

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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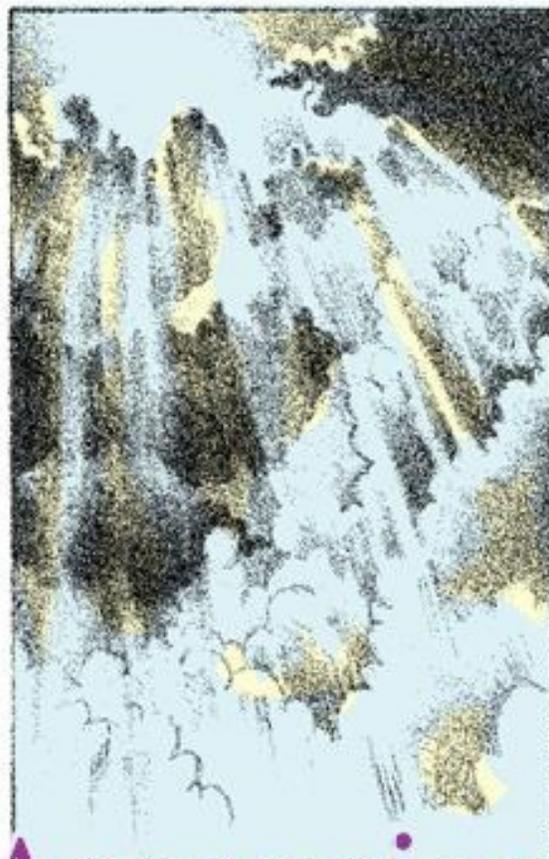
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Ascension Thursday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

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During this time, the Parish Office is closed.

Any meeting will be by appointment Only.

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Until further notice,
there will be no public masses celebrated

Confessions

By appointment Only

Pray for all our Parishioners who have died

Marjorie Boyd Antone Straussner IV
 Charles Kunkel Katherine Petitto
 Marilyn Molloy Gerard Hodum
 Jonathan Hark Glenn Campbell
 Joe Vollmer Grace Iannotta
 Alfred Saracino Jean Sottile
 Charles Murray Eileen Helmken
 Louise Quinn



With funeral homes being overly busy and not scheduling Funeral Masses, we are often not informed of the deaths of parishioners. We would ask those who know of the passing of a parishioner to please contact the Parish Center and leave a message so we could reach out to the family.

Masses for the Week

While no public masses will be celebrated before May 16th, we will be saying masses for all the intentions arranged before the new directives.

Monday - May 18th
 Mothers Day Remembrance

Tuesday - May 19th
 No Intention

Wednesday - May 20th
 No Intention

Thursday, - May 21st
 Ascension Thursday
 Helena Cosentino
 All Parishioners

Friday - May 22nd
 No Intention

Saturday - May 23rd
 Daniel Mones

Sunday - May 24th
 All Parishioners
 Helen Volpe
 Stanislaw Kowalczyk

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



Alyssa Baisch
 Gregory Bartnicki
 Estelle Beauchamp
 Lucy & Sarah Behie
 Virginia Butler
 Joe & Sue Callari

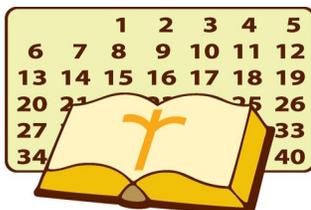
Jillian Brown
 Patty Callahan
 Eric Cohen
 De Santis Family
 Michael Foss
 Rob Hoder
 Sharon Klyn
 Michael C. Liotta
 Christine Mc Cusker
 Terri Persina
 Cathy Reynolds
 June Tamillow
 Robert Valletta
 Warne Family

Amare Collins
 Laura Durant
 Frank Guttilla
 Joseph Kiely
 Eppie Larke
 Anne Logan
 Dominic Percoco
 Laura Positano
 Natasha Roucoulet
 Paul Tomko
 Lorraine Vogel
 Patricia Wovk
 Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
 Christina & Baby Muller
 Marilyn & Steven Vacchio

Readings for Next Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 1:12-14
 Second Reading..1 Peter 4:13-16
 Gospel.....John 17:1-11a

Texts available @ www.usccb.org



CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) - is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture. Our mission is to proclaim the teachings of our Lord to the Catholic Community and beyond using media in all forms. (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream



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.



17 May 2020

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Last week's First Reading told us about the seven men were chosen to be "deacons" and assist the Apostles in the distribution of food to the needy in the community (*Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7*). In the following chapters, we read of the activities of two of them: Stephen and Philip. What comes through loud and clear is that their activities have NOTHING to do with distribution of food! Stephen preaches the Gospel in Jerusalem and becomes the first martyr. Philip in today's First Reading (*Acts 8: 5-17*) has much more success, converting the Samaritans to the Good News. St. Luke, the author of *The Acts of the Apostles*, offers us failure and success in very stark terms.

Those possibilities are something that each of us faces in trying to live our faith. As I said in last week's homily, we are all called to be "priests" – to try to help others see their connection with the Lord. As we try to follow this call in our own way, we are given the promise in the Gospel that the Lord will not leave us alone; that we have the Holy Spirit to strengthen and enlighten us in showing our love, generosity, forgiveness, and compassion - especially in this time of pandemic, when all of these qualities are urgently needed in abundance.

Fr. Jim Wood, Pastor

Announcements.

Mike Lorio, our Parish Facilities Manager, resigned from that position effective this past Wednesday, May 13th. During the 17 years as Manager, he not only took care of our physical plant but was an important part of many areas of parish life, especially the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, through which he assisted both adults and children to deepen their relationship with the Lord Jesus. Mike has begun a new job, and we wish him well in this new venture. Unfortunately, because of the restrictions caused by the coronavirus, we cannot have a parish gathering to offer our good-byes and best wishes. Mike and I discussed this, and we will see what the future can provide. As for now, if you want to send him a note, please send it to him at the parish address: 81 College Road., Selden NY 11784.

As we complete our second month of sheltering-in-place, the desire to be able to gather as a parish family becomes stronger. Bishop Barres wrote about preparations for the reopening of public Mass. A copy is in this bulletin as well as in the Current Information column on our website.

Fr. Jim

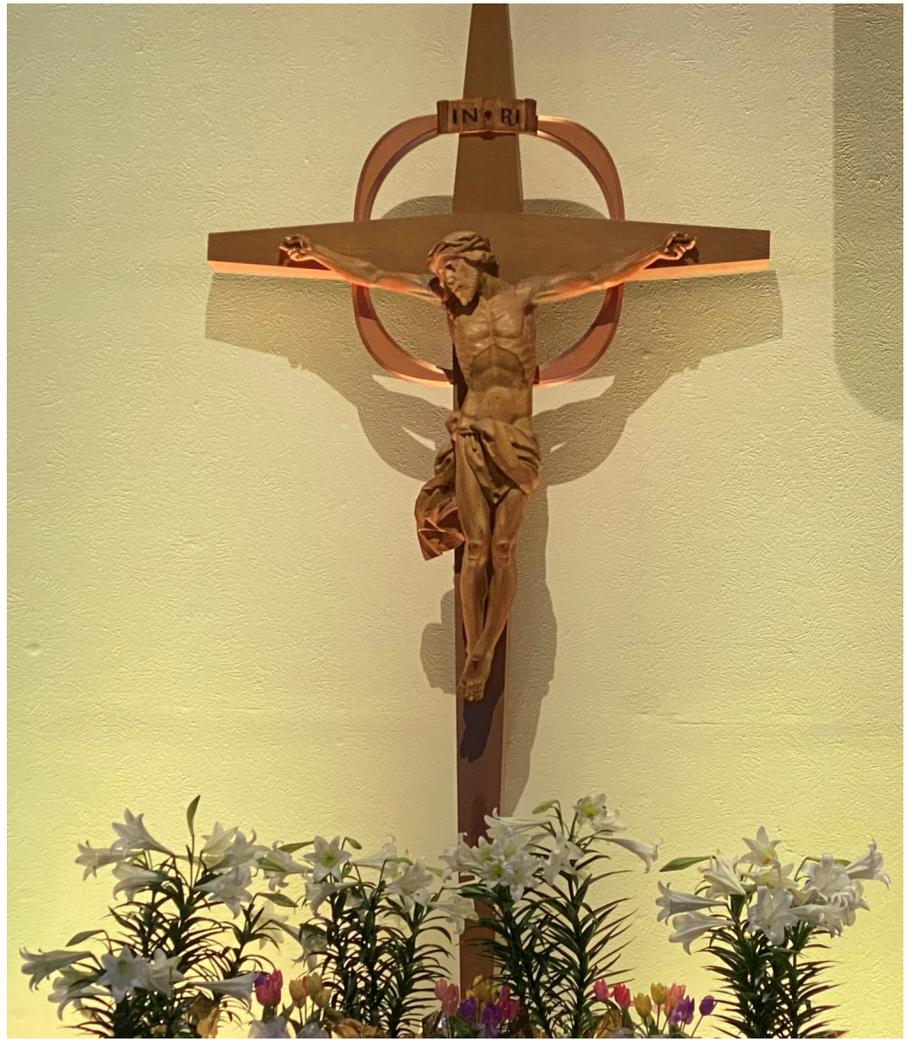
SUNDAY MASS AVAILABLE ON ST MARGARET'S WEBSITE

The Sunday Mass from St Margaret of Scotland Church is streamed on our website each weekend. Click the Announcement and Online Masses section on the opening page. It will take you to a link for the masses celebrated each day from St Agnes Cathedral as well as the Liturgies from St Margaret's. Please note, for those who wish to spend some prayer time in front of the Eucharist, we have a link to the Easter Tabernacle as well as the Good Friday Cross.

We offer the Act of Spiritual Communion (lower right) for those of you celebrating with us from your homes so that we may all pray it together at Communion time.

Anyone wishing to place a request in the Book of Intercession is invited to send a eMail to either Fr Jim (jwood@saintmargaret.com) or Fr Paul (pbutler@saintmargaret.com) so we can add your intentions to The Book of Intercession and remember them at Mass.

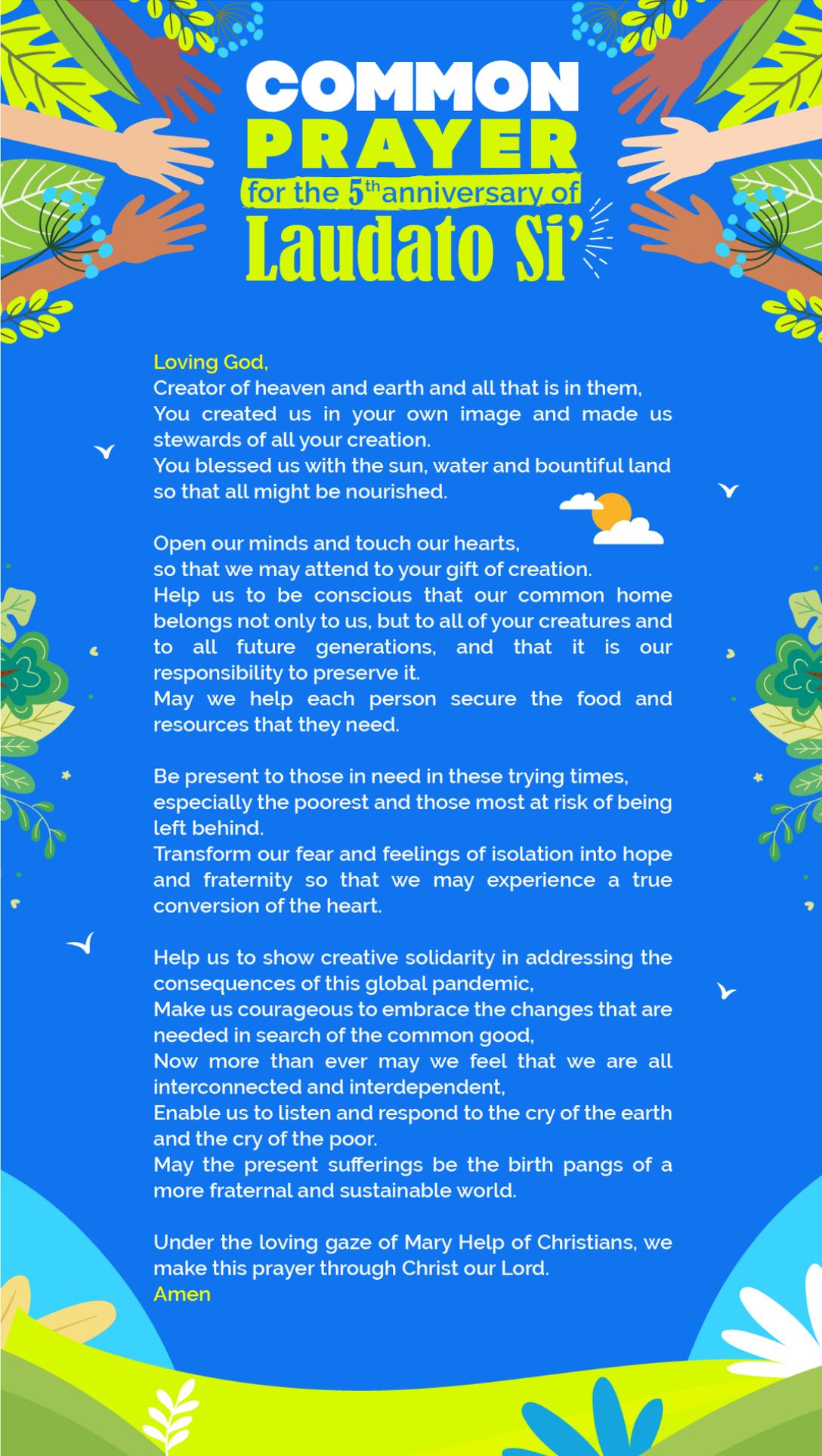
As noted elsewhere in the Bulletin, we ask that you let us know of the passing of any of our parishioners. Since Funeral Homes are not scheduling funeral masses, we are often not aware of those who have died.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



COMMON PRAYER

for the 5th anniversary of
Laudato Si'

Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your own image and made us
stewards of all your creation.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and
to all future generations, and that it is our
responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being
left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope
and fraternity so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the
consequences of this global pandemic,
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are
needed in search of the common good,

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected and interdependent,
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a
more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we
make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

This year marks the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home!** He invites us to celebrate Laudato Si Week from May 16-24. Visit www.LaudatoSiWeek.org for more information.

Everything is connected

We're living through history-shaping events. Laudato Si' teaches us how to build a better world—together.

People everywhere are crying out for hope, and our faith is urgently needed to light the way. For Laudato Si' Week, 16-24 May, Catholics are uniting in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future.

Stand united with our brothers and sisters in faith as we grow through the crisis of this moment to build a better tomorrow.

Reflect and prepare through online trainings, 16-23 May
Join the worldwide day of prayer, 24 May

Put preparation into action during the Season of Creation, this September

Prayer

Bring solidarity to our world in a shared moment of prayer at noon local time on 24 May. Catholics from all across the globe will be united in spirit because "everything is connected."

Be sure to register your participation at:

<https://laudatosiweek.org/#interestForm>

and feel free to share your own prayers on social media using the hashtag **#LaudatoSi5**.

Parish Social Ministry

Food Pantry

We have received many inquiries about donating to the pantry. Since there are no Parish Social ministry staff or volunteers on site to accept donations, this has been difficult.

We will only be available to accept donations at the Parish Center Back Door on **Thursday** from **9am until 11am.**

Please place items on the table.

Thank You to all who donated to the Pantry this past week

We thank those who have donated to the Pantry. These are our Current Needs:

Egg Noodles
Shelf Stable Milk
Small Mayo
Canned Carrots
Canned Stew

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MINISTRY
Canceled until Further Notice.



Thrift Shop

Closed during Pandemic

Please DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING

for Thrift Shop

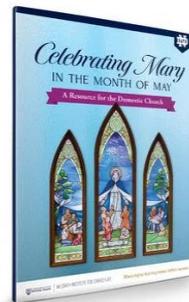
All our Volunteers are at home as directed by Governor.

We are unable to process any donations.

Thank you!

St Vincent DePaul Bins Closed

Please do not bring items for the St Vincent DePaul bins. While this is the perfect time to *Spring Clean*, St Vincent's has no drivers coming to empty the bins, so they have locked and taped off the bins until further notice.



Free May Crowning Resource

The McGrath Institute for Church Life partners with Catholic dioceses, parishes and schools to address pastoral challenges with theological depth and rigor. By connecting the Catholic intellectual life to the life of the Church, we form faithful Catholic leaders for service to the Church and the world.

At the [McGrath Blog](#), we've begun curating resources for ministers, educators, and parents.

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, we released a free ebook featuring a May Crowning that can be done in the home. This free resource is intended to provide the domestic church with a beautiful way to engage in Marian devotion. It is a useful guide not only for Catholic parents, but also for teachers, catechists, ministers, or anyone wanting to help others deepen their devotion to Mary this May.

For more information visit mcgrath.nd.edu

Faith Formation

Eucharist Preparation

May 7, 2020

Attention First Communicant Families

We are all waiting and anticipating life's activities. When can we go to work? Will the children be able to go to camp? Can we take that vacation we planned? When will St. Margaret open so my child can receive First Communion? There are many unknowns.

What we do know at St Margaret of Scotland is that when we are able to have Mass we want to offer you options so that we can start to celebrate the joy of First Communion. We understand that there will be guidelines that we will have to follow, so we will have many celebrations to reach this goal.

Please help us by answering the following questions in order of preference.

1. Would you like your child to receive at Sunday Liturgy?

10am or 12pm

or

2. Would you like your child to receive at a Saturday morning First Communion Liturgy?

Yes or No

Please email me your child's name and choice along with any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for your response

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Miranda
jmiranda@saintmargaret.com

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation II

As we continue Chapter 23:

This chapter's video points out that we are all "going somewhere," all on a journey, as Catholics, we are welcomed to journey with God, with Christ, the Spirit and their help.

Sometimes, we may feel we are too small, too insignificant. This is far from the truth. God created each of us and we are each a part of His plan. We are called to share the love (grace) he gives us with those around us (the world).

We have a job to do and the Works of Mercy (Corporal & Spiritual) are our assignment.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To shelter the homeless
- To visit the sick
- To visit the imprisoned
- To bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To admonish the sinner
- To instruct the ignorant
- To counsel the doubtful
- To comfort the sorrowful
- To bear wrong patiently
- To forgive all injuries
- To pray for the living and the dead.

In these days of Covid 19, we see how difficult it is not to be able to touch family and friends. We hear of those whose faith is what sees them through the challenges. Of doctors and nurses who give of their few free hours to stand in for family not allowed to visit. Of those in essential services who put themselves at risk for others.

In what ways will Confirmation empower and oblige you to help build the kingdom in word and action?

Please know you can always contact me at: pbutler@saintmargaret.com.



Preparation for the Reopening of Public Mass

May 12, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Coronavirus has affected society and the Church in ways unlike anything we have experienced in our lifetimes. None of us could have imagined the impact on our families, our livelihoods, and our practice of the Faith. As treatments for the sick and potential vaccines are developed, it is important that we act prudently for everyone's wellbeing, body and soul.

What has the Church been doing?

Hospital chaplains have heroically ministered to the sick throughout this crisis and parish food pantries continue to support those most in need. Your priests have adapted as best they can to the limits of "distance ministry" while struggling to manage the devastating impact on our parishes and schools. Catholic school teachers, administrators and Faith Formation volunteers are admirably upholding standards of excellence while keeping our children engaged online. Catholic Charities is addressing the physical and emotional needs of people around the clock.

We know that there is a hunger to return to public Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments. Pray that this hunger spreads among active and inactive Catholics, so that our Churches may soon be filled and experience a lasting renewal when we reemerge.

The challenges facing us:

Much is still unknown about the virus and how best to deal with it. As a result, many decisions are actually judgment-calls based on a review of the information available. What is known is that the virus is deadly, particularly for the elderly and vulnerable. As of this writing, nearly 75,000 have contracted the virus and over 3,500 souls have returned to God, just within the territory of our Diocese. May our Heavenly Father welcome them and comfort their families. Our hospital systems, front-line doctors, nurses and support staffs were very nearly overrun.

All of this leaves us with an enormous challenge: when and how to reestablish public liturgies in a way that does not irresponsibly place the common good and the health of our people in grave danger. These are serious moral issues. If we can protect the sanctity of human life and the stability of our healthcare system by cooperating with sensible limitations and safety practices, then we have a moral obligation to do so. This is not a surrendering of our right to practice our Faith. It is an exercise of our moral responsibility for the common good. Therefore, we

Information from the Diocese of Rockville Centre

are carefully forming our plan for the reopening of public Mass in consultation with medical experts and civil authorities who share in our responsibility for the common good.

The Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our Salvation (Catechism of the Catholic Church – Article 3, Paragraphs 1322 – 1419). The Mass unites us to the sacrifice of Christ, the gift of himself to the Father for us. Spiritual Communion, which has been a continual part of the Church's theology through Saints Augustine, Aquinas, John Vianney, John Paul II and others, has allowed us to remain united to the Lord's Body and Blood, offered daily by our priests, even when we are not physically present or do not physically receive Holy Communion.

Considerations for Reopening

The conditions on Long Island are being carefully monitored and preparations are being made. However, we do not yet have a date for reopening public Masses. Medical experts and civil authorities have urgently asked that congregate gatherings of any size remain suspended until we better understand the risks and how they are managed.

When it is determined that we can gather for Mass with reasonable safety, it will likely involve precautions that will require everyone to make sacrifices. However, the Mass is not our "personal possession". It is a gift from God entrusted to the Church. Therefore, the dignity of the Mass and the Church's liturgical laws must be respected and observed. Certain elements of the Mass can be adapted while others cannot because we do not have the authority to alter them.

Limitations may involve facial coverings or masks, limits on seating capacity to maintain social distancing, changes to the Mass schedule to allow for cleaning, modified procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion, etc. This will involve tremendous coordination between clergy, parish staffs and volunteers, as well as training and preparation. Guidelines and protocols are being developed that will be shared with pastors. The dispensation from the obligation to physically attend Mass will likely remain in place for a time, especially to protect the elderly and most vulnerable among us.

Other Sacraments

The period of isolation has delayed celebrations of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Weddings. Funeral Masses for loved ones have also been postponed. We understand the sorrow and sacrifice of those awaiting

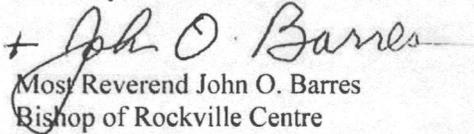
the celebration of Holy Sacraments. Please understand the enormous stress that this will place upon your very limited number of priests, some of whom are older and particularly vulnerable because of health concerns. We ask for your patience, understanding and compassion as your clergy serves you as best we can through these complex and very challenging times.

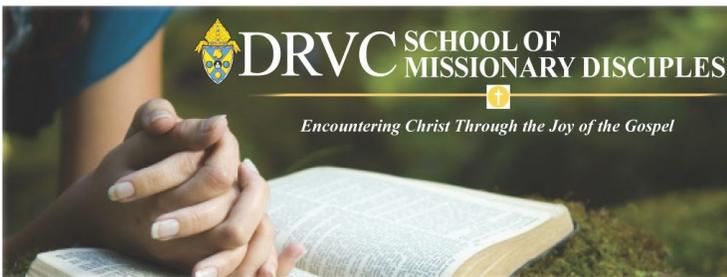
Our Prayers and our Gratitude

Dear friends, thank you for your prayers and support throughout this crisis. Your parish Church depends on weekly contributions in order to survive and carry on Christ's saving mission. The loss of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday collections is a serious hardship for the functioning of a parish. Likewise, Catholic Charities, our Catholic Schools, and the Catholic Ministries Appeal all rely on support from the Faithful to carry out their missions. We are so grateful for your dedication, especially during these most challenging times. Please know that you are remembered in my prayers and daily Masses.

The risen Christ has won the victory over death. His grace will strengthen us to carry this cross so as to share in his resurrection.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



The Office of Faith Formation would like to invite you to learn more about the School of Missionary Disciples

DRVC School of Missionary Disciples is a two year process of personal, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation for adult Catholics that offers an exciting, integrated approach to discipleship through instruction, prayer, faith sharing and development of leadership skills.

We are planning an Information session via Zoom

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to mbarbieri@drvc.org to receive an invitation.

Offertory Support through ONLINE BILL PAY

is the form of Electronic Giving we have been using in the parish. Your bank offers this service, sending money out of your bank account to whomever you wish. ONLINE BILL PAY services will print an actual check and mail it to St. Margaret of Scotland. Sending your regular Offertory support electronically will save you time and money.

It is an easy way to continue your support of St Margaret of Scotland Parish during this difficult time. Your Bank **does not charge** a fee for this service. You have complete control of your funds, starting, stopping and changing at your will. We have no access to your accounts, receiving only what you wish. If you pay your bills this way currently, you know how easy it is.

To set up sending your Offertory Support all you need is:

Your St. Margaret Account Number: (**Located on your stewardship envelope directly under the date**)

(or call the Parish Center 631 -732-3131 x0 for your number). Please make sure this number is listed under notations or in address.

St. Margaret's Mailing Address:

St. Margaret of Scotland Church
81 College Road
Selden, NY 11784

1. Visit your bank's website or call your bank for more information.
2. On your bank's website: Click on BILL PAY or Pay Bills: each bank may have a different name for bill pay service.
3. Click on "Set up NEW PAYEE": Complete all required fields.
4. Enter amount you will be remitting. Schedule payments for desired frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly: 52x, 26x, 12x).

Envelopes Do Help

A special thank you to the parishioners who have been using envelopes. Please remember that the parish is not able to record your donation for tax purposes unless it is in an envelope. Use of envelopes helps us when asked to sign forms attesting to eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor, determine Faith Formation parish support, as well as Catholic school subsidy for individual families. **Please do not use staples or scotch tape. Thank you!**



First Prayer

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO MARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Glory Be (The Doxology)

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

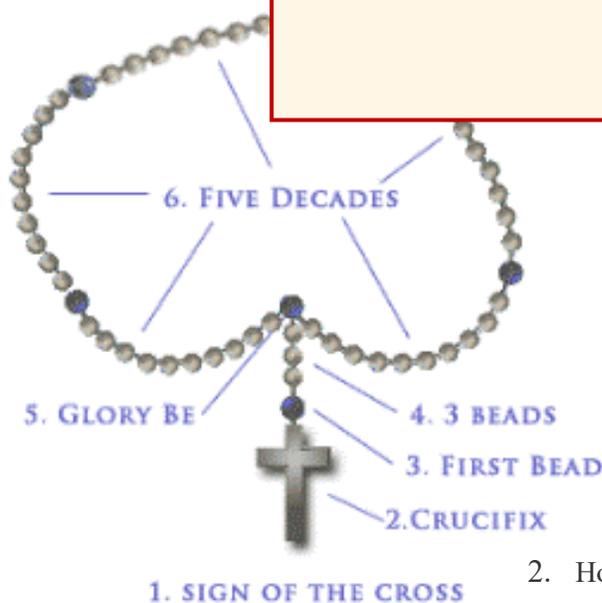
For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

Pope Francis



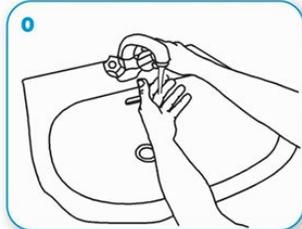
Praying the Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
 2. Holding the Crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.
 3. On the first bead, say an *Our Father*.
 4. Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
 5. Say the *Glory Be*
 6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the *Our Father*.
 7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten *Hail Mary's* while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*.
- After saying the five decades, say the *Hail, Holy Queen*, followed by this dialogue and prayer:
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

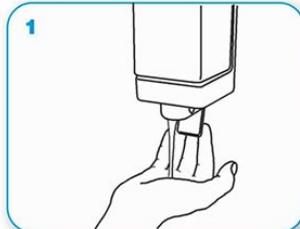
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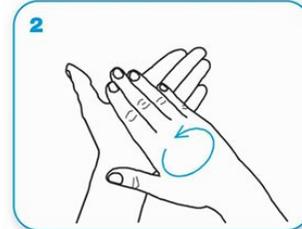
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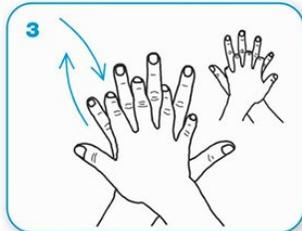
Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.



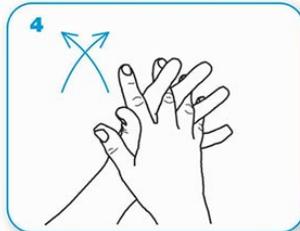
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.



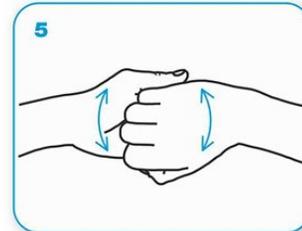
Give us this day our daily bread.



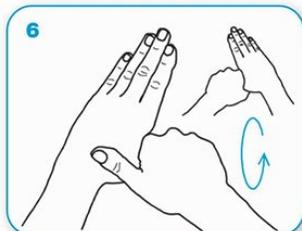
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.



And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us
from evil. Amen.



Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.



Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.



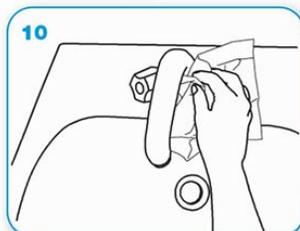
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners



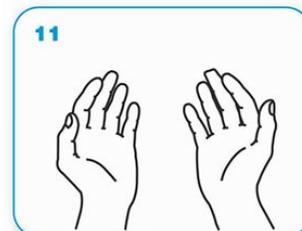
now, and at the hour of
our death. Amen.



Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.



As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.



Amen.

Clean hands are life savers

... and prayers save souls!