

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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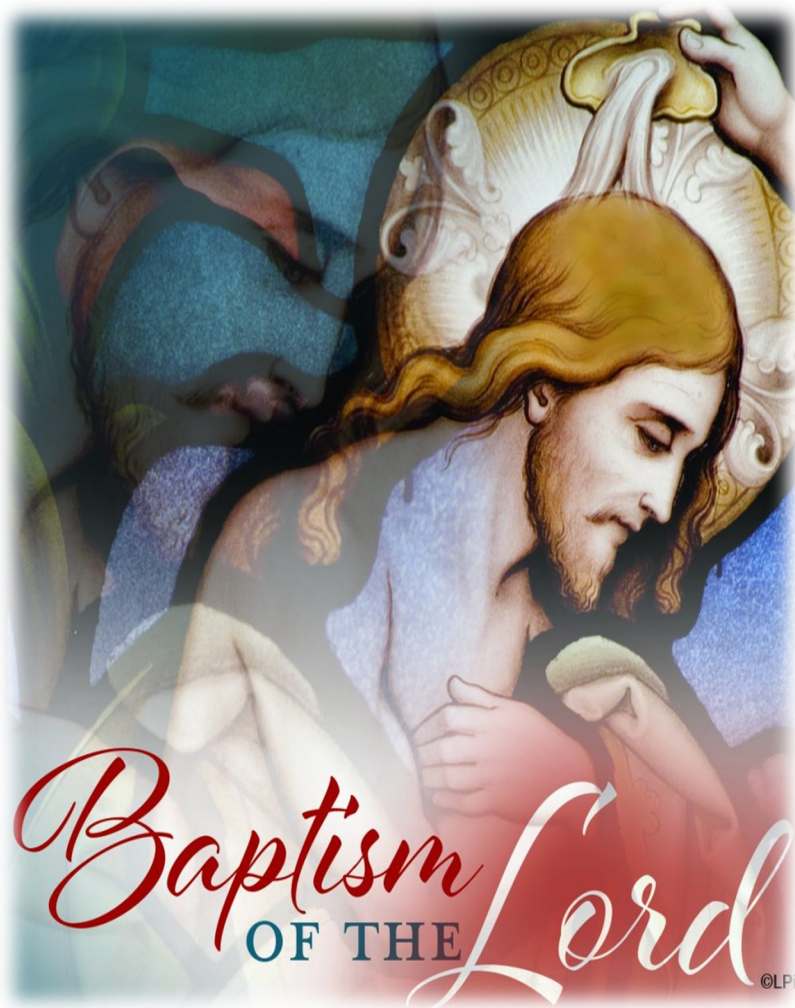
Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon, through Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

Confessions: Saturday—1-2 PM in the
Parish Center or by appointment.



January 10, 2021

Phone: (631) 732-3131

the Parish Office
will be open limited hours during the week

Mon, Tue & Wed 9am to 1pm

Any meeting will be by appointment Only.

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Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: As baptized Catholics, we are sent on a mission to spread the Good News of the Lord. What is one extra thing you can do this week to spread the Good News to a neighbor, family member or friend?

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	2021	#
Collected at Mass	355	11,775 ^{.50}	4,695 ^{.50}	107
Mailed Envelopes	32	2,342	4,839	72
Electronic Donations	33	2,255	5,460	57
Total Collection	420	16,372^{.50}	14,994^{.50}	236

Mass Attendance	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	91	84	90	101	366
<i>Last Year</i>	250	174	307	298	1029

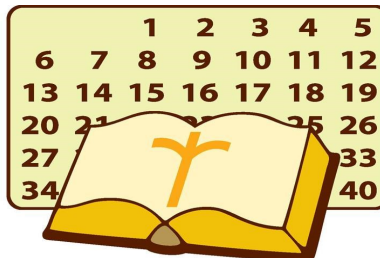
Readings for Next Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel Jn 1: 35-42



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.

Please note the change of office hours due to COVID 19 Pandemic.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center: Monday - Wednesday:
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment—x131.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center: Thursday 10 am – 2 pm.
Or call for appointment—x119.

Masses for the Week

As We Resume Public Masses, all attending: please observe social distancing

Monday - January 11th

Tuesday - January 12th

Wednesday - January 13th

Thursday, - January 14th

Harry Aretakis

Friday - January 15th

Charlene Azzara

Saturday - January 16th

11^{am} Video Mass

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

5^{pm}

Sunday – January 17th

8^{am}

Mike Pulisic

10^{am}

12^{pm}

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



Logan Baar

John & Patricia Friscina

Estelle Beauchamp

Lucy & Sarah Behie

Virginia Butler

Eric Cohen

Lorraine Vogel

Laura Durant

Frank Guttilla

Joseph Kiely

Warne Family

Anne Logan

Dominic Percoco

Laura Positano

Patricia Wowk

Terri Persina

Alyssa Baisch

Jillian Brown

Robert J. Heege

Kathleen Weiss

De Santis Family

June Tamillow

Robert Valletta

Sharon Klyn

Michael C. Liotta

Christine Mc Cusker

Gina Rosenberg

Cathy Reynolds

Natasha Roucoulet

Veronica Sheridan-Cox

Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri

Christina & Baby Muller

Marilyn & Steven Vacchio

Babies Greyson & Aubrey

Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri

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,

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

One gift we give each other at Christmas is making the Season as festive as we can. More than in previous years, our efforts in 2020 were so very important. The decorations around us and in our homes were not only beautiful and reassuring. They became windows to look out beyond the pandemic and celebrate the promise of the Birth of our Savior!

At our parish as everywhere else, adaptation was needed due to trying to stay safe. Thus, instead of one big gathering of volunteers to take down the Advent items and put up the Christmas decorations, it had to be done gradually. But the result on Christmas Eve and Day and throughout the Christmas Season was one that lifted the heart!

And so, as we celebrate the last of the Christmas feasts, the Baptism of the Lord, I want to say THANK YOU to all who were able to assist in:

- ♦ Helping families to have a brighter Christmas than they could on their own through the Outreach Christmas boutique;
- ♦ Setting up the manger pieces over the weeks of Advent as well as the trees and other large decorations in the Church and lobby;
- ♦ Arranging all the flowers so artistically;
- ♦ Serving the parish family through the various liturgical ministries (Musicians, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers & Greeters), despite the depleted numbers due to the pandemic;
- ♦ Beautifying the Church through contributing for the church flowers;
- ♦ The extra behind-the-scenes preparation details needed, particularly watering the flowers.



Thanks, too, for the cards and delicious goodies that made the Parish Center and the Residence cheerier!

To one and all, thank you so much! ~ Fr. Jim

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION ~ Saturdays ~ 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Due to the need for privacy without using an enclosed room, we are using the Parish Center foyer. A screen divides the foyer between the priest and the penitent. There is no chair or kneeler since we could not disinfect them. You simply come in, stay standing, confess, receive your penance and depart.



In warm weather, the red front door is propped open. *If you see someone in the foyer, do not come up the walkway! Remain on the sidewalk (or in your car) to keep a safe distance.*

In cold weather, the door needs to stay closed.
Please knock and wait to be invited in.



Long Island Coalition for Life

Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on Sunday, January 17, 2021, from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow), a hospital that commits abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL (631) 243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Kieran Edward Voulo

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge. Upcoming Virtual Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

Loss Due to COVID-19 Bereavement Support Group 1/7/21 - 2/11/21 - 1:00pm-2:30pm

Registration Required - Please email/call: Jennifer Herzog, LMSW (631) 828-7636 / Jennifer.Herzog@CHSLI.org

Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group 1/12/21 - 2/16/21 - 12:00pm-1:30pm

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

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Bereavement Support Group 1/12/21 - 2/16/21 - 5:00pm-6:30pm

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

Faith Formation

LEVEL 2

Your next gathering will be Monday, Jan. 11th ~ 6-7pm

LEVEL 7

Your next gathering will be Tues., Jan. 12th ~ 6:30-8pm

LEVEL 4

Your next gathering will be Weds., Jan. 13th ~ 6:30-8pm

**Catechists
& Volunteers
are needed one
day a month**

Full Time Business Manager

The Parish of St. Gerard Majella in Port Jefferson Station is seeking a full time Business Manager to oversee the physical and financial resources of the parish. This position requires flexibility in schedule to attend meetings, coordinate projects and attend to emergencies. This position reports directly to the Pastor. College degree required, preferably in Accounting or related fields. Send cover letter and resume to Fr. Gregory Rannazzisi, Pastor, by email only: frgreg@stgmajella.org.

Tax Statements

Call the Parish Center if you would like your 2020 tax statement at 732-3131 x133. Please leave a clear message with your name, address and if you know your envelope number which is located under the DATE. Statements will be mailed near the end of the January. Thank you.

All Capital Campaign Contributions over \$250.00 will be mailed automatically and separately. If below this amount

Parish Social Ministry

**Thank You
to all who have donated to the Pantry.
We are able to keep our Selden
families supplied with your generosity!**

St. Vincent de Paul Society has opened the Clothing Bins

**next to the ballfield on the north side of our
property for your donations.**

Thank you for your patience and donations.

Please do not leave clothing at our Thrift Shop entrance or our Parish Center doors. We do not have a Thrift Shop open to accommodate. You may take items to St. Gerard Majella on Terryville Rd. PJS or Resurrection Parish on Granny Road in Farmingville. Thank you.

SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5^{pm} Saturday and 8^{am}, 10^{am} and Noon, the Sunday Mass continues to be streamed each weekend. There are two ways to watch it:

First, on our website WWW.SAINTMARGARET.COM. Click the "Learn More" link on the "Online Masses and Latest Bulletin" page. It will take you to an info page; click link for "Online Mass." All the Masses since March are available. (In addition to our Mass, there is a link for the masses celebrated each day from St Agnes Cathedral.)

Second, there is a St. Margaret of Scotland channel on YouTube. Go to the YouTube app, search for St. Margaret of Scotland and look for our logo. (There are other parishes with the same name.) Only the video for the current weekend is available.



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.

St. Margaret's Website

Keep up to date with all Faith Formation, info & bulletins. Go check it out & make it a favorite!

SAINTMARGARET.COM

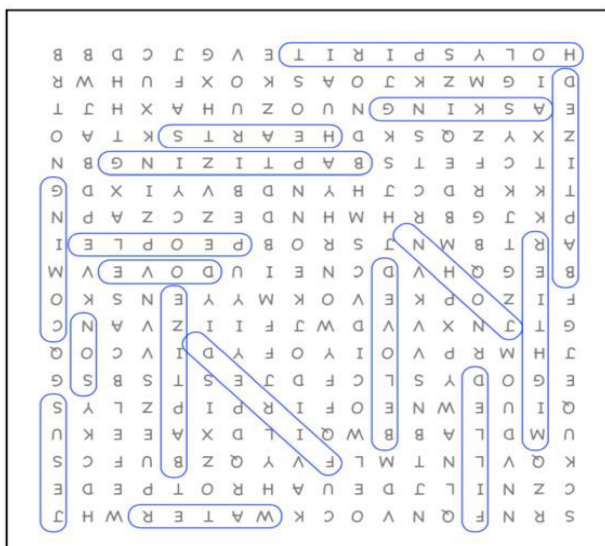
Baptism of the Lord

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ASKING
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HEARTS
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SON

BAPTIZE
BELOVED
FILLED
HOLY SPIRIT
MIGHTIER
WATER

BAPTIZED
COMING
FIRED
JESUS
PEOPLE



Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on March 6-7, 2021. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or to register visit

www.longisland.engagedencounter.com.





“Religion and Rock” is a nationally syndicated, 60 minute, classic rock program. It is hosted by Msgr. Jim Vlaun, a priest of our Diocese. Every week, Fr. Jim takes a theme and explores it through various songs.

Tune into “Religion and Rock” on Sunday from 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End.

Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel

and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Each week’s theme is listed below.

To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at “Religion & Rock” on ITUNES.

Don’t forget to tune into CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit www.cfnv.org !

Msgr. Jim Vlaun ~ Executive Producer

www.religionandrock.com

January 2021

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28 Coping

28 Coping

April

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June

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13 Moving On
20 Being Joyful
27 Special Days

Social Security Administration ~ Important Information

We are still available to help by phone. A local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9AM-4PM.

1-866-771-1991 ~ (TTY) 1-800-325-0778

We may be able to schedule an appointment if we cannot help you by phone. Please do not come into one of our local offices as we cannot accept walk in visitors. You may also visit SSA.gov to complete a service online.

25 Community

Sunday, Jan 10, 2021 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Do justice

We sometimes imagine it's about collecting sacraments. Or stockpiling mountains of prayers. Writing fat checks to charities. Or being nice to people we don't like. But the prophets relentlessly insist that what God desires from us is a just world. Where there's a privileged class, abominable wage gaps, racist systems, and deeply disproportionate outcomes for a nation's citizens, the peaceable reign of God can't gain a foothold. Contemplate categories of injustice—education, health care, employment opportunities, criminal justice—to name a few. Make one your special cause, learn all you can, and educate others about it. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:1-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; 1 John 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11 (21).* “A smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth.”

Monday, Jan 11 FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Nothing ordinary about the reign of God

Today is the first weekday of Ordinary Time—that period in the church's liturgical year after the close of the Christmas season that stretches until Ash Wednesday (and then picks up after Pentecost until Advent begins again). This time after the holidays can indeed seem “ordinary,” when all the commotion dies down and all the decorations are put away. Some people, especially those who live with long, cold winters, might even feel a little blue. But while sacred seasons are important, getting down to business is too. After all, there's a reign of God to help build. Think about everything Jesus did between the bookends of his life that we celebrate—and roll up your sleeves for some extraordinary work. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20 (305).* “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Tuesday, Jan 12 The power of a name

The Holy Name of Jesus is a devotion that was championed by Saint Bernardino of Siena in the 1400s—with the Holy Name Society dating to the 1200s. As a feast day, it's been celebrated during the first week of January by various Christian denominations and by Catholic religious orders, most notably the Jesuits, who use a monogram of the name (IHS) as their emblem. For Catholics, the entire month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Pray the of the Holy Name of Jesus today, recalling how even the unclean spirits of Jesus' day recognized his name. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 (306).* “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?”

Weds., Jan 13 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Be gracious in your disagreements-

Catholics of the 21st century profess the belief that Jesus is both human and divine every time we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass. However, that profession of faith was challenged mightily in the fourth century when followers of Arius argued that Jesus was a great man—but not God. The conflict involved bishops and emperors on both sides and it went on for years. Hilary of Poitiers converted to Christianity at the age of 35 and was elected a bishop three years later. Hilary was a friendly and courteous man who persistently championed belief in Jesus' divinity. Even exile did not silence his voice. In our own times of conflict and division, Saint Hilary, guide us to God's grace. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39 (307).* “For this purpose have I come.”

Thursday, Jan 14 Reach out and touch an outcast

Jesus heals a leper in today's gospel. Leprosy is relatively rare now in most regions of the world, so it's hard to understand the fear and revulsion that people with this disease triggered at one time. Even someone as close to God as Saint Francis struggled to be comfortable with touching a leper. Every age has its outcasts, and the Christian challenge has always been to learn to accept those others find unacceptable, love those others find unlovable. Prisoners, poor people, those with dark skin or foreign accents, the homeless—the list of modern lepers is long. Who do you avoid? Acknowledging your aversion is a step toward acceptance. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45 (308).* “He . . . touched the leper, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’ ”

Friday, Jan 15 Color blind no more

Today in Guatemala, a major religious procession honors an image of Christ on the cross carved from dark wood and renowned throughout the region as the “Black Christ of Esquipulas.” The statue was commissioned by Spanish colonial leaders looking to convert the indigenous people who worshipped a dark-skinned deity. Today the image affirms the fact that in Latin America there has been a certain “fluidity between races through inter-marriage and more blending of cultures and religions when compared to the experience of Native Americans and African Americans,” as El Paso Bishop Mark J. Seitz wrote in a remarkable pastoral letter on the history of racism, *Night Will Be No More*. Today would be a good day to dip into this document for insights into the history and persistence of racism, regionwide. May the Black Christ be a symbol of hope! TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12 (309).* “They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this.’ ”

Saturday, Jan 16 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Be present to the Presence

The great paradox of God's kingdom is often expressed in the teachings of Jesus: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the last are first, the dead live. The first and most profound paradox is that the Virgin conceives. Our Blessed Mother experienced the coming Kingdom in her own body. She shares that experience with us in our communion with the Lord. We carry the Real Presence of the Savior in our own bodies. The ongoing paradox is that the Lord calls us, who are sinners, to be the vessels of his presence in the world. Express that presence today by lifting up the lowly. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17 (310).* “I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”



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