wrong path--or more probably unaware of your own needs. Second think about John's question. If you are asking Jesus whether or not he is your savior, chances are you already know the answer ~ *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 16

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

Tuesday December 17

11-4 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

7 pm Confirmation II.....Auditorium

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

Wednesday, December 18

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, December 19

7pm Confirmation I.....Auditorium

Friday, December 20

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday December 21

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

10 am Confessions.....Church

10 am Altar Server Training.....Church

Sunday December 22

No Activities Scheduled

**The Parish Office will be closed from
11 AM ~ 4 PM on Tuesday, December 17th.**

Change in Parish Center Hours

Beginning in December,
the office will be closed on Fridays.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR...Singers Welcome!



This Christmas morning, you are invited to be part of a special CHRISTMAS CHOIR. If you are interested, please speak to Dr. Daniel Crews, Director of Music Ministries, after mass, in the Music ministry area. Or, contact

him by email at dcrews@saintmargaret.com, or leave a message at 631-732-3131 X117.

Christmas 2019

Confessions

Saturday, December 21st

10:00 - 11:00 AM & 4:00 - 4:45 PM.

Monday, December 23rd

7:00-8:00 PM



Masses

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Church

4:00 PM Auditorium

6:00 PM Church

11:00 PM Church

Please Note—There is NO Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8:00 AM Church

10:00 AM Church

12:00 PM Church

PLEASE NOTE: NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

January 1st - Solemnity of Mary

Tuesday, December 31st, 5:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1st, 10:00 AM

Save Those Calendars!

We have heard about a Josephite Sister whose ministry is with men in jail would LOVE to receive any calendars that you may receive in the mail and do not want. Apparently, calendars are something that incarcerated people have little access to and they make a big difference for them. So, instead of throwing them away, please drop off in the Parish Center **through the month of December**. She hopes to get about 600 – she has distributed 200 already! Thank you.

Faith Formation

How to Teach Children to Pray

QUESTION: What are some suggestions for how to teach children to pray?

ANSWER: God has specific purposes in how to teach children to pray. When a child is asked how to solve the world's problems, their answer is succinct and short. A child's worldview is how God intended man to live in harmony with each other. So too, is a child's view to prayer.

"Therefore, anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven" ([Matthew 18:4](#)).

If you ever get sick with an incurable disease and medical processes have failed, ask a child to pray for your healing. People who know how to teach a child to pray, empowers that child for life to pray without doubting. Children pray with an honest and simple belief that holds no biases. I've seen many miracles come about through a child's prayer. Children pray with simplicity and faith. Adults learn to doubt, causing disbelief and unanswered prayers.

****Be sure the children know that the purpose of prayer is to talk to God.**

****Talk through and discuss the Lord's Prayer ([Matthew 6:9-13](#)), not as a rote ritual to repeat, but as an example of what to include in a prayer. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to address God with respect, request our daily needs to Him, ask for forgiveness, know that God protects us from evil, and to close our petitions with honor, respect, thankfulness, and praise.**

****Encourage children to start with simple sentence prayers like, "I thank God for..." or "I pray for..." More complex prayers will come.**

****Pray in front of your children, so they can learn by your example. Pray together as a family.**



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.



Parish Social Ministry



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!

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/ 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



The Students of Holy Angels Regional School

Invite You to
HONOR AN ANGEL
In Your Life



The Students of Holy Angels invite you to celebrate Christ's birth by honoring the important people in your life. If you would like to let someone (a family member, teacher, friend, babysitter, etc.) know how special they are to you, or to honor the memory of a deceased loved one, then Honor them as an ANGEL.

Your honoree (or a family member) will receive a card informing them that they are a special Angel in your life. All of the honorees will be lifted up in prayer at a special Mass at

St Francis de Sales Church in Patchogue on
Tuesday, December 17 at 11 am

DONATION: \$5 per ANGEL HONOREE

Please make checks payable to: Holy Angels Regional School
1 Division Street, Patchogue, NY 11772
For more information, call (631) 475-0422

Your Name: _____

HONOR AS AN ANGEL IN MY LIFE

Name of Honoree: _____

HONOREE CARD SHOULD BE SENT TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDITIONAL HONOREES CAN BE SENT IN ON A PIECE OF PAPER ATTACHED TO THIS INVITATION.

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.

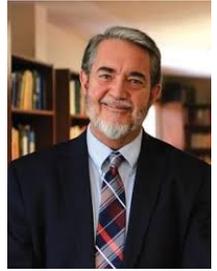
Low Gluten Altar Breads

Do you or anyone in your family have a problem with wheat products? This allergy often prevents people from sharing in Communion completely because they cannot receive the Host. We have special hosts made by a Convent in the Midwest that many people have been able to use, because there is only 0.01% gluten in these hosts. For info, check their website BENEDICTINESISTERS.ORG. IMPORTANT: if you are gluten intolerant, consult with your doctor before use.

If you wish to receive one of these hosts, please let the priest celebrating Mass know before Mass so he can have one for you, then go to him at communion. As you receive, please remind him that you need a "special host."

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.

The "Remembering Christmas" Concert

Join with the Music Ministry of

Frank Rendo

Friday, Dec. 20th at 7PM.

St. Anne's Parish ~ 88 Second Ave., Brentwood.

The Concert is **free** ~ bring family & friends.

Please bring a non perishable food item for St. Anne's pantry.

631-273-8113 ~ stannesbrentwood@gmail.com



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 confidential message ~ 631-585-9393 x290 or email FAMILYCENTER@MCPL.LIB.NY.US.



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!



Save the Date!

Thursday, 26 March 2020

Sight and Sound Bus to see **Esther**



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 _____

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.

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-



FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY & MISCARRIAGE

The Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility at Good Samaritan Hospital provides general gynecological care, FertilityCare education, and infertility services – all with a deep commitment to honoring a woman's dignity and the sanctity of human life. Comprehensive gynecologic primary care and specialized fertility and family planning techniques are used to unmask the causes of infertility for all women, regardless of faith. We are pleased to be the first medical practice in the community to feature two new women's health services:

FertilityCare Services and NaProTechnology

These two unique services allow us to provide you with a natural, restorative, scientifically based approach to monitoring your health & managing your fertility. Please call 631-376-3232.



Cenacle Happenings



TOPICS FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS—*Contemplative Singles, Centering Prayer Afternoon and the Present Moment.* The Cenacle Retreat House is located at 310 Cenacle Rd. in Ronkonkoma. Throughout the year they offer prayerful Retreats & Programs. **WWW.CENACLESISTERS.ORG/RONKONKOMA** OR CALL **631-588-8366** for info.

CONTEMPLATIVE SINGLES at the Maude Adams House ~*Sundays, 10 am-2 pm*, Join other faith-based singles as we explore God's desire for each of us and discuss our call to action in the Ministry of Single Life. Facilitator: Joan McGovern, Cenacle Ministry Staff Offering: \$35 ea month - Lunch included. **\$20 deposit required to hold your monthly reservation.**

HOLIDAY EVENING WITH YOUR HIGHER POWER—*Friday, December 20th, 6-10 PM.* An evening for those in a Twelve Step Program will include a festive meal and a presentation, personal processing and integration. The Presenter will be Ann Schehr, LMHC,CRC. Suggested offering \$50—includes dinner \$20 to hold reservation

