

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 18TH

3 TO 8 PM ~ AUDITORIUM



SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS



Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday

February 26th

February 16, 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,
“Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!” – Psalm 119

Many of us can feel conflicted regarding “law.” We are thankful that there are laws in place to protect us and our property from other people. At the same time we look on laws that inconvenience us in a different way. Tax laws, traffic laws, and municipal laws are three kinds of rules some of us are comfortable breaking if we think we can get away with it.

Perhaps that is why TV series and movies where the moral lines are vague between the good guys and the bad ones (*The Godfather, The Sopranos, Breaking Bad*) fascinate us. We’re attracted to stories that deal with an uncomfortable truth: people are ready to break the law given the right set of circumstances. Perhaps we come to think most laws are neither good nor bad but arbitrary. If a given law crosses our goals or basic self-interest, we might be willing to look the other way —just this once.

Biblical law was established to be a different kind of law altogether from this modern idea of law. The Hebrew word for *law* is more like “guidance” or “instruction” than a line drawn in the sand. Divine law wasn’t viewed as negatively prohibitive or punitive but positive and helpful. The point wasn’t to constrict human freedom but to keep people safe, happy, and at peace.

After all, a red light isn’t meant to make you late for an appointment—even if it does just that; it’s intended to keep you and the other drivers safe. Law was deemed so positive in ancient Israel that psalms were written to praise the life lived lawfully. God’s gift of law is evidence that God is serious about wanting to preserve the happiness His people. When Jesus extends the laws as deep and high as you can conceive, is this his way of making life harder—or simpler than ever? ~Fr. Jim

PARISH EVENTS This Week

- Monday February 17**
President’s Day ~ Office Closed
 - Tuesday February 18**
3-8 pm Blood Drive.....Auditorium
 - Wednesday, February 19**
No Activities Scheduled
 - Thursday February 20**
No Activities Scheduled
 - Friday, February 21**
No Activities Scheduled
 - Saturday February 22**
No Activities Scheduled
 - Sunday February 23**
10 am Mass Pre Cana Close
- No Faith Formation Classes 2/17 thru 2/23**

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 & helping out. 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.

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.



Ash Wednesday ~ February 26th

Blessed Ashes will be distributed *during* the following liturgies;

Morning

7:30 AM Prayer Service and 9:00 AM Mass

Afternoon

3:30 & 5:00 PM - Prayer Service

Evening

7:30 PM - Mass

**St. Margaret Parish
Lenten Gathering
Pancakes for Dinner**



**Friday, February 28th ~ \$10 per family
6 - 8 PM ~ Auditorium
Sign up at the Parish Center**

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation Classes 2/17 thru 2/23

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.



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.



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!



Food
Pantry
Needs

Please Help!

We are in need of

CANS OF CARROTS, MIXED VEGETABLES, SMALL JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, JUICE BOXES, & RICE 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.



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.

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!



Cenacle Retreat Center, Ronkonkoma
Wednesday, February 26th ~ 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.

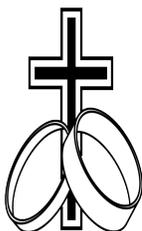
Mass at 3 p.m. - Ashes will be distributed.
Presenters: Sr. Kathy Scott, r.c. & Joan McGovern,
Cenacle Ministry Staff

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

310 Cenacle Rd. ~ 631-588-8366

DIOCESAN NEWS

All members of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are invited to unite in prayer with the Diocesan Vocations Office in praying a 54 Day Rosary Novena for vocations to the priesthood. This diocesan-wide invitation began on January 31, 2020 and will end on March 24, 2020, the vigil of the Annunciation. Feel free to join whenever you can. Thank you for your prayers and support.



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 3rd** 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. For info call (516) 678-5800 x 223.

Retrouvaille ~ Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone, frustrated or angry with each other?
Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?
Does talking about it only make it worse?

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.



For confidential info about the Retrouvaille program, or register for the upcoming weekend that begins ~ **Friday, Jan. 17th**, **please call 1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. *Location: Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington NY*





**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 drvc-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 10th** 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 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>

THE LENTEN SIGN OF THE CROSS

Join the Friends of the Seminary on **Sunday, March 15th**. Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, will present a Day of Prayer and Reflection at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**



in Huntington ~ 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Talks by Fr. Griffin, opportunity for confession, lunch & Mass. Donation - \$30. Reservations required: (631) 423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu.

SAINT ANTHONY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



**AN AFTERNOON OF
CELTIC MUSIC**

A BENEFIT FOR SAINT ANTHONY'S CELTIC PIPE BAND

SUNDAY MARCH 1

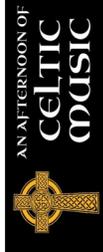
SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM @ 2PM

FEATURING:

- SAINT ANTHONY'S
CELTIC PIPE BAND
- SAINT ANTHONY'S
IRISH STEP DANCING TEAM
- SINGERS
NOEL AND NANCY



PLEASE RETURN FORM & CHECK TO: SAHS ALUMNI OFFICE | 275 WOLF HILL ROAD | SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY 11747



NAME: _____

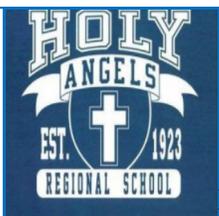
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PHONE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

EMAIL: _____

QUESTIONS? CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT 631-271-2020 EXT 310

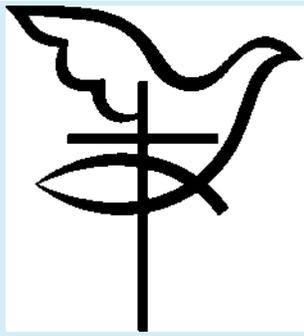


Holy Angels Regional School
Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade.

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

Holy Angels was bustling with scientific excitement at this year's STREAM fair! Students developed projects that centered on one of the following traits of STREAM: Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, or Mathematics. Every student was filled with pride as they shared their projects with one another and learned many new things!





One Family in Mission *Called to Evangelize*

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal



“Every Christian is challenged here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.”

Pope Francis

Evangelization is our mission in the Church. It is the mission Jesus gave us when He said, “Go and make disciples of every nation...” (Matt. 28:19). If we have been baptized into the Body of Christ, and given the Holy Spirit to share in Christ’s mission, we must do what He did: seek out the lost, gather people together, and share the good news of salvation. At the end of Mass, we are sent forth like the Apostles: “Go, and proclaim the Gospel with your life.”

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy also embody this call. The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is an opportunity to support the ministries that help us as we build up the Body of Christ.

Ways to Give

Gifts of Cash – Checks should be made payable to the “Catholic Ministries Appeal,” and you can pledge your gift over ten months.

Credit Card – We accept American Express, Discover, Mastercard and Visa. Simply provide your credit card information on your pledge card/envelope or give online at www.drvc.org/CMA.

Matching Gifts – Go to www.MATCHINGGIFTS.COM/DRVC to see if your employer will match the charitable contributions of employees.

IRA Charitable Rollover – If you are at least 70½ years old on the date you make your gift and your IRA is a traditional or Roth, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to charity – without incurring income taxes today or estate tax in the future.

Gift of Securities – Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

Donor Advised Funds – You can recommend a gift to the CMA through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF). For more information on any of the **Ways to Give**, please call the CMA office at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

