

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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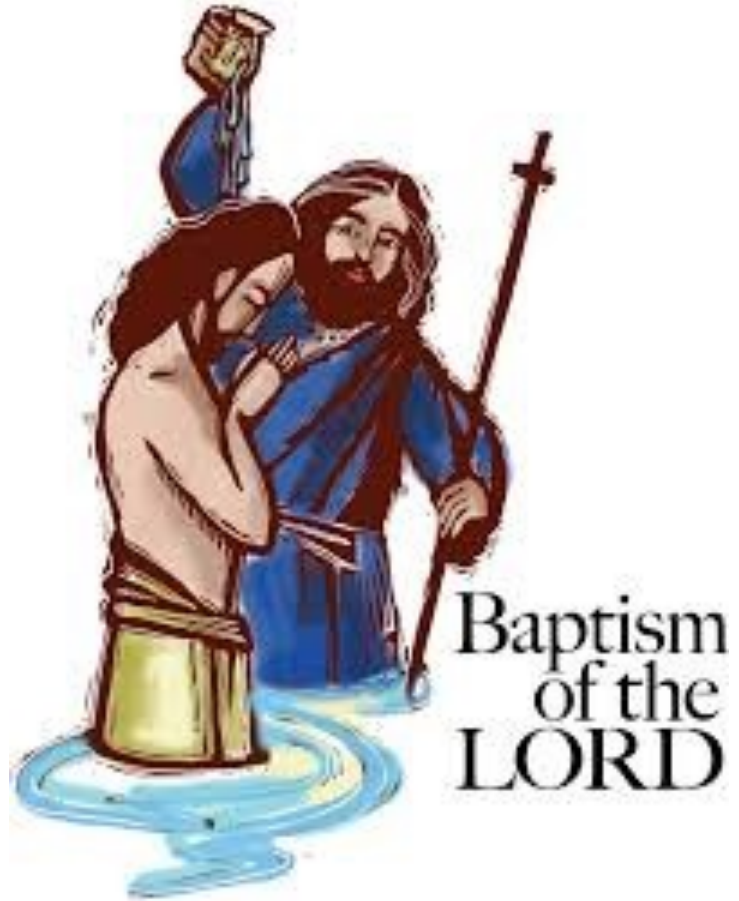
Saturday: 8:00am, 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm (Noon)

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturdays: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm (or appointment)



January 12, 2020

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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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,

Matthew's Gospel offers us a unique part of Jesus's Baptism: John the Baptist's hesitation to baptize Jesus. Up to this point, John has been baptizing people for a good while. One more shouldn't be difficult. It should be his finest hour to receive the Lord for whom he has been preparing the nation. Instead John freezes and objects; he is at a loss to do the first thing his Lord asks him to do.

It's not that John doesn't know *how* to do what Jesus asks. It's that he's confounded by the *why* of the request, not to mention the *who* and the *what* of it. John wants to understand it before he does it, and according to every path of reasoning, the thing doesn't make sense. Baptism is for repentance—does Jesus need to repent? Baptism absolves us of past sin—does Jesus have any? Baptism prepares the way of the Lord—does Jesus mean to prepare the way for himself? John believed that he is cooperating with the great divine plan, but when God introduces some inexplicable variables, John balks.

This reaction is not rare—it is among the most common spiritual obstacles we face. Being finite folk, we have a very limited perspective on what God's plan is. Given the unexpected, we try to reason our way through it. But faith is not the result of logic. And so it is with John: for him, the sinless one shouldn't be baptized; he should *be* baptizing! It was as simple as that.

What it took John to breach the impasse was an act of surrender. He gave in "for now," or he just did it, not understanding why. Sometimes for us that way of trust without understanding is our path of discipleship. ~ *Fr. Jim*

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday January 13

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

Tuesday January 14

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium

Wednesday, January 15

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday January 16

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

Friday, January 17

7 pm Winter WINGO.....Auditorium

Saturday January 18

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

Sunday January 19

No Activities Scheduled

"Word of God Sunday"

On Sunday, Jan 26th, the Church will celebrate "Word of God Sunday."

This is a new day on the calendar added by Pope Francis. All three Vicariates will host a prayer service on this day in the Diocese to reflect on the Word of God. The Eastern Vicariate will host:



***A Prayer Service at 3PM on Sunday, Jan. 26th @ Saint John the Evangelist Church in Riverhead, NY
Special guest speaker - Bishop Emil Wcela.***

We are grateful to Father Larry Dunklee for hosting this event at his parish and the special privilege to listen to Bishop Emil Wcela, a renowned scripture scholar. Please join us for the special celebration.

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. Jeff; return 11 PM. Luxury Coach with bathrooms, dvd,~ stops for breakfast & dinner. For info - Mike Schwenk @ 631-664-4817 or Kevin Crowley @ 631-878-8950.



Thank You! Thank You!

We hope that this Christmas Season allowed you to celebrate the Birth of our Savior with family and friends! Just as at your homes, a lot of work had to be done at our Parish to pull all the pieces together. And so, on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the last of our Christmas feasts, we want to say thank you to all who made this Christmas time special.

We appreciate the dedicated efforts of so many parishioners in the following areas:

Setting up & taking down the mangers, banners, trees and other decorations in the Church and Auditorium;

Music by our various music ministries (adult choir and children's chorus); Service by our liturgical ministers (Altar Servers, Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Ushers) who helped our celebrations to flow smoothly; And the extra behind-the-scenes details needed (washing the linens needed for so many Masses, watering the flowers, printing the song booklets).

In addition, thanks to those who made this Season more festive by:

- Enhancing the beauty of the Church through contributions for the church holiday flowers, and
- Sharing so many delicious goodies with the Parish Center and the Priests' Residence.



To one and all who helped create such a wonderful time in any way, thank you so much!

*During this Christmas season, the
Marinello Family Funeral Home
wishes to honor those we love who have been called
home to the Lord. To do so,
Cathy Marinello and her Staff have made a
generous donation to Outreach in their memory.*



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.*

Faith Formation



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

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.



RESOURCES:Child Safety

Kids In the Know: www.kidsintheknow.ca Net Smartz: www.NetSmartz.org

Center for Missing/Exploited Children: www.missingkids.com

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org

Stop It Now!: www.stopitnow.org VIRTUS: www.Virtus.org

Kid Smartz: www.KidSmartz.org

Child Lures Prevention: www.Childluresprevention.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!

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!



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.



Please Help!
We are in need of

SMALL JELLY, APPLESAUCE, & TOOTHPASTE
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.CHSLLI.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 26th

\$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.



VALENTINE EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Friday, February 14th ~ 6-10 pm

Cenacle Retreat Center

The goal of this time is for us to fall more deeply in love with ourselves, with our spouses and God. In this busy world, take a few hours to slow down and focus on your love. The evening begins with a festive dinner and closes with Eucharist and renewal of marriage vows.

Presenters: Valerie and Michael Dunne

Suggested Offering: \$80 per couple - Festive dinner included

\$25 deposit required to hold your reservation

Cenacle Retreat Center
310 Cenacle Road Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631-588-8366

RETREAT@CENACLESISTERS.ORG



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.

Free Comprehensive Child Care

The Children's Community Head Start Birth to Five Program provides free comprehensive early childhood education and family support services to eligible expectant mothers and low income families with children ages birth to five in Central Suffolk County. To see if you qualify call 631-585-3131-Ronkonkoma & 631-476-9698-Port Jefferson or visit

WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.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!



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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-



Family Winter Wingo

Friday Night ~ January 17th @ 7 PM

Auditorium! Bring the Family! Refreshments!
Sign up in the Parish Center.



**\$10 Per Family
\$5 Single
Door Prizes!**

Raffle Baskets!
\$1 a ticket or
20 for \$10.



FAMILY NAME _____

of People _____

Tele # _____

Oplatok – A Polish Christmas Tradition



Lunch With Santa ~ Hosted by Knights of Columbus



Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~
the office will be closed on Fridays.

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.

For Information Regarding
The Child Victims Act

www.drcvchildvictimsact.com



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@drcv.org

Campaign Catch Up

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In One Long Year

Total Pledged
\$869,706



Schedule of Work

- | | 2019 |
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| PHASE I | |
| ● 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.