

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Pastoral Staff

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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)

The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph



January 1st - Solemnity of Mary
Tuesday, December 31st, 5:00 PM
Wednesday, January 1st, 10:00 AM

December 29, 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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Prayer to the Holy Family



O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him through the joys and struggles of family life.

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O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.

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Holy Family, may we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

The Parish Center will be closed at
1 pm on Tuesday, December 31st
 A Blessed & Happy New Year to All!

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday December 30

9:30 am Women's Bible SharingRm 207
 No Faith Formation

Tuesday December 31

Office Close at 1 pm
 5:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday January 2

7pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

Friday, January 3

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday January 4

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

Sunday January 5

No Activities Scheduled

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!



Christmas Pageant Thank You

Many thanks to all that helped make the Pageant a huge success.

We are grateful to all the children, families and volunteers that participated this year. A special shout out to Pat Kreuzer and Sue Naaktegeboren, our co-directors who tirelessly organize this wonderful tradition each year!



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!**
January 4th. 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.

March for Life ~ Save the Date

Friday, January 24th. 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](tel:631-664-4817) or Kevin Crowley @ [631-878-8950](tel:631-878-8950).



Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~
 the office will be closed on Fridays.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Resumes on Thursday, January 2nd.

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 Miranda, Faith Formation Coordinator, 631-731-3131 x131 ~ JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM.



Parish Social Ministry



THRIFT SHOP

The Volunteers and Staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

We will reopen on January 7th

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

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.



Free Counseling at Hope House

In the age of high cost health insurance, Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson offers free individual, couple, family and group counseling services by licensed professionals & interns. We also offer psychiatric evaluations for medication. In addition, Sr. Mary Ann Bazata, S.S. N. D. offers free spiritual direction. If interested, please call 928-2377.

Caption Call Telephone for Hearing Impaired ~ Stay Engaged!

Difficulty hearing on the phone? As a provision through the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. Government established a fund to give individuals with hearing loss access to captioned telephone service at no cost. All you need is an internet connection and a Professional certification stating that there is a hearing loss. For info call 1 877-557-2227 / WWW.CAPTIONCALL.COM.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES ~ DRVC

REGINA MATERNITY Services & Pregnancy Support

Our Community Program provides case management services and assistance to pregnant & parenting young women. Help is available in accessing medical & mental health services, educational training, and needed supplies, when available. Group counseling is offered on topics such as parenting skills, child development, nutrition, independent living skills, anger management, and more. **Call 516-233-7888** for info. Serving Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Catholic Charities ~ TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a “NO fee for service” program.

St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all our activities, info, weather & bulletins.

Go check it out & make it a favorite! SAINTMARGARET.COM

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. .



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) - is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture. Our mission is to proclaim the teachings of our Lord to the Catholic Community and beyond using media in all forms. (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream

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

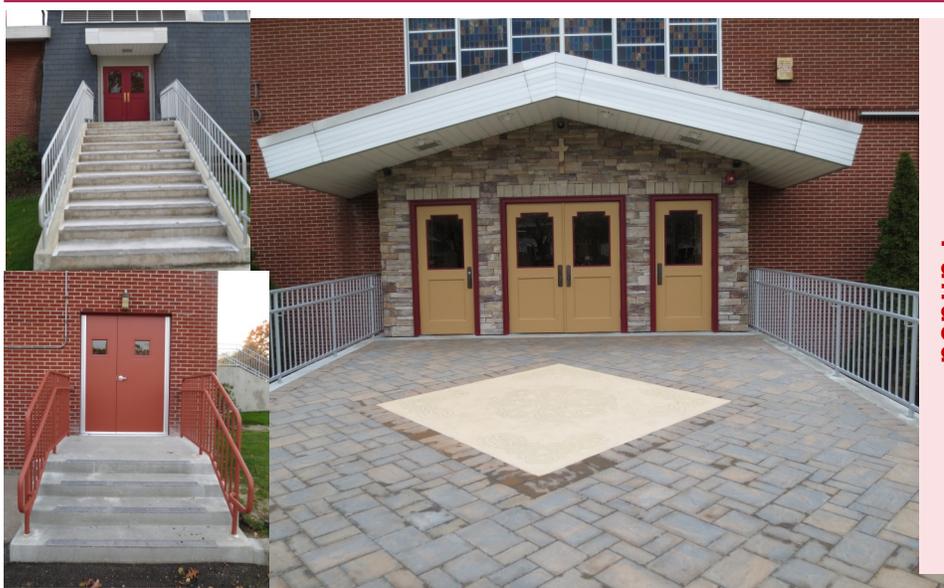
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In One Long Year

Total Pledged
\$869,706



Schedule of Work

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

Funded

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.