

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.



Jesus in the Temple

March 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.

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

What is your life about—what are *you* about? Are all your energies directed toward getting by? Getting your way? Being successful? Being invisible? Obeying orders? Doing what is right? Following your heart? Following your appetites? A deep basic drive motivates us to do what we do and to be the person we are. But all too often, we are not in touch with it. Even being on “autopilot,” not making conscious choices but being led from one event to the next by circumstances, has a foundation in that basic drive, reinforced by choices we may have repeatedly made.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we see that Jesus was driven by an energy (the Holy Spirit) deep within himself. It tells of the day Jesus went up to Jerusalem and cleaned out the temple area with a will, not to mention a whip. He drove out the entrepreneurs who had latched onto the “business end” of religion. But he wasn’t just re-acting to something that he saw as wrong. He didn’t just empty out the temple area; he also filled it with his presence and his vision. He claimed that holy place for his Father and declared by that action that the “business” of his Father would from then on always occupy him more than any other concern ~ *Fr. Jim*

Please Note: Easter Sunday is four weeks from this Sunday. Due to the pandemic, we must follow the procedures that we put in place for Christmas Masses. Reservations will be needed; where you sit will be assigned; group numbers may have to be limited. Remember: there is only one evening Mass on Saturday (no afternoon Masses) and there can be no overflow Masses on Sunday, so there are only three Masses possible. We will have more information in next week’s bulletin and on our website.



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.

Catholic Relief Services

Next week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies help Jesus in the guise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection today.



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

Faith Formation

LEVEL 2

Your next gathering will be Mon., March 8th ~ 6-7pm

LEVEL 7

Your next gathering will be Tues., March 9th ~ 6:30-8pm

LEVEL 4

Your next gathering will be Weds., March 10th ~ 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

Jars of Juice, Instant Juice, Cookies, Pancake Syrup

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^{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.

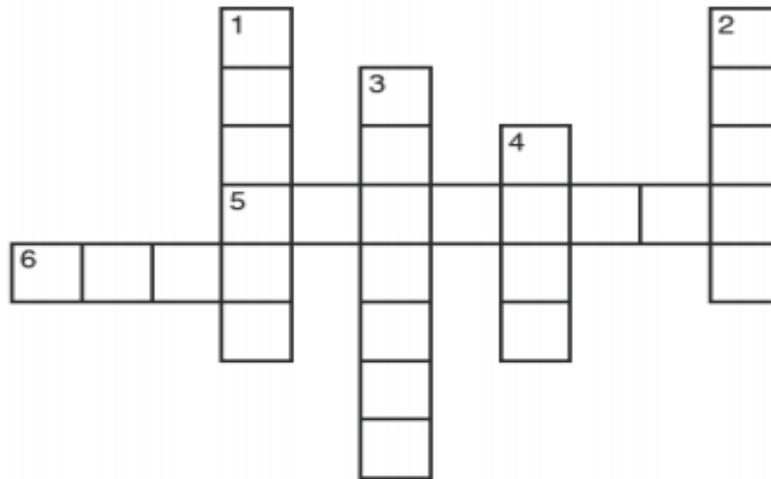
St. Margaret's Website

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

SAINTMARGARET.COM

Sunday Gospel Activities

Third Sunday of Lent
John 2: 13-25

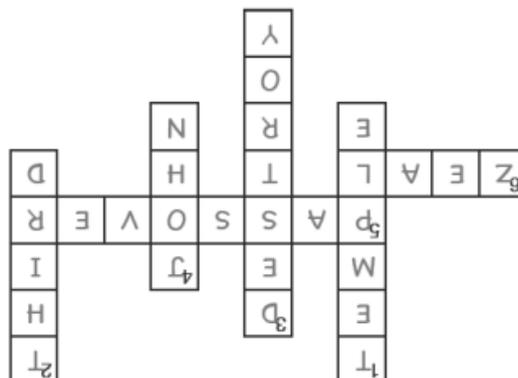


Across

5. This is still celebrated today by people of the Jewish faith; in this Gospel Jesus goes to Jerusalem to the temple since the time of ____ is near – Jesus, Mary and Joseph all honored the traditions of their Jewish ancestors.
6. A word for feeling strongly about something.

Down

1. The place where people went to worship in Jerusalem.
2. Today is the _____ Sunday of Lent.
3. To tear something down is to _____ it.
4. This Gospel is from the Gospel of _____.





Holy Angels Regional School

Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade.

Contact us to schedule a tour 631- 475-0422 -
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Virtual Open House & Registration
For more information, please visit
www.holyangelsregional.org
or contact the Main Office
631-475-0422.
Through Faith We Grow!

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.

Free Comprehensive Child Care

The Children's Community Head Start Birth to Five Program provides a FREE educational program including developmental activities and meals. Health, Nutrition, Family Services and Parent Involvement are also a part of our program. Children with special needs are welcome. Home based and center based programs available ~ children ages birth to five years in Central Suffolk County. To see if you qualify call 631-585-2020-Ronkonkoma & 631-476-9698-Port Jefferson or visit WWW.CHILDRENSCOMMUNITYHS.ORG



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>.



March 14th
Set your clocks next week!

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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.



Sunday, Mar 07, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Balancing act

Saint Paul lived in that perilous posture you see in cartoon characters whose feet are on opposite supports that are swiftly gliding apart. As a privileged Roman citizen of Cilicia (modern Turkey), Paul had one foot firmly planted in the reality of Greco-Roman culture. Yet the other was just as securely fixed in his Jewish faith. It was a tough posture to maintain. Then Paul encountered the Risen Lord and understood in the gospel the most excellent way to unite Jews and Greeks in an elegantly reconciling Christian message. Christianity is for uniting, not dividing. TODAY'S READINGS: *Year B: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25 (29)*. "Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified."

Monday, Mar 08 LENTEN WEEKDAY Sisters act

How fitting that the first day of Catholic Sisters Week is also International Women's Day, celebrating achievements of women in politics, culture, and society. Catholic sisters have been making the world a better place for centuries! By teaching children, healing the sick, fighting injustice, promoting peace, defending the planet, creating community, and empowering other women, Catholic sisters are a powerful gospel witness—and many of us have been on the receiving end of their work and prayers. Celebrate sisters this week—find information and resources at .org. TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30 (237)*. "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

Tuesday, Mar 09 MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS A religious life for all

During a week that celebrates Catholic sisters, women religious, we remember an Italian saint who found a way to work and pray like a nun while staying committed to her immediate family. In fact, Frances of Rome—who nursed her sick husband and children, as well as the poor, during a plague in the 1400s—is commonly called a Benedictine oblate. An oblate is anyone who wants to share in the common vision and prayer of a religious community without officially entering religious life. Explore religious communities at .org. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238)*. "Let our sacrifice be in your presence today as we follow you unreservedly."

Wednesday, Mar 10 LENTEN WEEKDAY Love will change the world

"Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." This quote belongs to Harriet Tubman, who died on this day in 1913. This courageous woman, who escaped the chains of slavery and then led hundreds of slaves to freedom, reminds us that no matter the odds, no matter the restrictions, God gives us strength to reach for the stars and become the Love we were created to be. On this mid-March day, in the third week of Lent, perhaps we could use a little encouragement to keep reaching for the stars as we respond to our Lenten call to love as God loves. Take one courageous step toward racial healing today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239)*. "But whoever obey and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Thursday, Mar 11 LENTEN WEEKDAY Stretch your heart

One year ago this week, COVID-19 began to seriously disrupt lives in North America. During this tumultuous year, everyone has suffered, whether from isolation, illness, unemployment, or another pandemic problem. Pope Francis has urged us to grow from these experiences: "If we are to come out of this crisis less selfish than when we went in, we have to let ourselves be touched by others' pain," he wrote. Has COVID-19 stretched your heart? Whether you give to a food pantry or call a shut-in, act on your compassion today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240)*. "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house."

Friday, Mar 12 LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE Abstinence makes the heart grow fonder

As we practice Lenten abstinence today, we might keep in mind these words from fourth-century Saint Basil the Great: "True fast is the estrangement from evil, temperance of tongue, abstinence from anger, separation from desires, slander, falsehood, and perjury. Privation of these is true fasting." Being mindful of what goes into our mouths is important today, but being mindful of what comes out of them, even more so. Strive to abstain from the unkind, false, or hostile word today. And if you find you have broken the fast, make amends as best you can. Let this be your spiritual discipline today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241)*. "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Saturday, Mar 13 LENTEN WEEKDAY Pray the mercy mantra

Gregory Palamas, a saint of the Eastern Orthodox, Melkite, and Ukrainian Catholic Churches, taught that the use of the Jesus Prayer—"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner"—prepares one to receive the grace-filled light of the Lord. This short, formulaic prayer has its roots in today's parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Saint John Paul II repeatedly cited Palamas as one of the great spiritual writers of history. Today, join with John Paul II and Palamas in heaven and the multitude of Catholics throughout the world who recite this spiritual mantra over and over again seeking the Lord's mercy. TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242)*. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



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