

# 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)

## **Parish Blood Drive**



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**3 TO 8 PM ~ AUDITORIUM**

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

**February 9, 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

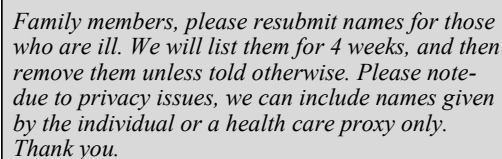
Saturday 9<sup>am</sup> - 12<sup>pm</sup>

Sunday Closed

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## Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We frequently use the image of “journey” when we talk about life. Important for a journey is a sense of direction and the need for light. Psalm 119 states: “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path” (verse 105). Want to live in the light? In our first reading the Lord instructs us through Isaiah the prophet. Do justice: share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, and clothe the naked. How simple it is; yet how easily we find reasons to excuse ourselves from this path. At the same time, it’s almost commonplace how often people return from a simple work of this nature and declare with amazement, “I got so much more than I gave.” That “so much more,” we could say, is the promised light.

Building on that message proclaimed by Isaiah, Jesus in today’s Gospel calls us the light of the world. Through these readings, we are given the chance to ask ourselves: how are we doing? How many people know we are Christians, by our love or by any other means? A fish on the bumper sticker of the car or a smudge of ash on the forehead just isn’t enough. We can wear a cross around our necks or read our Bibles conspicuously during the coffee break, but that doesn’t necessarily shed any light on our convictions.

No, the way to be the light of the world is to shine before others through our example. “It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.” We are called to be the Christ-bearers, bringing the great light of Christ through our personal efforts to live our faith. I invite you to use the prayer in the back of today’s bulletin to help us on that way. ~ *Fr. Jim*

## PARISH EVENTS This Week

### Monday February 10

9:30 am Women’s Bible Sharing.....Rm 207  
6pm C of F 1 .....Church/Audit

### Tuesday February 11

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium

### Wednesday, February 12

No Activities Scheduled

### Thursday February 13

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium  
7:30 pm Finance Mtg.....Rm 207

### Friday, February 14

No Activities Scheduled

### Saturday February 15

9:30 am Children’s Choir.....Rm 105

### Sunday February 16

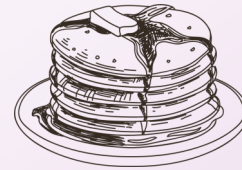
No Activities Scheduled

## Gathering of the Palm

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



## St. Margaret Parish Lenten Gathering Pancakes for Dinner



**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> ~ \$10 per family  
6 – 8 PM ~ Auditorium**

**Sign up at the Parish Center**

## Parish Blood Drive



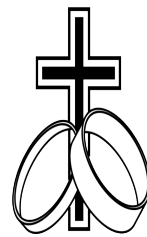
Types O-, B- and A- are all at critical levels. In order to maintain a safe blood supply, a seven-day inventory of all blood types must be continually replenished. Right now, reserves are below that minimum.

St. Margaret’s Parish is hosting a Winter Blood Drive on **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 8pm** in the auditorium. Please plan on coming & helping out. If you cannot come, then visit [WWW.NYBLOODCENTER.ORG/BLOOD](http://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.**



## Golden Wedding Liturgy

*Honoring Couples*

## Married Fifty Years or More

This Spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Special Mass on Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at St. Patrick’s in Smithtown. The Liturgy will begin at 2:00 PM. **Registration forms will be on a first come first serve basis as space is limited.** Registration forms are at the Parish Center or [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org). For info call (516) 678-5800 x 223.

## Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

## Faith Formation

### 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).



### 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).



### 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**

## 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!*



### 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!



**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](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

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.

## **Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma**

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**



### **ASH WEDNESDAY A DAY TO COME HOME**

Ash Wednesday begins the great season of Lent that welcomes us home & invites us to a life of mercy & compassion.

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

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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## MARDI GRAS PRAYER SERVICE & BRUNCH FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Saturday, February 22, 2020

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ~ Cost: \$15 Per Person

St. Frances de Chantal  
Parish Center - Smulski Room  
1300 Wantagh Ave. Wantagh, NY

beginning promptly at noon

Reservations & pre-payment are necessary for this event!  
In case of cancellation no refund will be given.

Visit [drv-c-faith.org/events/](http://drv-c-faith.org/events/) for info and to register

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

**St. Mary's Parish** on Main St. in East Islip will offer a 8 week support for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration required ~ group begins on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9 PM. Refreshments will be served. For info/register, call 631-581-4266 x100. *Please note that in order to participate, the loss must have occurred prior to 12/10/19.*

## 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!



## Everyone counts/Census 2020 Why does the Census matter?

### What information will be requested?

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household, including names, date of birth, sex and race. The Census Bureau will never ask for Social Security numbers; bank or credit card numbers; money or donations; anything on behalf of a political party. For an explanation of why each question is asked, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>

## 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).



SAINT ANTHONY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



## AN AFTERNOON OF CELTIC MUSIC

A BENEFIT FOR SAINT ANTHONY'S CELTIC PIPE BAND

SUNDAY MARCH 1

SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM @ 2PM

### FEATURING:

SAINT ANTHONY'S  
CELTIC PIPE BAND

SAINT ANTHONY'S  
IRISH STEP DANCING TEAM

SINGERS  
NOEL AND NANCY



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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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QUESTIONS? CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT 631-271-2020 EXT 310

## 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](http://WWW.CAPTIONCALL.COM).



## ***PRAYER TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD***

*Psalms 119: 105* – Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*Matthew 5: 14* – You are the light of the world.

Heavenly Father,

Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words  
from Holy Scripture.

Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen  
my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so  
that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the  
confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go  
forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life  
through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?

If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?

If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might  
hear the call deepen my faith, grow in confidence to  
proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving  
grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with  
you, forever and ever. Amen.