

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

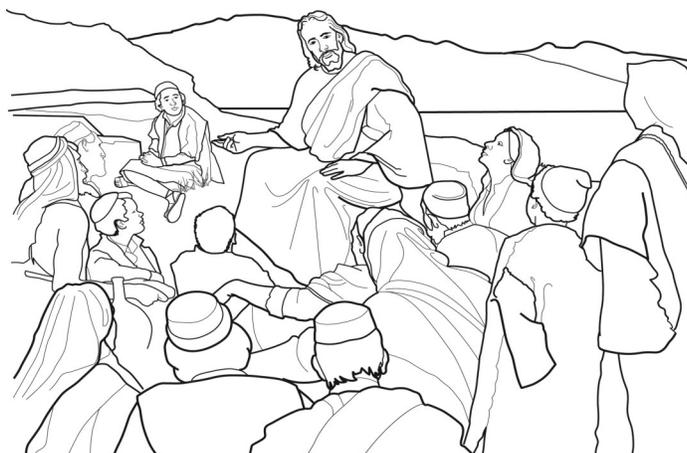
Confessions

Saturdays: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm (or appointment)

Parish Mission:

March 15 – 17

Michael Moran, C.P.



On the Road:

Walking through the Gospels and through Life

See inside for details.

March 15, 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,

Today's Gospel. Often in our loud and busy world, communication means getting information, offering opinions and chitchat. Genuine conversation is different and takes more effort. The people involved talk and listen; ideas grow and change. New awareness can happen. In today's Gospel, Jesus has such a conversation with the Samaritan woman. This is unusual, for most of the time, Jesus doesn't waste words. Recruiting followers, he says, "Come," and they either do or don't. When he teaches the crowds, there's no dialogue. Only with the Samaritan woman does genuine conversation take place. She alone, this nameless woman, grows in understanding as a result of thoughtful time spent with Jesus. Information turns to revelation, and new life comes to her village—all because one woman was willing to talk. In our lives, who can we have such a conversation with?

Coronavirus. As of Tues. (3/10), these decisions have been made to deal with the new virus. The directive from the Bishop about no Sign of Peace and no Communion Cups is in place. We have added some wall mounted dispensers for hand sanitizer in the Church (front lobby; behind the altar wall) and the Parish Center (for Outreach food distribution). More dispensers are on order. The large holy water font has been removed from the lobby, because it is too difficult to keep clean. (We're keeping the smaller ones and replacing the water more frequently.)

Vandalism. Sadly, in the past couple of weeks, we have had deliberate property damage. First, an auditorium window was broken (with no signs of entry). This past Sunday evening, one of our entrance signs was broken in two. (See picture below.) This took a lot of effort, since the signs are thick and well secured. We, of course, do not know if this is the beginning of a pattern, only time will tell. ~ *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 16

9:30 am Women's Bible Sharing.....Rm 207

Tuesday March 17

No CLASSConfirmation 2

7 pm K of C.....Rm 207

Wednesday, March 18

6pm C of F 4Audit/Church

Thursday March 19

7 pm Confirmation 1.....Auditorium

Friday, March 20

Meditations.....Auditorium

Saturday March 21

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

Holy Land Wood Sale ~After Mass.....Auditorium

Sunday March 22

Holy Land Wood Sale ~ All Masses... ..Auditorium

Catholic Relief Services Collection -

March 22nd Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief



"With deep joy I am pleased to share with you the announcement made in the Vatican that His Holiness Pope Francis has given the Diocese of Rockville Centre a new auxiliary bishop. Please join me in prayerfully congratulating Idente Missionary Father Luis Miguel Romero as the new Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre."



- Bishop John O. Barres

Change in Parish Center Hours
Please note ~the office will be closed on Fridays.

Sacraments are Celebrations!

Wedding Banns

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



From the Bishop's Office, March 4, 2020

As a health precaution, all Pastors and Parishes are instructed to enact the following measures **immediately**:

- Until further notice, the Precious Blood of Christ (the Chalice) is not to be distributed to anyone other than clergy (priests / deacons) or those who for health reasons **must only** receive the Precious Blood.
- Until further notice, the Sign of Peace will not be given / exchanged in any form during Holy Mass.

Faith Formation

CATECHESIS OF THE FAMILY

LEVEL 4 ~ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

6:30 PM – AUDITORIUM

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

Vacation Bible School

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



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

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.

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!

BABY DIAPERS Has your child changed diaper size? We will gladly accept **all children's sizes**. Please package them tightly in a strong bag and drop them off at the Parish Center. Thank you!

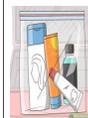


*Food
Pantry
Needs*

Please Help!
We are in need of

**JARS OF SAUCE, SMALL JELLY & PEANUT BUTTER,
CANNED CHICKEN, BEEF STEW & 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.

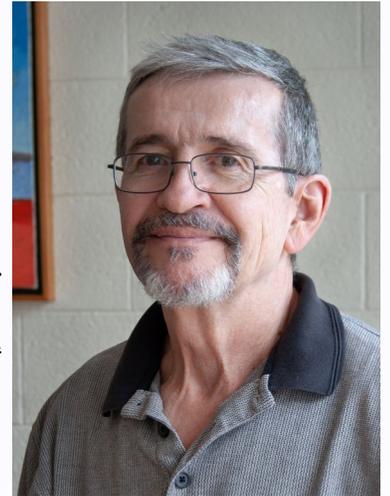
Talk 3: Memory: Transforming Our Story

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

Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 23rd ~ 7:30 PM



Creative Ministries Presents

The Journey, Cross & Crucifixion

A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of The Cross. Join us as we experience the trial of Jesus, His journey through the streets of Jerusalem, & His final moments on the cross.

Thursday April 2nd ~ 7:30 PM ~ CHURCH

A freewill offering will be taken.

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



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.