

# 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.



*“He Commands even the unclean spirits  
and they obey him.” Mk 1: 27*

## January 31, 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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## Dear Parishioners and Visitors, ”

Mark's Gospel is the first written down and closest to the period it describes: about 30 years after the fact. Tradition says that John Mark (who is mentioned in *The Acts of the Apostles*) was a companion of St. Peter and he based his Gospel on Peter's teachings. Compared to the other Gospels, Mark writes with an urgency and an immediacy that moves us along quickly. The story of Jesus's Baptism (Jan. 10), the calling of the Disciples (Jan. 24) and his first exorcism (today) come from the first chapter of the Gospel...and the chapter is not finished! The teaching of Jesus was confirmed by immediate action that did what he said it would do: reveal the Kingdom in our midst.

This kind of action is particular to Mark's gospel. Matthew's account contains the most teaching (75 percent) but spends only 9 percent of his narrative on healing. By contrast, 20 percent of Mark's Gospel is devoted to healings. Mark (and Peter?) viewed healing as a definitive part of the teaching of Jesus. Healings are the periods at the end of his sentences, so to speak. Healings are the aspect of teaching that break into time and prove everything Jesus is saying is for real. How do we live this gospel today? We too stand in the crowd around Jesus, hungry for truth amid deceptive and empty phrases. Jesus wanted to bring the Kingdom message to as many as possible as soon as he could. Do we bring our needs forward without hesitation or embarrassment? Do we trust that Kingdom is coming, right into our midst? ~Fr. Jim

PS. Speaking of things moving quickly, Lent begins early this year. Ash Wednesday is only two and a half weeks away (Feb 17)! As with many Church celebrations, there will be some necessary changes, but we will let you know in the coming weeks' bulletins.

### 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.*

### Sacraments are Celebrations!



**Baptisms**  
Adrian Jet Baal



**2021  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE



*One Family in Mission*  
Creating Pathways to Faith

Pope Francis calls each of us to be instruments of Jesus' love and compassion to those in need. Journeying together with Long Island's faithful, we have the opportunity to act on this call through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). When we support the CMA, we are working together to create pathways of love and compassion by providing programs that serve disadvantaged families, our senior citizens, those struggling with substance abuse and those in need of housing. Additionally, the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps lay paths of evangelization through the formation of our priests, deacons and lay leaders. It assists in training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families, and programs that promote the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all Long Island.



**100% of every dollar raised is restricted to serve the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

# Faith Formation

## LEVEL 1

Your next gathering will be Mon., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 6-7pm

## LEVEL 6

Your next gathering will be Tues., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 6:30-8pm

## LEVEL 3

Your next gathering will be Weds., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 6:30-8pm



## Parish Social Ministry

We will be available to accept donations at the Parish Center Back Door on **Thursday from 9am until 11am or during office hours listed on the front cover.**

### **Food / Toiletry Items**

**Package Gravy, Saltines, Beef Stew, Egg Noodles, Tissues**

*A very special **THANK YOU to all!***

**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.*

### **New Parishioner?**

### **Moving out of the parish?**

Kindly fill out the form below—drop it in collection basket or mail to Parish Center. It will help us keep our files up-to-date and welcome newcomers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_

## SUNDAY MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5<sup>pm</sup> Saturday and 8<sup>am</sup>, 10<sup>am</sup> 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](http://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.

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.

February is **American Heart Month**



# BLOOD DRIVE

## St. Margaret of Scotland

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

2:00pm to 8:00pm

81 College Road, Selden

Located in the Church auditorium

**Each donor will receive a McDonalds voucher!**

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED – in order to socially distance**

To make an appointment visit [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)

Or call 1-800-933-2566/ 1-646-739-1827

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card  
or ID with name and photo.

#### DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

*Please be aware that we do **NOT** test for COVID-19. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.*



#nybloodcenter

[nybc.org](http://nybc.org)

1.800.933.BLOOD

**New York** Blood Center



Tune into “*Religion and Rock*,” a nationally syndicated, 60 minute, classic rock program. Each week, Msgr. Jim Vlaun, a priest of our Diocese, takes a theme and explores it through various songs.

Broadcast on Sundays from 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM; on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

The upcoming themes are: Jan 31: Spirituality, Feb. 7: Forgiveness, Feb. 14: Relationships

For more info, go to: [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com)

## 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 please call and leave a message on x 128 to receive a copy.

## 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.

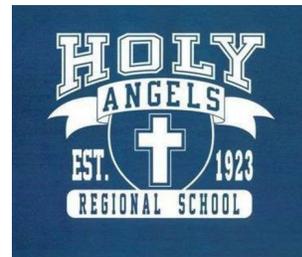


## St. Margaret’s Website

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

[SAINTMARGARET.COM](http://SAINTMARGARET.COM)

## Holy Angels Regional School 1 Division St., Patchogue NY Virtual Open House and Registration Beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>.



For more information, please visit  
[www.holyangelsregional.org](http://www.holyangelsregional.org)  
or contact the Main Office  
631-475-0422.

Through Faith We Grow!

## 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](http://www.longisland.engagedencounter.com)

## Sunday, Jan 31, 2021 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Strengthen the partnership**

The relationship between parishes and schools is long and intimate—important to note at the start of Catholic Schools Week. After the first Catholic diocese was established in the United States in Baltimore, pastors lobbied at once for schools and religious to staff them. Frontier pastors vowed to build the school first and the church later. They understood that without proper religious education, the parish venture would certainly fail. Today, celebrate this essential partnership with a holy hour, candlelight prayer vigil, or special project in the parish for young people and their supporters. TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28 (71)*. “*What is this? A new teaching with authority.*”

## Monday, Feb 01 **Example is the best education**

Each day of Catholic Schools Week is the celebration of a component of Catholic education. Today we look at the experience of community. Through the relationships and interactions of service activities in the community and class trips to other environs, students get to practice the values they learn in their Catholic education and experience what it feels like to be making the world a better place. Plus they get a chance to observe others in community service and come to appreciate how they can continue caring for others their entire lives. Today, be an example of service to others. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323)*. “[A]nnounce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.”

## Tuesday, Feb 02 **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Teach a faith that grows on you**

Mary and Joseph bring their beloved firstborn to the temple at the appointed time, so Jesus can enter into the covenant with Yahweh that Jews have revered since Abraham. Not unlike infant Baptism today, it was—among other things—a powerful ritual of belonging that put the child on the right path to growing in faith. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week—with the focus today being squarely on “the student”—may we never forget or neglect the promise of every young soul, so receptive to our efforts to plant the seeds of faith. TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524)*. “*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.*”

## Wednesday, Feb 03 **One nation, under God**

Catholic schools have made a unique contribution to the nation, and today we can recognize and celebrate that contribution. At their very best, Catholic schools train students to grow both as members of the Catholic church and as productive citizens of the nation. By “rendering to Caesar and to God,” Catholic schools in the United States have managed to achieve that rare combination in world history, the development of a relatively harmonious church-state relationship that has endured for centuries. the NCEA website for suggestions on how to celebrate the nation during Catholic Schools Week. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325)*. “*Many who heard him were astonished. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?’*”

## Thursday, Feb 04 **Line things up**

Catholic schools prepare students to discover their vocation, so they can grow to use their gifts in service of church and world. Over the years, our notion of “vocation” has broadened significantly. A word that once designated those who take religious vows or are ordained into ministry is now used more broadly. No one defined vocation better than essayist and theologian Carl Frederick Buechner: “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Are the two aligned in your life? And if not, how can you bring them into alignment? TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13 (326)*. “*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two.*”

## Friday, Feb 05 **Thank those who opened your mind**

Where would any of us be without our teachers? They did everything from helping us with our “three R’s” to opening our minds to new ways of seeing the world. The really great teachers taught us how to learn for ourselves and thus set us up for a lifetime of discovery and fulfillment. When was the last time you thanked a teacher? Today is the day Catholic Schools Week pays special attention to the faculty, staff, and volunteers that make it possible for these great schools to function. See NCEA website for suggestions on how to give thanks and recognition. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327)*. “*The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid.*”

## Saturday, Feb 06 **Make faith a family affair**

We close Catholic Schools Week by recognizing the central role in Catholic education played by the family. The Second Vatican Council called the family “the domestic church” because it is in the home that faith is first formed and nurtured. Whether you live alone or with others, your home can be a sacred space of prayer and spirituality. Creating sacred space in your home includes prayer and scripture readings at meal times and before bed; praying the Rosary; placing a crucifix in a prominent place; and family traditions based on the liturgical seasons. for ways to recognize the family’s role in Catholic education and also to make your home a domestic church. Have at it! TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328)*. “*The Apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught.*”



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