

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



## ***Pastoral Staff***

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Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422

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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)

## ***Word of God Sunday***



***See inside for more information***

## **January 26, 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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## Time, Talent & Treasure

***Stewardship Thought for the Week.***

## Pillar of Hospitality

This week, let us, as good stewards, remember to give some time back to God. Prayer is such an important tool that we can use to help us grow closer to God.

Using the time we have been given to pray  
is beyond important..

## *Sacrificial Giving*

Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

	#	2020	2019	#
Collected at Mass	265	7,836 <sup>17</sup>	\$ 7,988.91	251
Mailed Envelopes	14	681	1,298	22
Electronic Donations	35	2,207	2,747	39
<b>Total Collection</b>	314	10,724 <sup>17</sup>	\$12,033 <sup>91</sup>	312

Mass Attendance	5 <sup>pm</sup>	8 <sup>am</sup>	10 <sup>am</sup>	12 <sup>pm</sup>	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	125	161	236	296	818
<i>Last Year</i>	290	94	145	215	744

## Masses for the Week

*Family members and/or those who requested the Mass are always welcome to present the gifts of bread & wine at the offertory procession. On week-ends, please introduce yourselves to our ushers or call the office during the previous week.*

**Monday - January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Tuesday - January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*9:00 A.M.*

**Wednesday - January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Thursday, - January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Friday - January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Saturday - February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**8:00 A.M.**

**5:00 P.M.**

Matthew R. Palmero  
Alfred De Silvesteri

**Sunday – February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8:00 A.M.**

## For All Parishioners

*10:00 A.M.*

Joseph Dominic Liotta

Pat &amp; George Mc Glinchey

**12:00 P.M.**

Anthony Marrocco

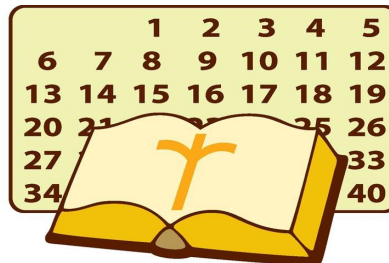
## Readings for Next Sunday

## The Presentation of the Lord

First Reading..... Mal 3: 1-4

Second Reading.. .....Heb 2: 14-18

Gospel..... Lk 2: 22-40



**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries, or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

**BAPTISMS:** Prospective parents should telephone the Parish Center about three months before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your child's baptism and enroll you in the required baptismal class. Baptism classes are held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. The baptism date will be set at the time of the class. The child's birth certificate as well as the godparent's "sponsor certificate" (godparents must be Confirmed practicing Catholics) must be presented before a date is finalized.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:** Monday through Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Closed on Fridays.

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:** Tuesday and Thursday  
10 am -1 pm. and 2 - 4 pm.; Call for appointment.

**For all our parishioners suffering from chronic illness, as well as Terri**

Persina, Jillian Brown, Paul Tomko,  
 Patricia Wowk, June Tamillow, Joe  
 & Sue Callari, Lucy & Sarah Behie,  
 Eppie Larke, Alyssa Baisch, Marilyn &  
 Steven Vacchio, Natasha Roucoulet,  
 Wendianne & Nicholas Alfieri, Michael C.  
 Liotta, Anne Logan, Laura Durant, Warne  
 Family. Sue Finnigan, James Finnigan,  
 Lorraine Vogel, Sharon Klyn, Vincent  
 Rutherford., Christina & Baby Muller, Laura  
 Positano, Joseph Kiely, Dominic Percoco,  
 Frank Guttilla, Robert Finger, Cathy  
 Reynolds, Patricia & Roger Ferrere, John  
 Fiscina, Eric Cohen, Dylan Joseph Sergio,  
 Virginia Butler, Estelle Beauchamp, Robert  
 Valletta, Christine Mc Cusker, Dana Glasser,  
 Enrique Mora, Charles Lloyd, Alfred  
 Saracino & the De Santis Family.



*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,

The story of the call of the first disciples has a sharp and edgy feel. “Come,” Jesus says, to people who are busy plying their trade, making a living, providing for their families, and serving their communities. “Come,” Jesus says, and they come. We hear that Peter and Andrew had just cast a net into the sea. How sensible is it to cast your net *and then just walk away from it*? Who’s going to gather it in? Who’s going to mind the boat? In the next scene the action was even more dramatic. James and John were in another boat. Like Peter and Andrew, they’re brothers, but unlike the first two they seem to be younger men, still working with their father, all mending nets together. When Jesus called to them, they left the nets and boat—and even Dad—behind. You can imagine what their father, Zebedee, thought about that!

The point that Matthew and the other gospel writers make is: choosing Jesus is like that. When the call comes, it’s now or never. We are challenged to choose Jesus as our first priority: over work, family, personal advantage, and social networks. We need to choose Jesus over our weaknesses and shame, too, as sick women and blind men and prostitutes and tax collectors did when they heard of his approach. Even if other people or a voice inside of us say that we are not good enough and God won’t accept us, all the more reason to trust that Jesus’s call is for the imperfect!

Immediacy in these stories is no accident. Today is the day, now is the time; there’s not a minute to lose. Discipleship isn’t something to put off or retain in cold storage for a more convenient time. Yes, you’re busy; of course you’re busy, but Jesus is here now and his invitation is short and simple. “Come!” ~ *Fr. Jim*

## PARISH EVENTS This Week

### Monday January 27

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

6:30 pm Pre Cana.....Rm 207

### Tuesday January 28

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium

### Wednesday, January 29

No Activities Scheduled

### Thursday January 30

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

### Friday, January 31

No Activities Scheduled

### Saturday February 1

9:30 am Children’s Choir.....Rm 105

### Sunday February 2

No Activities Scheduled

## 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!



***Sacraments are Celebrations!***



### **Baptisms**

Giovanni Robert Capizzio

## Diocese of Rockville Centre

### announces Morning Star Initiative

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has launched a bold plan, called the Morning Star Initiative, to revitalize Catholic elementary school education on Long Island. The goal of this initiative is to restore a robust Catholic culture to the DRVC schools, improve academics, and create a more fiscally sustainable model for schools. The Diocese will partner with the Marianist Brothers, who have two centuries of Catholic educational commitment and expertise, including three schools in Nassau County. The Diocese has asked Brother Thomas Cleary, S.M., President of Chaminade High School, to serve as the Chief Revitalization Officer and to spearhead this effort. He will be assisted by his fellow Marianists, who will seek feedback and ideas from the full spectrum of those with a stake in a revitalized Catholic elementary education, including our parishioners.

We value your input, so please share your thoughts. Please visit the Diocese of Rockville Centre’s website at [Morningstarinitiative.org](http://Morningstarinitiative.org) for more information, and email [morningstar@drvc.org](mailto:morningstar@drvc.org) to give feedback or find out more ways to get involved.

## **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! February 1<sup>st</sup>. Bring a Friend!**

The 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Change in Parish Center Hours**

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

## 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 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 ~ FEBRUARY 7<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

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!*

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Cards are available in our Outreach office, if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one. For more info, visit or call the Parish Center at 732-3131 x119.



*Food  
Pantry  
Needs*

***Please Help!***  
***We are in need of***

***SMALL JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT,  
JUICE BOXES & TOOTHPASTE***

### 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](mailto:FAMILYCENTER@MCPL.LIB.NY.US).



### 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

***Space is limited!***

- ◆ 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.***



## **VALENTINE EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 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](mailto:retreat@cenaclesisters.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!*



## **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>.

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Phone 516-678-5800. Fax 516-678-3138. [bishopsoffice@drv.org](mailto:bishopsoffice@drv.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.**



## **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.

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_



## A REQUEST

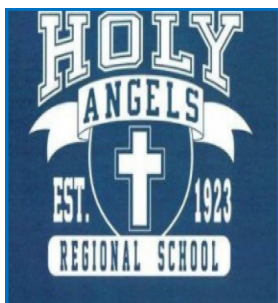


For a couple of years, one parishioner has been paying for the prayer booklets that are available for free to any parishioner who wants one. I'm sure that they have been a source of blessing for those of you who use them.

Therefore, I have a request for you who have enjoyed them.

Please write to this parishioner, to say "thanks" and perhaps to share how the gift of the prayer booklets has been a help for you. It does not have to be a long letter, just a note. Address the envelope to "A Fellow Parishioner" and put it into the collection or mail/drop it off at the Parish Center. (If it will help, we have left some space below to write something.)

Thank you for taking part in this. *Fr. Jim* (PS, this is not coming from the donor.)



### Holy Angels Regional School Open House

Come and visit our school! Meet our students, faculty, staff and parents! Take a guided tour and schedule a shadowing day! Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**Open Registration Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.** Contact us to schedule a tour 631- 475-0422 -  
1 Division St., Patchogue MICHAEL CONNELL ~ PRINCIPAL [MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG](mailto:MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG)

[WWW.HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG](http://WWW.HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG)

## 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.



## POPE SETS SPECIAL DAY TO HONOR, STUDY AND SHARE THE BIBLE

One of the most important results of the Second Vatican Council (1962 – 1965) was emphasizing the importance of Scripture. For Catholics at that time, this was something very new. Up to that time, the readings at Mass and other church ceremonies were in Latin. Families might have had bibles in their homes, but frequently they stayed on bookshelves. In some way, unfortunately, the Bible was seen as a “Protestant” thing.



Building on those teachings of the Council, Pope Francis has established “**Sunday of the Word of God**” as an invitation to Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his word. By papal decree, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time — Jan. 26 this year — is to be observed as a special day devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.” A day dedicated to the Bible will help the church “experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” The Holy Father continued, “This day should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a yearlong event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers....We need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.”

Sacred Scripture and the sacraments are inseparable, he wrote. Jesus speaks to everyone with his word in sacred Scripture, and if we “hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.” Pope Francis urged priests to be extra attentive to creating a homily each Sunday that “speaks from the heart” and really helps people understand Scripture “through simple and suitable” language. The homily “is a pastoral opportunity that should not be wasted,” he wrote. “For many of our faithful, in fact, this is the only opportunity they have to grasp the beauty of God’s word and to see it applied to their daily lives.”

Pope Francis encouraged people to read the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, “*Dei Verbum*,” and Pope Benedict XVI’s apostolic exhortation on the Bible, “*Verbum Domini*,” whose teaching remains “fundamental for our communities.” “The Bible belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words,” the pope wrote. “The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division toward unity” as well as come to understand God’s love and become inspired to share it with others, he added.

The document was published on the feast of St. Jerome, patron saint of biblical scholars and doctor of the church, who said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” The title, “*Aperuit Illis*,” is based on a verse from the Gospel of St. Luke, “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” The pope said it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth without the Lord who opens people’s minds to his word, yet “without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his church in this world would remain incomprehensible.”

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Please remember that each week in our bulletin, you can find where the readings for the coming Sunday can be found. Also, for those comfortable with a computer, go to [catholic.org/bible](http://catholic.org/bible) for each day’s readings and/or ways to learn more about the Bible.

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

We are grateful to Father Larry Duncklee 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.