

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 Temptation of Jesus

March 1, 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,

“...and he ate it.” – Genesis 3:6 [from today’s First Reading]
*Adam did not want the apple for the apple’s sake, he wanted it only because it was forbidden.
He was only human: this explains it all. —Mark Twain*

From that first disobedience, our choices are charged with ethical meaning. What we do with our time, money, abilities, and education is a moral issue. What we do in any relationship matters morally. What we do about suffering, want, loneliness, violence, even when it occurs on the far side of the world to total strangers, is an ethical question posed to you and me. Whether we repeat the harmful stereotype joke, or listen without protest, matters. Whether our resources are used to comfort ourselves or to console others, draws us closer to the tempter or to the Lord. We choose.

Lent is a time of choices: do we choose to act differently, use our time differently, seek to grow closer to the Lord in a more conscious way? As the saying goes, Adam and Eve learned the hard way. Lent calls us to answer the question: which hard way will we choose – the Lord’s way or Adam’s (our own) way? ~ **Fr. Jim**

PS Here are some On-Line Resources to enrich your Lent. Explore them and see if any interest you.

Best Lent Ever || Creighton University Lent
Lent – Loyola Press || Lenten Reflections Bishop Barron 2020

PARISH EVENTS This Week

Monday March 2

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

Tuesday March 3

7 pm Confirmation 2.....Auditorium
7 pm K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 pm Level 4, 5, 6 Lenten Gathering.....Auditorium

Thursday March 5

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

Friday, March 6

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday March 7

8 am Men’s Mass & Breakfast
9am—2 pm Level 8 Retreat.....Auditorium
9:30 am Children’s Chorus.....Rm 105

Sunday March 8

No Activities Scheduled

Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.



March 8th

Set your clocks next week!

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Alice Mae Rodriguez

Wedding Banns

Banns I: Kimberly Flood, Centereach &
William Volpe, St. Margaret of Scotland



Church in Need

This weekend parishes around the United States are taking a collection for “*The Church in Need.*” The monies are 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.

If you contributed this week, thank you for your assistance. If you want to help, please bring an envelope next weekend marked with “The Church in Need” and put it in the collection.

St. Margaret’s Men’s Breakfast

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN



Benefits: 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.

Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 1 ~ MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

6 - 7 PM - AUDITORIUM/CHURCH

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 4, 5, 6 ~ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH

6:30.-.8 PM - CHURCH

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, 631-732-3131 x131 ~ JMIRENDA@SAINTMARGARET.COM.

Vacation Bible School

Due to the construction on the parish auditorium, VBS will be cancelled for the summer of 2020. See you in 2021!



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!

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MINISTRY

Mark your calendar - 7 pm ~ **APRIL 3RD**

Please note there will not be PBJ in March.



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!



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

Parish Mission: March 15 – 17

Theme: “On the Road: Walking through the Gospels and through Life”

Join Brother Michael Moran, C.P., and your fellow parishioners in a mid-Lent opportunity to grow in our spiritual life through learning more about three important New Testament themes: the Desert, the Cross, and Memory. Bro. Michael will be with us for all the Masses of the weekend of March 14 & 15 to offer his invitation.

The times of the Mission are:

Evenings: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:30PM

Mornings: Monday and Tuesday after the 9:00AM Mass

More information will be in next week’s bulletin

Liturgical Ministry Training

The Season of Lent is a time for us to pause, pray and reflect on the call that the Lord Jesus gives to each of us. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the three pillars of growth according to Jesus and our Church’s tradition.

A fruitful way to express our willingness to follow the Lord is by sharing our time and talents. A way to express our gratitude to the Lord for his blessings and to be of service to others is by being part of our Mass in an active way. Ushers assist in practical ways. Members of our Music Ministry help us pray. Readers of the Scriptures (Lectors) and Ministers of Holy Communion also enrich our worship here at St. Margaret of Scotland.

Longtime or new parishioners are invited to prayerfully consider joining these wonderful ministries. For Ushers and Music Ministry, please talk to one of those ministers. For Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion, a training session is needed.

Training Sessions for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Mar. 11 (Wed.) St. Christopher, Baldwin (7pm – 10pm)

Apr. 25 (Sat.) St. Christopher, Baldwin (9am – 1pm)

May 12 (Tues.) St. Elizabeth, Melville (7pm – 10pm)

May 16 (Sat.) St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays (9am – 1pm)

[English presentation: Community Center]



Additional training for Ministers of Holy Communion to hospital/homebound only:

A new program has been established. Please call Fr. Jim for more information.



**If you are interested, please write to Fr. Jim
at least five days before the date of the session that you are interested in attending**

explaining why you feel called to be a Lector or an EMHC.

Emails to jwood@saintmargaret.com are welcome, too.

If you would like more information, please call Fr. Jim (732-3131 x 111)
or email to the address above.



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LENT 2020

Dear Friends:

The season of Lent offers us a sacred time for contemplating what it means to accompany Our Lord as he carries the Cross.

During his Passion, we see Christ laboring under the burden of our sufferings and of those whom we love. As the prophet Isaiah says, "*He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows*" (cf. Is 53:4), and he still carries them today. Perhaps this year we might pray for the grace to accompany more closely our neighbors and loved ones who are suffering, and so participate in Christ's own sacrificial love as he shoulders their burdens.

Throughout our Diocese there are many who are suffering. We know this. Every parish has its stories of families experiencing hardship and loss. Our hospitals and shelters have their stories. Our nursing homes and schools have theirs. Indeed, we find the Cross in our own homes. Our parents and grandparents know heartache, and our children have burdens as well. Our Lord carries them all.

Perhaps you know a person who is sick or grieving the loss of a loved one. Maybe you know someone who is suffering from addiction or depression and is tempted to despair. Perhaps you know of someone who is lonely or has been altogether abandoned. It is good to remember that Our Lord is carrying each of them already with great love, placing his sheep on his shoulders (cf. Lk 15:5). And this Good Shepherd invites us to accompany him in holiness that we might share more fully in his mission.

Consider the figure of Simon of Cyrene. We know him from the Fifth Station of the Cross and from the Synoptic Gospels. He was compelled to carry the Cross of Christ (cf. Mt 27:32;

Mk 15:21; Lk 23:26). We recognize his initial fear; it is the same as our own. We do not fault Simon for his resistance. Helping Jesus could not have been easy. And yet with God's grace what began as servitude was transformed into a gesture of compassion, even a sublime privilege.

To be sure, we may have cause to be fearful of accompanying Christ under the Cross. Social stigmas associated with some sufferings may cause us to stay away. We might fear our own inadequacies; weaknesses and wounds can cause self-doubt. We may even feel some degree of responsibility for the person's suffering: "*I could have done more*". Simon would have experienced these fears as Christ was passing by. Indeed, he needed to be driven by the Roman soldiers to accompany Jesus (cf. Mk 15:21). But the gaze of Christ prevailed on Simon and moved him beyond his fear.

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Christ himself prayed in the garden before taking up the Cross, "*Father if it be possible, let this cup pass*", but he saw the Father's love for humanity and was moved to pray, "*yet not as I will, but as you will*" (cf. Mt 26:39). Love bends the will to the other. It was Christ's love that changed Simon's servitude into sacrifice. And it is Christ's love that can transform our fear into accompaniment.

As your bishop, I have the privilege of seeing that so many of you are already living as Simon, already accompanying Christ who carries the burdens of your neighbors and loved ones. I visit your homes and pray with you in your parishes. I witness your dedication to the people of your ministries and organizations. And I see that many of you, like Simon, allow the gaze of Christ to draw you underneath the weight of the Cross, where your own servitude becomes a privileged encounter with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and an encouragement to us all.

In light of this witness, I wish to bring particular attention to the newly formed Morning Star Initiative, designed to revitalize Catholic elementary school education on Long Island. I ask all of you to pray for our parishes and schools, our administrators and teachers, our students and their families, and all who are promoting a bold new era of Catholic education and evangelization on Long Island.

This way of sharing in the life of Christ moves us beyond imitation into a real participation with him in his relationship with the Father. The Cross is not a punishment to be endured; it is a decision to love. "*He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities*" (cf. Is 53:5). And when we move in this way toward others in their need, our experience of their suffering is transformed from a burden into an encounter with love. We find, with Simon, that our servitude becomes a mysterious privilege of accompaniment. Underneath the weight of a cross carried with love, we see Jesus.

Too often we feel regret for not drawing near to those who are suffering. Let us pray during this holy season, this season of conversion, for the grace to recognize the gaze of Christ in those who are suffering and to respond to his invitation to share in his Cross. In this way, the Church on Long Island will grow together with Our Lord in grace.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Reverend John O. Barres

Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre