

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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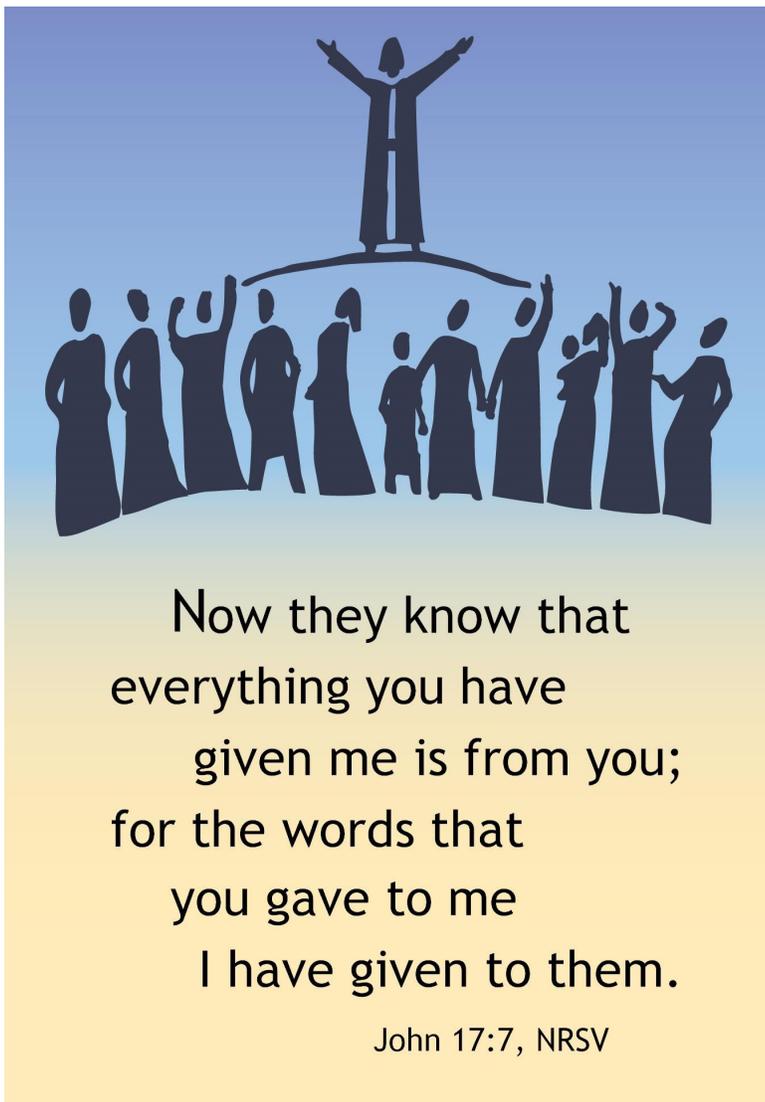
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Now they know that
everything you have
given me is from you;
for the words that
you gave to me
I have given to them.

John 17:7, NRSV

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 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

Sue Callari	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 are celebrated at this time, we will be saying masses for all the intentions arranged before the new directives.

Monday - May 25th
Deceased Military from St Margaret's

Tuesday - May 26th
No Intention

Wednesday - May 27th
No Intention

Thursday - May 28th
No Intention

Friday - May 29th
No Intention

Saturday - May 30th
Antonia, Pasquale & Rosa Palumbo

Sunday - May 31st
All the Souls in Purgatory

Helen Volpe
Carol Ann Devivo-Ortiz
All Parishioners

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



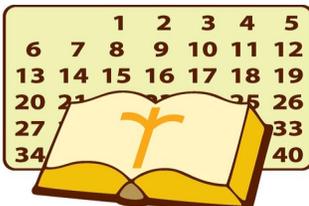
Alyssa Baisch
Gregory Bartnicki
Estelle Beauchamp
Lucy & Sarah Behie
Virginia Butler
Joe Callari

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
Natasha Roucoulet
Paul Tomko
Lorraine Vogel
Patricia Wovk

Amare Collins
Laura Durant
Frank Guttilla
Joseph Kiely
Eppie Larke
Anne Logan
Dominic Percoco
Laura Positano
Louis Roucoulet
June Tamillow
Robert Valletta
Warne Family

Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
Christina & Baby Muller
Marilyn & Steven Vacchio

Readings for Next Sunday Pentecost



First Reading.....Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading .. 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel John 20:19-23

Texts available @ www.usccb.org



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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.



24 May 2020

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The ten-day period between the Ascension of the Lord and the Descent of the Holy Spirit was a time of intense prayer by Mary, the Apostles and the other disciples. The Lord Jesus had left them; the promised Spirit had not yet come. It was a time of waiting in faith and hope. This year, Ascension Thursday occurred last Thursday and Pentecost is next weekend. Like them, let us use this time to pray for a release of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the world. Here is a prayer that can help.

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love.

Grant us the **Spirit of Fear of The Lord** that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You;

the **Spirit of Piety** that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others;

the **Spirit of Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage,
overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation;

the **Spirit of Knowledge** that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness;

the **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth;

the **Spirit of Counsel** that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will, seeking first the Kingdom;

Grant us the **Spirit of Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever.

Lord Jesus, teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen.

Fr. Jim Wood, Pastor

Announcements.

Mike Lorio, our Parish Facilities Manager, resigned from that position effective 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.

Mass Resumption Information

As this bulletin "went to press," we received word that Governor Cuomo is easing restrictions for religious celebrations of 10 people or less. Please Listen to the Announcements during our videoed Mass of May 24th for any new information about the new guidelines.

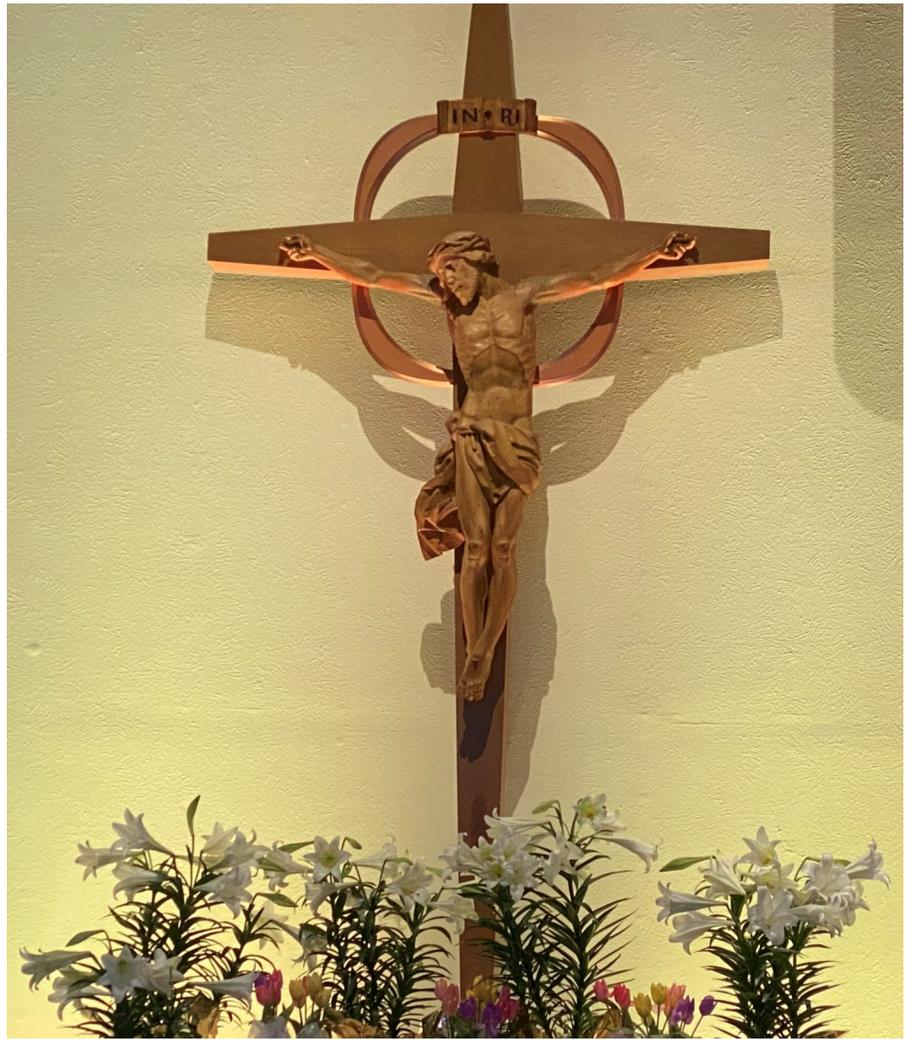
SUNDAY MASS AVAILABLE ON ST MARGARET'S WEBSITE

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.

Prayer for Memorial Day

Memorial Day reminds us of the sacrifice that many of our fellow citizens made for us and our nation. It is also a time to rededicate ourselves to working for a world where such sacrifices will no longer be needed. This goal cannot come from the efforts of individuals or governments alone. It can only come through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, ever present, but not always recognized. Let us pray with faith and hope as Jesus's followers in the Upper Room did so long ago. *Fr. Jim*

Father, on this Memorial Day, grant peace to the souls of all those who died in war, particularly those who gave their lives in service to our nation.

We remember with appreciation and humility the sacrifices they endured and the price they paid.

We remember the tears and grief of their families,

the pain of mothers, fathers, wives, husbands and children who lost precious loved ones.

Father, we pray also for our military personnel who struggle each day with the deep-seated pain of PTSD.

We ask that you, the Good Shepherd, walk with them through their personal dark valleys.

Give them hope and guide them to the support that they need and deserve.

To build a meaningful memorial to them, we ask God to give us all the will to work for peace everywhere so no more sons, daughters, husbands, wives, fathers, nor mothers are killed by the guns and bombs of war, whether in military service or as civilians.

We ask Mary, our Blessed Lady, who held the lifeless body of her son and was pierced by the sorrow of his suffering and death, to grant us the compassion and wisdom to affirm life and honor the dead through forgiveness and peace making.

May God have mercy on the souls of the departed. Grant them peace, O Lord.

May we have mercy on the living. Grant us your wisdom, O Lord. In Your name we pray. Amen.





Saint Anthony's High School

Franciscan Brothers

Online Virtual Info Sessions

Prospective Families are invited to join the Brothers and the Admissions Staff for a Webinar

Every Thursday at 3:00 PM

Prayer Virtual Tour Q & A

Register by e-mail at

ADMISSIONS@STANTHONYSHS.ORG

One Bread, One Body

We have received the booklets we distribute after mass every two months. With no public Masses being celebrated, we will be pleased to send you a copy of the Summer Season booklet to your home. If you wish a copy, please call the Parish Center during “working hours” and leave a message with your name, address and phone number (in case we have any questions).



Virtual Bereavement Support Groups

June
2020



Good Shepherd Hospice
Catholic Health Services
At the heart of health

Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group

June 11 thru July 16 / 1:00pm—2:30pm

Registration Required

Please email/call: Carolyn Lisi-Haas, LCSW-R @
[631-828-7629 / Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org](mailto:Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org)

Adult Loss of Parent or sibling Support Group

June 11 thru July 16 / 6:00pm—7:30pm

Registration Required

Please email/call: Jennifer Herzog, LMSW @
[631-828-7626 / Jennifer.Herzog@CHSLI.org](mailto:Jennifer.Herzog@CHSLI.org)



**Catholic
Health Services**
of Long Island

Emergency Care: Maximum Safety for Urgent and Emergent Needs

Catholic Health Heightened Safety Measures Protects Emergency Department Patients

Catholic Health Services (CHS) maintains the highest level of safety across its integrated health care system. We've elevated that stellar care as we battle COVID-19. This is critical, because even during a pandemic, people will have accidents or health issues requiring emergency care. CHS wants you to know our emergency departments (ED) are safe centers of care. In fact, CHS has been successfully treating patients across the system and performing emergency surgeries throughout this pandemic. Similarly, CHS has been delivering babies, protecting the well-being of both mother and child.

CHS has put extensive measures in place to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus—from intensive sanitization to safe social distancing to isolation of COVID-19 patients.

If you or a family member are experiencing any symptoms that may require emergency care, call 911 or drive directly to a CHS hospital. We're ready, safe and able to help you.

You may also contact our ambulance partner, Hunter Ambulance by calling (516/631)719-HELP.

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:

Vegetable Soup

Jars of Juice

Packaged Gravy

Packaged Mashed Potatoes

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!



TOWN OF
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NEW YORK

The Town of Brookhaven offers a great deal of information about the Coronavirus and its effects on our lives. For information on assistance offered by the town, go to: www.Brookhavenny.gov and click on the Coronavirus link in the upper left hand corner.

You can also learn the latest town information by following the town on: Facebook, Instagram or Twitter at "@BrookhavenTown."



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.

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 complete Chapter 23:

Spreading the kingdom of God - through words and actions - is a mandatory part of the Christian life for ALL believers, not just priests. At the start of Pope Francis's pontificate, he visited a juvenile prison, washed the feet of single mothers and went into the crowds to touch those who reached out to him. Even more startling today, about in this time if covid 19. Why did he do these things?

In a 2012 interview, he said, "We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a church that is wrapped up in its own world. ..It is true that going out on the street implies the risks of accidents happening, as they would for any ordinary man or woman. But.. If I had to choose between a wounded church that goes out to the streets and a sick, withdrawn church, I would definitely choose the first one."

To follow Jesus is to show concern for all, especially the poor and marginalized who are most in need of love and care. Through tiny acts of generosity and compassion, the church reached the farthest corners of the world. And through the Sacrament of Confirmation, each of us is equipped to go out and do the most important work in the name of Christ and his Church.

The Church is not buildings but people who share a faith in the message of Jesus Christ, his father and Spirit. It is by its nature, "missionary." It is each of our duties to build up and spread the kingdom of God. We will be called to account for what we do or do not do to the least of our brothers and sisters.

The kingdom is both now and yet to come. While you may not have celebrated Confirmation on May 14th, God has already given each of you the Gifts of the Spirit to help you do your part of bringing Christ to your classmates, your families, your neighbors and the world. You do not need to wait. The gifts are given to be shared.

We look forward to celebrating with you what God has already done for you.

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

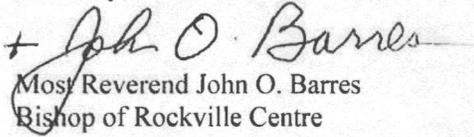
the celebration of Holy Sacraments. Please understand the enormous stress that this will place upon your very limited number of priests, some of whom are older and particularly vulnerable because of health concerns. We ask for your patience, understanding and compassion as your clergy serves you as best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

Our Prayers and our Gratitude

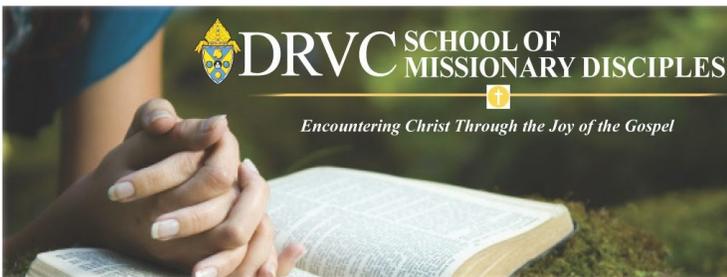
Dear friends, thank you for your prayers and support throughout this crisis. Your parish Church depends on weekly contributions in order to survive and carry on Christ's saving mission. The loss of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday collections is a serious hardship for the functioning of a parish. Likewise, 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!**



Faith-in-Action Weekend

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

The Fourth Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Service

“Go and pronounce the Gospel of the Lord.” We hear these words proclaimed at least once a week. We may understand what these words mean and we may also understand that we are called to be the Hands of Christ on earth, as St. Teresa told us. We may also make a commitment after every Mass to become better Catholics and citizens the upcoming week. However, we get busy during the week and go about the week doing the same old things.



This week make one commitment to be of service to the Lord and to others. The coronavirus and lockdown have seemed to completely change our lives for the time being. We may have loved ones or elderly neighbors who are sick or out of work and in need of some form of service. We may think we do not have the tools or chance to be of service to them. However, what may seem like a small, insignificant task such as a phone call, may be so large of a gift to them. Remember, what we do for others, we do for Christ.

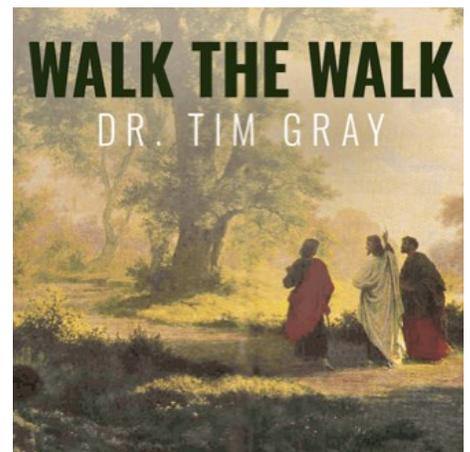
Right now, your prayers and communications to others could be a great service to those in need.

Living Stewardship

As Christian stewards we need to be of service to others. Everyone can be of service, every little bit of service is worth so much! A phone call to a lonely senior, a nice tip to a delivery driver, or giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are all great ways to practice simple, yet great, acts of service.

Intercession

For all of those who are essential workers, especially those in the medical field, who demonstrated what service is all about. We pray to the Lord...





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.

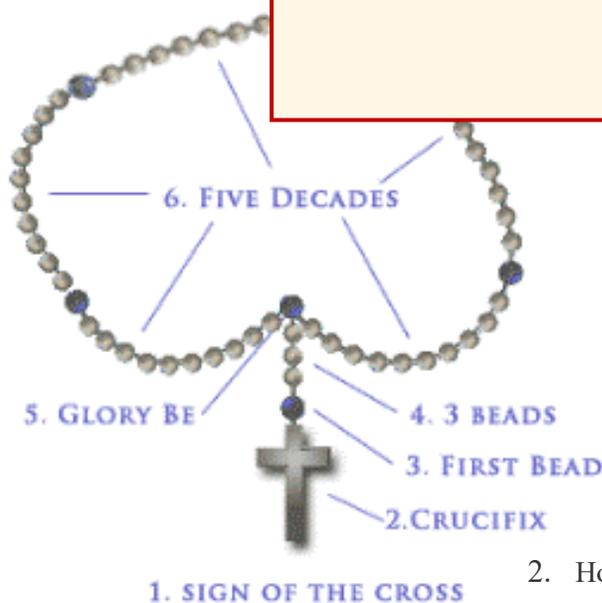
For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity,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



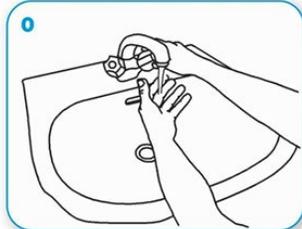
Praying the Rosary

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.

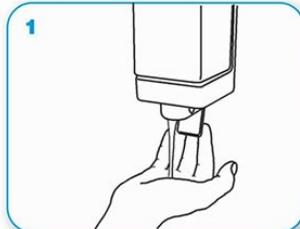
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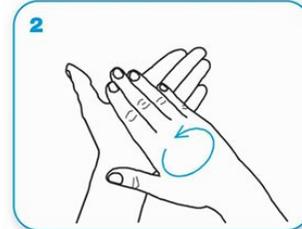
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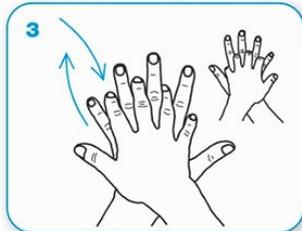
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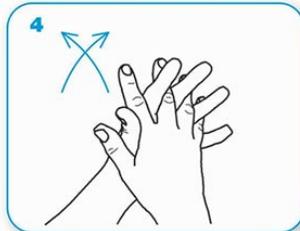
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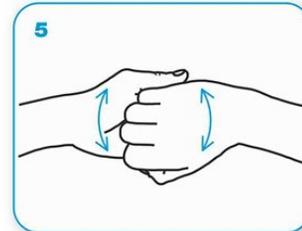
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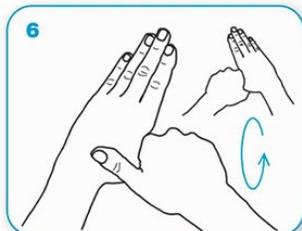
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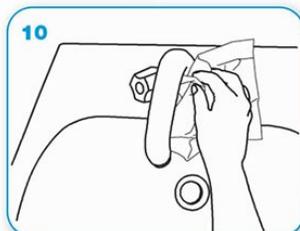
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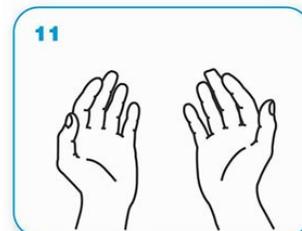
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Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.



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!