

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)



The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 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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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Parenting is a complex, rewarding and challenging vocation. As a survival tactic, moms and dads tend to selectively forget bad news and focus their hope and energy on the good. In today's Gospel, the news that Mary and Joseph got when they brought their infant son to the Temple must have thrown them for a loop! An old man they'd never met insisted their son would be a success story for his nation and a path for foreigners to follow. He would be a game-changer for the powerful and the voiceless alike. He would face great opposition and cause great suffering—to his mother; the absence of his father in this prediction sounded ominous. Meanwhile, at the sight of their baby, a prophetess immediately gave thanks for his life and began to tell everyone that God's ancient promises were about to come true.

What did his parents think of all this? Could one child bring such sweeping and opposing destinies into reality by his mere existence? Greatness on one hand; hostility on the other. Perhaps they put away the dark predictions and set their sights on the bright ones. Or they may have shelved both in favor of focusing on the happy now of parenthood. They had a child to raise, an income to earn, water to draw, and meals to prepare. Life was full enough in the moment. You can't live in tomorrow. The proper place for mortals is always today. This holy family learned early that trusting in God today includes entrusting the future to God until tomorrow arrives. God was sufficient in Bethlehem as in Nazareth, in the manger as in the Temple. God would continue to be sufficient wherever the future took their son. God is sufficient wherever the future finds you. ~ Fr. Jim

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday February 3

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

Tuesday February 4

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium

7 pm K of CRm 207

Wednesday, February 5

6:30 pm C of F Level 6.....Auditorium

Thursday February 6

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

Friday, February 7

7 pm PBJ Ministry.....Auditorium

Saturday February 8

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

Sunday February 9

No Activities Scheduled

Gathering of the Palm

All families are invited to bring their old palm to the church lobby before Mass up to Sunday, Feb. 23rd so we can burn them for ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.



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 for more information, and email morningstar@drvc.org to give feedback or find out more ways to get involved.



Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.



Save the Date

Lenten Pancake Dinner ~ Feb. 28th

Parish Blood Drive

Types O-, B- and A- are all at critical levels. In order to maintain a safe blood supply, a seven-day inventory of all blood types must be continually replenished. Right now, reserves are below that minimum.



St. Margaret's Parish is hosting a Winter Blood Drive on **Tuesday, February 18th, from 3 to 8pm**, in the auditorium. Please plan on coming and helping at this serious time. If you cannot come, then visit WWW.NYBLOODCENTER.ORG/BLOOD or call 1-800-933-2566 in order to find other times and places to donate blood.

Blood donors must be age 17-75 (16 with parental consent; 76+ with a doctor's note), weight a minimum of 110 lbs. & in generally good health.

Photo ID required

WALK INS WELCOME! Thank you and God Bless You.

Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 6 ~ WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
6:30.-.8 PM - AUDITORIUM

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

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

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MINISTRY *Mark your calendar - 7 pm ~ FEBRUARY 7TH*

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!



Food
Pantry
Needs

Please Help!

We are in need of

**SMALL JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT,
JUICE BOXES, RICE, PACKAGE MASH POTATOES &
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.



WASH UP KITS NEEDS

HAVE YOU TRAVELED LATELY? Outreach is in need of small shampoo, soap, & lotions to put in our wash up kits for the homeless. New facecloths & quart zipper bags are also appreciated. Please drop off these items 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



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 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

Women's Bible Sharing

Interested in learning more about the Bible? The **Women's Bible Sharing Group** is looking for new members. We read, study, and discuss the next Sunday's Mass Scripture readings. Then, when those readings are presented at Mass, we are already familiar with them. We learn so much about the Bible, and how much Our Lord loves us.

Not sure? Please come and spend a meeting with us. The ladies in the group are very welcoming; we only ask that you are interested in learning more about our Faith. We meet every **Monday, at 9:30 A.M.** in the Parish Center (except on holidays). It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Faith, and to make new friends.

All women of the parish are welcome. Hope to see you soon!



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.



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY A DAY TO COME HOME

Today we begin the great season of Lent that welcomes us home and invites us to a life of mercy and compassion.

Mass at 3 p.m. - Ashes will be distributed.



Wednesday, February 26th ~ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma

Presenters: Sr. Kathy Scott, r.c. & Joan McGovern,
Cenacle Ministry Staff

Suggested Offering: \$50 - Lunch included ~ \$20 deposit required to hold your reservation

310 Cenacle Rd. ~ 631-588-8366



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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.)

Everyone counts/Census 2020 Why does the Census matter?

It's about fair representation. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. It's also about redistricting. After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

For more info, VISIT 2020CENSUS.GOV.

Come, Sing!

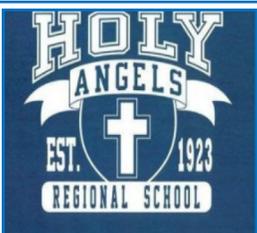


St. Margaret's choir needs your voice. **"Where He leads me, I will follow"**. The choir is growing. If you can hold a tune, and want to enjoy singing and learning songs with others, send a note to the Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Daniel Crews, at dcrews@saintmargaret.com or call him at 631-732-3131 Ext. 117 (or stop by the Music Ministry area, after mass) and we will invite you to Come, Sing!

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 Confirmation or Eucharist. For more information, please call the Parish Center (631-732-3131 x 133).



Holy Angels Regional School *Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade.*

Contact us to schedule a tour 631- 475-0422 -
1 Division St., Patchogue MICHAEL CONNELL ~
PRINCIPAL MCONNELL@HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG



Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes recently enjoyed "Frozen Fun Friday." Their day was filled with fun activities based on the popular movies, and alongside with their 6th and 8th grade buddies, they created a day full of Frozen memories together!

‘Never again’: Pope Francis on Holocaust Remembrance Day

This past Monday, January 27th, marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp by Soviet troops. Pope Francis asked for people to spend a moment in prayer and recollection for International Holocaust Remembrance Day. (Even though the date has passed, his request is still important.)

Between 1940 and 1945, the Nazi regime murdered 1.1 million people in Auschwitz. That number includes 960,000 Jews (865,000 of whom were gassed on arrival!), 74,000 non-Jewish Poles, 21,000 Roma, 15,000 Soviet prisoners of war, and up to 15,000 other Europeans. (About one-sixth of the Jews who were caught up in the Holocaust perished in Auschwitz.)

“In the face of this huge tragedy, this atrocity, indifference is not admissible and memory is a must,” Pope Francis said in his Angelus address last Sunday, January 26th. He invited each person to spend a moment in prayer and recollection with “each person saying in his own heart: ‘never again, never again!’”

Earlier in the week, Pope Francis recalled his visit to the Nazi concentration camp in Poland in 2016: “I went there to reflect and to pray in silence. In our world, with its whirlwind of activity, we find it hard to pause, to look within and to listen in silence to the plea of suffering humanity,” he said. “If we lose our memory, we destroy our future. May the anniversary of the unspeakable cruelty that humanity learned of 75 years ago serve as a summons to pause, to be still and to remember. We need to do this, lest we become indifferent,” Pope Francis continued.

The pope also condemned the current “barbaric resurgence” of cases of anti-Semitism in the world, and urged the need to respect each person’s human dignity. “It is troubling to see, in many parts of the world, an increase in selfishness and indifference, lack of concern for others and the attitude that says life is good as long as it is good for me, and when things go wrong, anger and malice are unleashed,” the Holy Father cautioned. “This creates a fertile ground for the forms of factionalism and populism we see around us, where hatred quickly springs up,” he said. “Even recently, we have witnessed a barbaric resurgence of cases of anti-Semitism. Once more I firmly condemn every form of anti-Semitism.”

