

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 Mission: March 15 – 17

*On the Road:
Walking through the
Gospels and through Life*

See inside for details.



Sunday Hospitality



*March 15th ~ 11 AM -
Auditorium
All are Welcome!*

March 8, 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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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Hospitality

St. Paul tells us that God calls us to a holy life. Sometimes, we may feel that we are not holy enough or good enough to do God's will— but that is not true. This week open up your Bible and ask God to speak to you and help you realize your worth as a steward of the Faith.

Sacrificial Giving

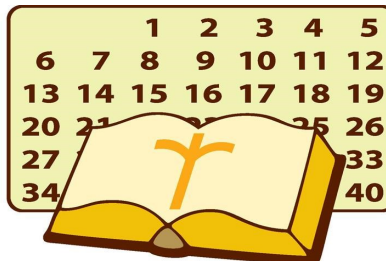
Thank you to all who so generously give to the support of our parish. You are returning to God what God has so generously given to you.

	#	2020	2019	#	
Collected at Mass	303	9,923	\$ 8,128	309	
Mailed Envelopes	12	589	758	19	
Electronic Donations	40	2,453	2,095	36	
Total Collection	355	\$ 12,965	\$11,991 ⁹⁴	335	
Mass Attendance	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	249	180	276	282	987
<i>Last Year</i>	191	152	247	299	889

Readings for Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading..... Ex 17: 3-7
Second Reading... ..Rom 5: 1-2,5-8
Gospel..... Jn 4: 5-42



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners! We ask them to register at the Parish Center and encourage the use of weekly envelopes. If you are moving, please notify the office.

MARRIAGES: Couples should make arrangements in person at least one year in advance for required interview. At least one of the parties must live within the parish boundaries, or be a registered member of the parish. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. No dates will be set over the telephone.

BAPTISMS: Prospective parents should telephone the Parish Center about three months before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your child's baptism and enroll you in the required baptismal class. Baptism classes are held monthly on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month. The baptism date will be set at the time of the class. The child's birth certificate as well as the godparent's "sponsor certificate" (godparents must be Confirmed practicing Catholics) must be presented before a date is finalized.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center: Monday through Thursday:
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Closed on Fridays.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center: Tuesday and Thursday
10 am -1 pm. and 2 - 4 pm.; Call for appointment.

Masses for the Week

Family members and/or those who requested the Mass are always welcome to present the gifts of bread & wine at the offertory procession. On weekends, please introduce yourselves to our ushers or call the office during the previous week.

Monday - March 9th

9:00 A.M.

Leslie Rossetti

Tuesday - March 10th

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday - March 11th

9:00 A.M.

Aimee Given

Thursday, - March 12th

9:00 A.M.

Maryann Rocco

Friday - March 13th

9:00 A.M.

Lauren Fennell

Saturday - March 14th

8:00 A.M.

Charles Sagau

5:00 P.M.

Christine Vincent

Vincent Messina

Sunday – March 15th

8:00 A.M.

Rose Bertuglia

10:00 A.M.

Bob Carlsen

12:00 P.M.

For All Parishioners

**For all our parishioners
suffering from chronic illness, as**

well as Patty Callahan, Terri
Persina, Jillian Brown, Paul
Tomko, Patricia Wowk, June Tamillow, Joe
& Sue Callari, Lucy & Sarah Behie, Eppie
Larke, Alyssa Baisch, Marilyn & Steven
Vacchio, Natasha Roucoulet, Wendiann &
Nicholas Alfieri, Michael C. Liotta, Anne
Logan, Laura Durant, Warne Family.
Lorraine Vogel, Sharon Klyn, Christina &
Baby Muller, Laura Positano, Joseph Kiely,
Dominic Percoco, Frank Guttilla, Cathy
Reynolds, Eric Cohen, Virginia Butler,
Estelle Beauchamp, Robert Valletta,
Christine Mc Cusker, De Santis Family,
Michael Foss, Amare Collins, Rob Hoder &
Gregory Bartnicki.



Family members, please resubmit names for those who are ill. We will list them for 4 weeks, and then remove them unless told otherwise. Please note—due to privacy issues, we can include names given by the individual or a health care proxy only. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors, .

Today's first reading, as brief as it is, reveals the reason why Abraham is so important to Jews, Christians and Muslims. In it, we hear the beginning of a lifelong conversation that God will have with Abram (his original name). Why did He begin this conversation? We do not know. All we hear is that he was still with his father and family very far away from the Holy Land (in what is now southern Iraq, near Kuwait). No other information. Faithful attendance at religious services is never mentioned, nor is Abram's moral track record studied. (In fact, in later stories, Abram acts in some questionable ways.) What we do hear is simply put: "Abram went as the Lord directed him." In other words, Abram puts his trust in God—and that's enough for God, who "credits it to him as righteousness" (*Genesis 15:6*). It's such a marvelous and startling proposition that it is repeated several times in New Testament Letters (*Romans, Galatians, and James*) and regularly in the Qur'an.

What has this to do with us? God begins his plan based on one man's willingness to trust God as a travel companion. Abram makes no grand promises of perfection—which is good, because he doesn't deliver any such thing. He simply journeys with God, and God credits Abram's account as "paid in full."

Jesus chooses disciples by offering a similar invitation: "Come, follow me." In the Gospels, not everyone he asked accepted. But those who do, have transfigurations in store for them, as we hear in today's Gospel. Lent can give us the time to hear that same call in our lives to be travel companions with the Lord. Trust in the divine invitation to journey is key. ~ *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 9

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

Tuesday March 10

No Class Confirmation 2
7 pm K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, March 11

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday March 12

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

Friday, March 13

Meditations.....Auditorium

Saturday March 14

9am—2 pm Level 8 Retreat.....Auditorium
9:30 am Children's Chorus.....Rm 105
5 pm Mass— Mission Speaker

Sunday March 15

11 am Hospitality Sunday.....Auditorium
Mission Speaker ~ All Masses

Change in Parish Center Hours

Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Kevin Henry Scarola & Gavin Justyn Grady



Wedding Banns

Banns II: Kimberly Flood, Centreach &
William Volpe, St. Margaret of Scotland

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

In keeping with the spirit of penance, Catholics are asked to observe the following practices:

Good Friday is a day of fast* and abstinence**

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence**

***Fasting:** All between the ages of 18 and 59 may eat only one full meal & two small meals on these days (no snacks).

****Abstinence:** All from the age of seven onwards abstain from meat on these days.

Illness always exempts people from these requirements.

Sunday Hospitality



Come enjoy fellowship with an Irish touch!

March 15th ~ 11 AM -Auditorium

All are Welcome!

Thank You ~ Blood Drive Success!

Our parish blood drive was again successful in collecting:

80 pints of blood! You have kindly donated your Blood so that someone else might be given a chance at life. Thank you all for your unselfish gesture! To all the volunteers who helped us to make this day a success, thank you for your time & smiles!

Your Blood Drive Committee



Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

GRADE 1 ~ MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

6 - 7 PM - AUDITORIUM/CHURCH

**Level 8 will resume class on
Tuesday, March 24th.**

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

**JARS OF SAUCE, SMALL JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER,
CANNED CHICKEN, & CANNED FRUIT. 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”

Talk 1: The Desert: Going Within

Our quick paced, technologically driven world often prevents us from hearing the voice of God telling us we are the beloved. St. John the Baptist met people in the desert in the Holy Land. God invites us into a different desert, the wild, that inner place where we stop, let go of the noise and distractions, and just be present with Jesus. It can be a difficult thing to do, since we also encounter our fears. And there, we can discover how much God loves us and our passion in life as well.

Talk 2: The Cross: Extravagant Love

In living life and in journeying into the inner desert we experience “wounds of the heart.” Many of us grew up in a Church that emphasized sin, which made many of us fearful of God, believing that we must become perfect before God will love us. Yet God loves us just the way we are, and it is this love that has the power to change us, to heal us if we are open and take the time for it to happen. The cross is all about surrendering out of love, of living life on life’s terms.

Talk 3: Memory: Transforming Our Story

The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus invites us to move from our Mission back into our everyday lives, but with a difference – remembering what we received here. The biblical concept of memory is living and dynamic. Jesus takes the two disciples’ static memory of his death and refashions it into a living memory, one that gives them courage, strength and leaves their hearts burning within them. As with the two disciples, what is real and stable in our lives is not what is behind us, but in what we can become as we journey with the Risen Lord.

Bio ~ Michael Moran, C.P., a native of West Springfield, MA, professed his vows as a Brother of the Eastern Province of the Passionist community in 1974. In 1977 he received a master’s degree in theology from St. John’s University in New York City, after which he worked in various retreat centers and other ministries of his province.

Though largely self-taught, he studied art with August Mosca, a noted Long Island artist, from 1984 to 1989. He attended the Art Students League in Manhattan from 1989 to 1990. One of his specialties is painting icons, an ancient art form of the Eastern Christian churches, in contemporary terms. His art can be seen on his web site www.angelstudiostore.com.

Brother Michael has also served as the chaplain of the Supportive Care Program of St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City, a program that provides support for people with life-threatening illnesses and their caregivers. He also conducts painting classes for senior citizens in New York.



Evenings: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:30PM
Mornings: Monday and Tuesday after the 9:00AM Mass

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.

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.*

Congratulations Honor Roll Student



St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll student from **St. John the Baptist, West Islip**
Liana Beausoleil

We commend her efforts to excel!

Sight & Sound Theatre Presents "Jesus" at Local Theatres

The Show "Jesus" was filmed at Sight & Sound in front of their live audience. It will be presented at our local theaters in the beginning of April. Go to **JESUSEVENTS.COM**—find a theatre. The towns, times and price will be listed.



NY Medicaid 2020

Free program open to the community on Saturday, **March 21** ~ 9-10:30 AM. Long Island State Veteran's Home, 100 Patriot's Rd., Stony Brook Continental Breakfast served ~ presented by David Okrent, Esq. Questions? Call 631-444-8606 or visit WWW.LISVH.ORG

Everyone counts/Census 2020 Why does the Census matter?

In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Households that don't respond in one of these ways by the end of April will be visited by a census taker to collect the information in person. Census workers you may encounter now are verifying addresses, not collecting actual census information.

For more info, visit 2020census.gov.

Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities

For a full list of jobs f/t and p/t— CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBS. Respond by mail, email, or fax. The website will assist you.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

*Ancient Order of Hibernians Div. 8 Hall
80 Magnolia Dr., Selden*

Saturday, March 14th from 6-10 PM

\$40 PP includes Buffet, Soda Bread, Coffee, Tea & Dessert.

Must call to reserve ~ 631-846-3106 or 631-828-1711.

Music by the Boston Burglars!



Wonderfully Made Mother & Daughter Tea

The Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation invites all Mothers and Daughters to a wonderful afternoon tea.

St. James, Setauket- East Setauket- 631-941-4141

Sunday, March 29, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays ~ 631-728-9461

Sunday, April 19, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



If you have any questions please contact our office at faith-formation@drvc.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 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!



Volunteer Needed ~ Catholic Charities

CC Senior Housing Program in Selden is seeking a volunteer to assist a female resident with uncluttering her apartment and organize her living space. A weekday flexible schedule is available. If you are able to offer volunteer hours, please contact Mary Ellen Kwiecinski, Co-Ordinator at 516-733-7044. Thank you.

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Monday, March 16 ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. 800 Portion Rd., Ronkonkoma from 8:30AM-9PM.

Saturday, March 21 ~ St. Frances Cabrini, 134 Middle Country Rd., Coram at 5 PM Mass.

Friday, April 3 ~ St. Patrick, 280 E. Main St., Smithtown 7PM

VISIT Facebook—The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe Visits Long Island and NYC.

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.



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.**