

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)

Lent Begins



Ash Wednesday ***February 26th***

See inside for information

February 23, 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,

Back when perfection came marked with a grade in school or a medal for a win, being the best was a straightforward matter. But no one was good at everything. To be perfect at everything would be like being God. That was Jesus' point exactly when he said: "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Don't imitate each other or compete against each other. Imitate God and make divine perfection your only standard.

And how is God perfect? In our first reading from Leviticus, God tells the Israelites: "Be holy—because I am holy," and goes on to set out the precepts of the Law for his people, still followed today by many in the Jewish community. Over a thousand years later, Jesus would make one of them – *Love your neighbor as yourself* – one of the two bases of his teaching. Love God and love your neighbor. Now, two thousand years since Jesus put those two together, can we embrace them as the new definition of perfection?

Lent is the season in our Christian tradition where we are asked to take a look at what we are doing in order to be more like Jesus. Frequently we think of giving things up, but that is only the first step. Choosing to do without something we enjoy is a reminder that we need to replace what we usually have with something else: prayer, growing in our understanding of our Faith, doing things for other people. Jesus gave us that challenge to be perfect not to discourage us but to let us realize the great things we can do if we keep our eyes set on God's goals! ~Fr. Jim

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday February 24

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

Tuesday February 25

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday-See schedule ~ No Faith Formation Classes

Thursday February 27

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

Friday, February 28

6 pm Pancake Dinner.....Auditorium

Saturday February 29

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

Sunday March 1

No Activities Scheduled

Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

St. Margaret Parish Lenten Gathering Pancakes for Dinner



Friday, February 28th ~ \$10 per family

6 - 8 PM ~ Auditorium

Sign up at the Parish Center

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



Church in Need

Next weekend, February 29th and March 1st, a collection will be taken across the United States for "The Church in Need." The monies will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help:



The Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Our collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation.

The Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith in a vibrant way.

The Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to pastoral care as well as basic resources due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster efforts for peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

Please be generous to assist our sisters and brothers.

Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 1 ~ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
6 - 7 PM - AUDITORIUM/CHURCH

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, 631-732-3131 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 AM** 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!



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!** **March 7th. Bring a Friend!**

The 1st 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.

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

Congratulations Honor Roll Students

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll for students from **St. Anthony's High School, Huntington** Samantha Bosch, Emma Breuer, Sarah Breuer, Faithann Nikodem & Vincent Inelicato



We commend their efforts to excel!

Free Counseling at Hope House

In the age of high cost health insurance, Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson offers free individual, couple, family and group counseling services by licensed professionals & interns. We also offer psychiatric evaluations for medication.

In addition, Sr. Mary Ann Bazata, S.S. N. D. offers free spiritual direction. If interested, please call 928-2377.

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.



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One Family in Mission Called to Evangelize

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) and our parish communities here on Long Island. Every year when we support the CMA, we renew the opportunity to witness Jesus. The Appeal fuels the engine of *dramatic missionary growth* in our Diocese and unites us as **One Family in Mission**.

The spirit of joining together to witness Christ in carrying out these works of mercy is what Pope Francis envisioned when he encouraged us to become an “*evangelizing community of missionary disciples*”.

As you prayerfully consider a gift to this year’s CMA, please take a moment to reflect on the many ways our families and neighbors are able to witness Christ because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

My prayers and best wishes to you and your family.

Most Reverend John O. Barres - Bishop of Rockville Centre



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

