

# 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.



## February 28, 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,

To go from the desert in last week's Gospel to the top of a mountain in this week's reading is a dramatic change. Mountains have always fascinated humans because of their grandeur, their challenge or their protection. Spiritually, the contrast between desert and mountain teaches us that God can use many different experiences to help us grow closer to him. In fact, mountains are associated with many important and different experiences in the Bible. Here is a list of some of the more important ones. Can you remember what happened on each of these mountains? [Answers below]

- 1) Mount Ararat    2) Mount Moriah    3) Mount Sinai
- 4) Mount Horeb    5) Mount Zion    6) Mount Carmel
- 7) Mount Tabor    8) Mount of Olives    9) Mount of the Beatitudes ~ *Fr. Jim*

Answers: 1) place where Noah's Ark landed    2) Offering of Isaac (*today's first reading*); later where the Jewish Temple was and the Dome of the Rock is in Jerusalem    3) Moses received the 10 Commandments    4) Another name for Sinai  
5) David's City at Jerusalem    6) Prophet Elijah defeated the pagan priests; later the Carmelite order was begun    7) place of the Transfiguration (*today's Gospel*)    8) site of the Agony in the Garden before Jesus's Passion    9) Jesus offered the Sermon on the Mount (beginning with the Beatitudes).

## 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.***

## Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

In keeping with the spirit of penance, Catholics are asked to observe the following practices:

**Good Friday** is a day of fast\* and abstinence\*\*

**All Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence\*\*

\***Fasting:** All between the ages of 18 and 59 may eat only one full meal & two small meals on these days (no snacks).

\*\***Abstinence:** All from the age of seven onwards abstain from meat on these days.

***Illness always exempts people from these requirements.***

## Thank You ~ Blood Drive Success!

Our parish blood drive was again successful in collecting: **39 pints of blood!** You have kindly donated your Blood so that someone else might be given a chance at life. Thank you all for your unselfish gesture! *Your Blood Drive Committee*



**2021  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**  
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ROCKVILLE CENTRE



*One Family in Mission*  
Creating Pathways to Faith

Catholic Charities and Parish Outreach staff have continued, even in the most difficult times, to bring care, love and the face of Jesus to those in need.

Local parishes and their volunteers are the lifeblood of parish social ministry on Long Island. Most of the Diocese of Rockville Centre's 133 parishes provide services in some form to its community. Across Long Island, the combined parish ministries serve as many as 75,000 people in need each year. Catholic Charities provides support and resources to local parish social ministry efforts on Long Island through a number of programs.

*"We support our parishes through training, prayer opportunities and as a guide to resources when a parish may have a difficult case. We also have a manned help line to assist those who call, with information about available assistance and services,"* shared Paula Malloy, Director of PSM, Catholic Charities of Long Island.



# Faith Formation

## LEVEL 1

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

## LEVEL 6

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

## LEVEL 3

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

## LEVEL 8

Your next gathering will be Thurs., March 4<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**

Canned fruit, small jars of jelly, laundry detergent

*A very special THANK YOU to all!*

## **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.

### **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.

### **St. Margaret's Website**

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

**SAINTMARGARET.COM**



# Sunday Gospel Activities

G J T D L P O P V W P O X F F Y M E L D Y E  
H K Z Y P O W T W B D Q Y S O N O F M A N S  
W G C A V V B W N E U A Q H G K U I B Z O U  
S Y W J V N W T V L S T T A Z P N E I Z Z V  
D P C D K W V D O I Y P I D N A T O V L F T  
A W H M Y C F D T S L V K O L Y A L N I X Z  
S O O A O R Z Y D T D M F W T F I E K N L I  
C O Q R Z X G C B E L O V E D K N I D G N R  
X A D O C Q F Z I N I Q N L X A Y T Y A F Q  
A Z P I Z G H F S Q I X D I I C W K M O E Q  
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N C O B W R H J Z X C E I A R P M P E T K P  
P G T G R O B D Q S M A U H Y Q T X T K A D  
T I R E U J G P P M C O A N S O C W T C V Z  
Z S T Q R N W H F R Y R C E Q Q G X M L K A  
Z M R O E M M C K O W D N O A M E A R O A H  
M Y J X O K L I V X B H H E K O J V A U M B  
C N A K F V B D B P O O N D L S P P X D F X  
B Q O D D B S Q O J E S U S T E B C J M U T  
A R Z P A M G C T N U T M N W S Y S M M S G  
F L T R A N S F I G U R E D T K Y Y Y U K V  
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BELOVED

JESUS

RABBI

CLOUD

JOHN

SHADOW

DAZZLING

LISTEN

SON OF MAN

ELIJAH

MOSES

TENTS

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MOUNTAIN

TERRIFIED

JAMES

PETER

TRANSFIGURED

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**THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER.**



# Holy Angels Regional School

Open Registration Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

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Virtual Open House & Registration  
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631-475-0422.  
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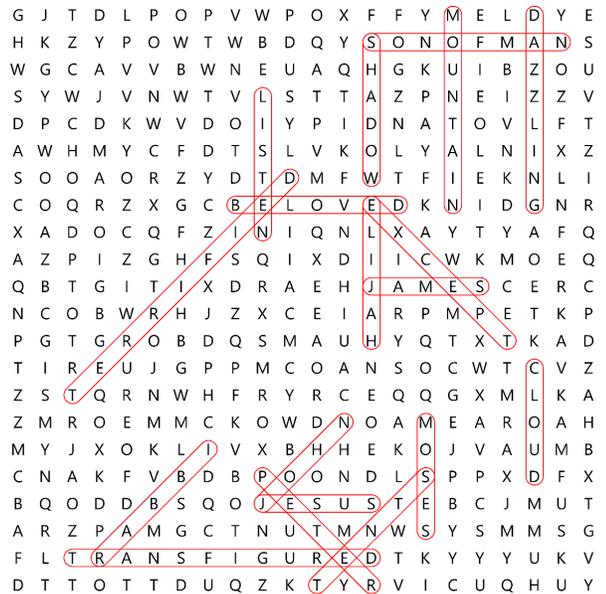
The students had a wonderful Catholic Schools Week. A few highlights: They enjoyed fun moments with each other with crazy sock day, mismatch day, playing school wide Bingo and dance parties. Our families were invited to join in the fun by playing a virtual scavenger hunt together at home. They also served others by writing thank you cards to Veterans and collecting soup cans to be donated to St. Francis de Sales food pantry on "Souper Bowl" Monday. Our 4th graders and Kindergartners put on Bible Story plays and our 2nd graders interviewed Mrs. Stewart about her vocation as a Catholic School principal. Overall, it was a wonderful week making memories together and recognizing why it is so special to be a student at Holy Angels Regional School.

## Congratulations Honor Roll Students

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll for students from **St. Anthony's High School, Huntington**  
Tiffany Bosch, Valerie Bosch, Sarah Breuer,  
Cassandra Hussey, Aelish Symonds,  
& Ajani Valerio



*We commend their efforts to excel!*



## Town of Brookhaven Covid Relief Rental / Mortgage Assistance



Brookhaven Town has announced their Relief Program which will be open in March.. The landlord has to have a valid permit for rental and the client must be a US citizen or Qualified Residents Alien. For more information go to

<https://www.brookhavenny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2637>.



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.

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

## Sunday, Feb 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Go all in

Erin became a Roman Catholic in midlife. When asked why, she says she tried fiercely to make life work according to her plan. Erin told God many times how it should go, attempting to persuade the powers that be to see it her way. Then one day God replied: My plan for you is so beautiful, wonderful, elegant. Why not try it instead? When Erin celebrated the Rites for Candidates for Full Communion on a Lenten Sunday just like this one, she found the joy she was missing. Pray for this year's candidates—and for candidates for years to come. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10 (26)*. "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

## Monday, Mar 01 LENTEN WEEKDAY Mercy me!

Pope Francis called mercy the "beating heart of the gospel." Mercy is forbearance, divine favor, compassionate treatment of the distressed and undeserving. It's another word for God's love. Consider showing devotion to it by reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a rosary-based prayer that was received by Saint Faustina, a Polish nun in the 1930s, through visions of Jesus. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the week after Easter, but many make the Chaplet part of their regular Lenten practice by reciting it every day at 3 p.m. (the traditional hour of Christ's death). You can find the Chaplet on the website. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230)*. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

## Tuesday, Mar 02 LENTEN WEEKDAY Celebrate humble history

Women's History Month celebrates well-known women but also unsung heroines. How appropriate, then, that today is the feast of Agnes of Bohemia, a lesser-known saint. First cousin of Elizabeth of Hungary—and descendent of Good King Wenceslaus—Agnes came upon her vocation naturally. She built a hospital for the poor, a Franciscan friary, and a monastery for Poor Clare nuns. When she also became a nun and was urged to become abbess, she referred to herself only as "senior sister." She continued to cook for her sisters and mend the clothing of lepers rather than live a royal life. Celebrate the unsung heroines in your life. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231)*. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

## Wednesday, Mar 03 MEMORIAL OF KATHARINE DREXEL, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER We have work to do

Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) is a saint for our time. Born into a successful Philadelphia banking family, she used her wealth to improve the lives of others. Her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament devoted their lives to education of Native and African Americans, building more than 100 schools in cities, rural areas, and on reservations. Though Katharine and her sisters at times faced criticism, endured racist taunts, and were threatened by the Ku Klux Klan, they remained steadfast in their mission. Patron saint of racial justice and philanthropy, Saint Katharine epitomizes the sacrifice of the Blessed Sacrament. How will you commit your own life to making the world more just? TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232)*. "Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?"

## Thursday, Mar 04 MEMORIAL OF CASIMIR Grace under pressure

Saint Casimir seemed destined for riches and power, but this patron saint of Poland, called the Peacemaker, took a different path. Born in 1458 to the king and queen of Poland, he was a devout, ascetic child. At age 14 his father had him lead an army to install himself as king of Hungary, but with an overpowering enemy and troops beginning to desert, Casimir instead returned home. His furious father exiled him, but Casimir would never again take up arms. Rejecting violence when those around you embrace it can take great inner strength. Cultivate an inner compass that can pursue peace despite pressure. TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233)*. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD."

## Friday, Mar 05 LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE Pray for besieged people everywhere

Prayer is our life with God. Sometimes we carve out a particular time during the day, and sometimes there are specific words, images, or experiences that help us be more aware of or express our relationship with God. And so of course during Lent prayer is one of the pillars, along with fasting and almsgiving, that help us turn to God. On today's 2021 Day of Prayer, an ecumenical observance, we are invited to "Build on a strong foundation." This theme comes from the women of Vanuatu, an island hit by Cyclone Harold in 2020. Despite the perils they faced—and we've all faced in a year of pandemic—the message of today's prayer is one of confidence in God's steadfastness and the rock of faith. Unite in prayer for healing and recovery. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)*. "The kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit."

## Saturday, Mar 06 LENTEN WEEKDAY Sibling rivalry of biblical proportions

The Parable of the Prodigal Son could as easily be called the Parable of the Bitter Brother. The story might have ended with the celebration at the return of the repentant prodigal. But instead we are left to ponder the feelings of the "good son," the obedient one who followed all the rules but never got a party thrown in *his* honor. It's a very human story, reenacted in nearly every family in one form or another. "Mother always liked you best." "You were Dad's favorite." "All we ever did was bail you out of trouble." Will the bitter brother in the gospel story reconcile? Has bitterness or division in your own family been reconciled? Consider being the reconciler who brings it about. TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)*. "Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends."



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