

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

*Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service*



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## ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

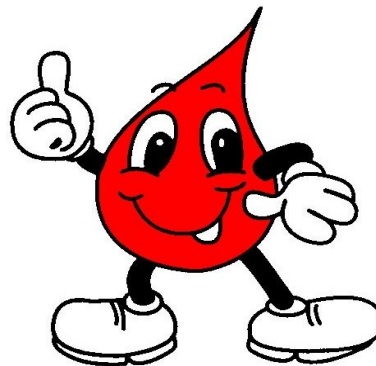
Weekday: (Mon, through Fri) 9am

Sunday: Sat - 5pm,

Sun - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

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

## ***Parish Blood Drive***



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**2 TO 8 PM ~ AUDITORIUM**

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

## **February 7, 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.*

Fax (631) 732 - 8827

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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.*

## Dear Parishioners and Visitors, .”

An phrase, hardly used any more, expressed admiration for someone who was going through trying times: “They have the patience of Job.” The problem is – the picture of Job we have in the Bible is anything but patient! The first reading shows us that Job was comfortable complaining and presuming that God was not going to help him. Life is hard, your work is repetitive, your nights sleepless, your days unhappy. Oh, and then you die.

Most people spend a season or two of their lives sharing those thoughts of Job. Money evaporates. People you cherish and depend on are lost to you. Your health fails. Family and friends seem less than understanding. Some of these factors may be entirely beyond your control, but you do have one real choice in the matter of your existence: whether to curse God, lie down, and let fate run over you or whether to renew your confidence that the Lord of the Universe is, always and everywhere, on your side.

Job’s words are a good starting point for what Lent can be for us this year. Thinking back on how the pandemic has affected our lives so much, all of us can see clearly that what we thought was so solid in our lives can change in an instant. Ash Wednesday is about 10 days away. So, instead of focusing only on our sinful habits and asking God for the grace to change them, Lent can be a time to do some soul-searching about where our true confidence lies. ~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.*



### 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.*

**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 2

Your next gathering will be Mon., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 6-7pm

## LEVEL 7

Your next gathering will be Tues., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30-8pm

## LEVEL 4

Your next gathering will be Weds., Feb. 10<sup>th</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, Toothpaste**

***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**

**All donors will receive a free antibody test! This does not include  
presenting donors and a McDonald's 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.*

# Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

This year, during this time of pandemic, Pope Francis sent guidelines that the parishes in the United State should distribute ashes in the manner they are distributed in Rome and most of the world. Rather than marking each person with the ashes in the shape of a cross, they should be sprinkled on the head of the person asking to be marked.

**CDC guidelines do not allow for the past custom of American Catholics receiving the imposition of ashes on their foreheads. This year, in response to concerns of personal contact, we will be sprinkling ashes on the heads of those wishing to receive them.**

As you can see from the Bible stories mentioned below, the sprinkling of ashes is an ancient tradition and is the format used by the Church in most other parts of the world. As has happened for millennia, the people of God, as they enter into a period of intense prayer and preparation are sprinkled with ashes.

In Genesis 3:19, God tells Adam “You are dust and unto dust you shall return.” Here, ashes are a sign of our mortality, we will all return to dust and ashes.

In Job 42:6, as Job stands before God, he says, “therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes”. We see dust and ashes not only as a sign of mortality, but also of repentance for sins.

Recently we heard in one of our Sunday readings (3rd Sunday in Ordinary time - Jonah 3: 1-10) how the king, people and animals of Nineveh fasted, put on sackcloth and sat in ashes in response to Jonah’s proclamation that if they did not repent, God would destroy Nineveh.

1 Maccabees chapter 3, tells us that the people of Israel, when entering into a period of intense prayer, “fasted that day, and they put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads, and rent their clothes.”

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It should be remembered, that Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation and there is no requirement for the faithful to receive ashes. We honor the beginning of our Lenten journey not because someone has told us we must, but because we personally feel the need to voluntarily enter into the prayer, fasting, and alms giving that prepare us to celebrate the life, passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We feel this need maybe more deeply this year as we pass the one year mark of the global pandemic.



## NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY

### Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. **The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.**

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

Robert Cardinal. Sarah

Prefect

## Sunday, Feb 07, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Game on

The odds for Super Bowl Sunday 2021 were available last February. Tickets for the game have been on sale for as long. But things don't always happen the way we plan them. Last year, when the Chiefs were pitted against the 49ers, no one imagined how the world would change between one Super Bowl and the next. Still, Jesus comes into our midst wherever we are, whatever our circumstances, and grasps us by the hand. We can't be sure of the game plan for the future. But we can trust that Jesus will be there for us. TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 (74).* "Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. . . . [Jesus] grasped her hand, and helped her up."

## Monday, Feb 08 MEMORIAL OF JEROME EMILIANI, PRIEST Share the love to feel the love

Who hasn't felt all alone before? Perhaps let down or left by a loved one. Perhaps in such dire straits that you thought even God abandoned you. Jerome Emiliani is the saint for those low points. He found God in ultimate isolation—prison. Once free, he became a priest and devoted himself to the abandoned of 16th-century Venice—especially orphans and prostitutes. When you feel stricken with an orphan spirit, remember that you are a beloved child of a loving Creator who will never let you go. Show that same love to those who need you most. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56 (329).* "They laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak."

## Tuesday, Feb 09 Be the change

Gregory XV became pope by "popular acclaim" on this day in 1621—interesting, because he changed the tradition soon after. Instead, Gregory made the case for the first secret ballot when electing a pope. He also did other remarkable things, considering his papacy lasted barely two years. He established the first missionary organization of the Vatican, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And he canonized these beloved saints: Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Francis Xavier, and Philip Neri. Is there a change you've been meaning to make in your own practice of the faith? Begin today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13 (330).* "The Pharisees and scribes questioned him, 'Why do your disciples not follow the tradition?'"

## Wednesday, Feb 10 MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN God's assistance rains down

There are few details of Saint Scholastica's early life, but we do know that this sister of Benedict of Nursia entered religious life and lived in a women's monastery a few miles from her brother's in Monte Cassino. Perhaps the most enduring story about Scholastica is one that pits her will against her brother's when she begs him to extend their yearly visit and spend the night in prayer and conversation. Benedict resists, not wishing to break his own rule with a night away from home. Determined, Scholastica asks God for assistance, and a torrential rainstorm ensues that settles the matter in her favor—Benedict will spend the night. Never doubt that you are worthy to ask for God's help. Trust your heart to know what will draw you closer to God. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23 (331).* "When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth."

## Thursday, Feb 11 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES Turn to Mary

Much of Jesus' ministry had to do with some form of healing, and today's memorial, Our Lady of Lourdes, recognizes Mary's 18 reported appearances in Lourdes, France, a place of pilgrimage known for healing powers. Millions of people a year travel to Lourdes in search of healing; many report spiritual peace and transformation, and a handful even report experiencing cures without medical explanation. Today is also World Day of the Sick. It's an ideal day to ask Mary to intercede on behalf of healing that we need—or that our friends and loved ones desire. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30 (332).* "Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet."

## Friday, Feb 12 Say their name

This day, falling between World Day of the Sick and Valentine's Day, brings thoughts of how many are left alone after COVID deaths. Advertisers are pushing candy, cards, and flowery bouquets, but the countercultural church also counsels that we pay kind attention to those who are grieving. Practical actions are often most helpful: not only shoveling a driveway or baking some bread, but also reaching out and just listening to whatever is on the grieving person's heart. Sometimes all a grieving person wants is to name the beloved and talk about them again. Being a good listener is a welcome gift. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37 (333).* "They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well.'"

## Saturday, Feb 13 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturdays belong to Mary

For more than a thousand years, the Catholic Church has dedicated most Saturdays to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The reason for choosing Saturday above all other days has been lost to antiquity. But according to tradition, Saturday has been set aside to celebrate the maternal example of Mary and witness to her dedicated discipleship as a woman of God and a follower of Jesus. The weekly memorial serves as a reminder that she is continuously present and operative in the life of the church. Reflect on how the Blessed Virgin Mary has been present and active in your life. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 (334).* "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."



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