

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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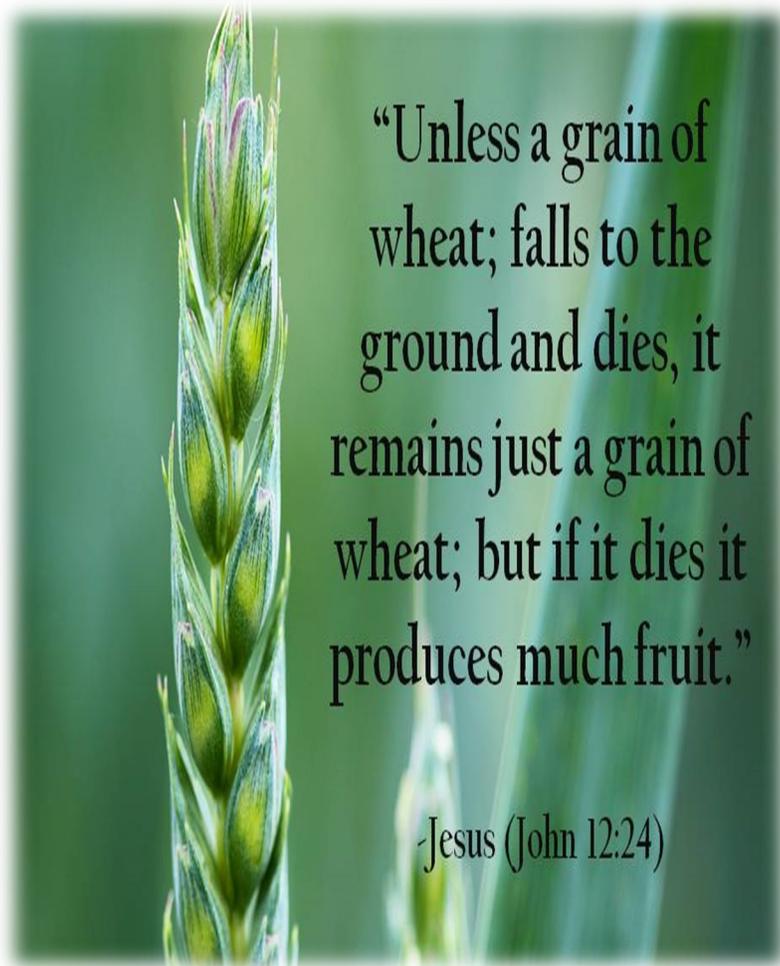
Celebration of the Eucharist

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.



“Unless a grain of wheat; falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit.”

Jesus (John 12:24)

March 21, 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: Living Stewardship

This week reach out to a friend or family member who may be lonely. This is a wonderful act of service to God and neighbor.

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	127	4,958	4,040 ^{.50}	119
Mailed Envelopes	12	2,405	3,303	60
Electronic Donations	22	1,084	3,240	42
Total Collection	161	\$8,447	\$10,583 ^{.50}	221

Mass Attendance	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
Last Sunday	97	72	110	131	410
Last Year	114	81	93	96	384

Readings for Next Sunday

Palm Sunday

First Reading	Is 50: 4-7
Second Reading	Phil 2: 6-11
Gospel	Mk 15: 1-39

For the week of Mar 21st



Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of

*Amy Grace
Quaranta*

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 - March 22nd

Arthur Guilmette

Tuesday - March 23rd

Wednesday-March 24th

Thursday, - March 25th

Louise Quinn

Friday - March 26th

Daniel Simone

Saturday - March 27th

11^{am} Video Mass

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

5^{pm}

Mary George

Sunday – March 28th

8^{am}

10^{am}

Angelique Jasmin

12^{pm}

Richard Lynch

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

Logan Baar	Terri Persina
Marilyn Vacchio	Alyssa Baisch
John & Patricia Friscina	Jillian Brown
Estelle Beauchamp	Robert J. Heege
Lucy & Sarah Behie	Kathleen Weiss
Virginia Butler	Steven Vacchio
Eric Cohen	Jane Tamillow
Lorraine Vogel	Robert Valletta
Laura Durant	Sharon Klyn
Frank Guttilla	Michael C. Liotta
Joseph Kiely	Christine Mc Cusker
Warne Family	Gina Rosenberg
Anne Logan	De Santis Family
Dominic Percoco	Natasha Roucoulet
Laura Positano	John Reynolds
Patricia Wowk	
James Reynolds Jr.	

MaryJane & William Kogler
Veronica Sheridan-Cox
Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri
Christina & Baby Muller
James & Catherine Reynolds
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,

Today's gospel involves an unusual group of people – Greeks. That term in 1st-century Israel most often meant people who were not Jews (i.e., Gentiles). In this story, though, given that they were in Jerusalem for the Passover, they were either Greek-speaking Jews or Gentiles who were attracted to the Jewish religion, but not circumcised (God-fearers). Whoever they are, they approach the Apostle Philip (whose name, incidentally, is Greek) after Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and make a request with disarming frankness: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." There's both some daring and some risk involved in this direct request.

Given that Jesus had recently caused a ruckus with his dramatic and public entrance into Jerusalem, and that large crowds were listening to his teachings throughout the days, the request seems naïve. Yet, Philip and Andrew thought enough of it to go to Jesus himself. "Seeing" can mean more than just looking at him. Maybe they are hoping to become his disciples. Whatever their reason, they could not have known that the time before his execution was short.

Jesus and his adversaries knew how soon that confrontation would take place. Yet, the Greeks' request triggers something in Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." Jesus saw in their request the sign that his hour of Passion and glorification was for all people. Jesus is about to be lifted up to a place where he can be viewed, not only for miles, but also for centuries.. ~ *Fr. Jim*



Diocesan Day of Reconciliation
Monday, March 29th
3 - 9 pm ~ Church
Also available at neighboring parishes at similar times

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.

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

Please be generous.



Thank you to everyone who collected for Catholic Relief Rice Bowls. You may drop off you box in the church lobby before any of the Masses.

Faith Formation

LEVEL 2

Your next gathering will be **Mon. March 22nd ~ 6-7 pm**

LEVEL 7

Your next gathering will be **Tues., March 23rd ~ 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.**

Shelf stable milk, canned potatoes

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at

<https://www.mema.org>

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21. Thursday/Mondays April 8-29



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.

Creative Ministries Performing Arts Center Presents



JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION

Good Friday, April 2

12:00PM • 3:00PM • 7:00PM ~ *Reservations needed.*

931 Montauk Highway, Oakdale NY ~ 631-218-2810 ~ cmpac.com

Procedures for Easter Masses during the Pandemic

Due to NYS Covid-19 restrictions that are still in effect for our area, a maximum of 50% capacity of the church is allowed. Therefore, to maximize the seating space allowed and keep everyone at safe distances, we need to use the same procedures that we did for Christmas.

*Please remember that the Bishops have suspended the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, which include Easter.
The option of watching Mass online is still permitted.*

Sign Up for Easter Masses *Saturday Vigil 8pm / Sunday 8am; 10am; 12 Noon*

The number of Easter Masses is very limited. Due to lack of entrance and exit space, we cannot have Masses in the Auditorium.

As at Christmas, we will need the following information:

- a) Family Name
- b) Phone number and email address (if you have one)
- c) Number of family/group members attending (with any special considerations needed)
Families/groups **MUST** be seated **at the same time; NO SEAT SAVING**
NOTE: we reserve the right to limit the number of people from each family/group
- d) Submit **two Mass times that we can choose from.** (First preference first.)
- e) **We will also decide where your party will be seated** in the church.
- f) We will confirm your request

To make your request:

email the parish at bgoode@saintmargaret.com

or

call 631-732-3131 x133

We encourage you to email us. It was our experience at Christmas that with email, we could keep better records and correct problems more easily. Calling the Office for reservations can take longer, given the limited personnel and limited times when the office is open.

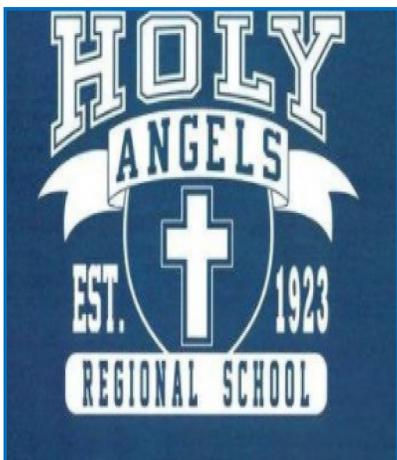
Arriving at Church.

The lobby will be opened 30 minutes before the Mass time.

- a) Only one front door will be open.
- b) In the lobby, there will be greeters with a list of all the people who have confirmed seats. You will check in with them. Only those with confirmed seating will be admitted to the church.
- c) As stated above, families/groups need to have all members present to enter.
- d) At the inside glass doors, ushers will be present to escort you to your **assigned seat(s)**.

Deadline: no requests can be honored after Friday, March 26th.

Due to limitation of seating on Easter, the Masses will be broadcast live. Please stay within the church parking lot area or on the street in front of the church and tune your car radio to 103.3 FM.



Holy Angels Regional School

Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade.

1 Division St., Patchogue MICHAEL CONNELL ~
PRINCIPAL JEANNINE STEWART

Virtual Open House & Registration

For more information, please visit
WWW.HOLYANGELSREGIONAL.ORG

or contact the Main Office ~ 631-475-0422.

Through Faith We Grow!

Town of Brookhaven & Suffolk Community College Present...

A free VIRTUAL seminar for parents and students looking to enroll in college.

Tuesday, March 30th at 3:00PM ~ ZOOM

For more info or to RSVP call 631-451-8011 or visit
BROOKHAVENNY.GOV/COLLEGESEMINAR

A ZOOM link will be sent to your prior to the event.

TOPICS ~ The application process, financial aid, scholarships, programs and services.

Molloy College Spring Open House



Molloy College with host a VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 PM

For information go to MOLLOY.EDU or call 516-323-4000.

They are located at 1000 Hempstead Ave. In Rockville Centre.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

*On Easter, we celebrate the New Life of the Risen Lord. Once again, we want to offer an opportunity for parish members to assist in making our altar and church a sign of New Life this Easter and celebrate the memory of those who made past Easters special. All are invited to make a memorial donation which will be used for our decorations. All the names of those memorialized (both living and deceased) will be printed in our bulletin of **April 3 / 4** (Please note: donations are NOT for any particular or individual plant, but toward the overall expenses of the decorations.) Please fill out the form below and place it and your donation in an envelope marked "**Memorial Donation**." You can put it in the basket with your regular collection, mail it or drop it off at the office. Thank you*



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Memorial Donation – Easter 2021 (deadline: March 25th) ~ Please Print

Donor(s) _____

Address _____

Name of Person(s) or Couple Memorialized

Living _____ Deceased _____

Sunday, Mar 21, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT See inside for more information

Sometimes your reputation precedes you. The prophet Jeremiah is famous for lamentations, but he is less known for the centerpiece of his message: that everything we need to know about how to live is already planted in our hearts. On this International Forest Day, let's not miss the forest for the trees on another great truth rooted deeply in our midst. Trees are friends: bearing fruit, shade, and beauty wherever they're planted. They are also necessary allies in achieving planetary sustainability, food security, and poverty eradication. Play your part in protecting God's greenery. TODAY'S READINGS: *Year B: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 (35).* "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts."

Monday, Mar 22 LENTEN WEEKDAY Tap into the virtues of water

As part of its observance of the 2020 World Water Day, the Vatican published *fons vitae. Orientations on water: symbol of the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth*. The document, meant to support the human right to clean water, reminds us that "by means of the water made holy by the Spirit," God gives us life and renews us. The way we respect water is an indicator of how we are "taking care of the early garden" entrusted to us. In observance of World Water Day, educate yourself and others about the challenges the world faces in ensuring access to clean water: the holy source of all life. TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251).* "Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Tuesday, Mar 23 MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP To reveal Christ, go the distance

In 2018, Pope Francis met with the bishops of Peru, invoking the patron saint of Latin American bishops—Turibius of Mogrovejo. "This holy bishop is frequently portrayed as a 'new Moses,'" said the pope. "The Vatican has a picture in which Saint Turibius appears crossing a great river whose waters open before him like the Red Sea, so that he could get to the other shore, where numerous native peoples awaited him." Turibius cast aside life in Spain to live among native Peruvians. What can you cast aside so others might see Christ in you? TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252).* "Their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses."

Wednesday, Mar 24 LENTEN WEEKDAY Be transformed by justice

This is an anniversary of martyrdom. The archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero, was murdered on this day in 1980 as he presided at Mass in the chapel of a church-run hospital for cancer patients and the terminally ill. Romero, an unassuming man who in earlier years had ministered to the country's elite, experienced a late-in-life transformation that took him from quiet acceptance of the status quo to courageous critic of his government's repression of the poor. His weekly sermons championed justice, challenged the government, and eventually cost him his life: "It is not the will of God for some to have everything and for others to have nothing," he said. "It is not enough to attend Mass on Sunday . . . God wants the garment of justice. God wants his Christians dressed in love." Begin to dress the part by questioning the "way we always do things." TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253).* "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Thursday, Mar 25 SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Prepare to say yes

Today we celebrate the Annunciation, that famous conversation between the angel Gabriel and Mary, in which Mary embraced what must have been the frightening prospect of bearing the Son of God. Mary's yes is seen as the model for all Christians in response to our individual callings, and in response to everyday choices to do what is most loving, moral, and just. Perhaps today you will be called to make a choice for faithfulness; prepare yourself now to say yes to God, as did Mary. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545).* "Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'"

Friday, Mar 26 LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE Meet violence with hope

Violence has made an all-too-comfortable home in our lives. It's in our TV shows and movies, our politics, our streets, and even our own hearts. In pastoral message on violence in 1994, the U.S. Catholic Bishops wrote, "Hostility, hatred, despair, and indifference are at the heart of a growing culture of violence." How do we meet these experiences with compassion and offer a safe place for peace? "The path to a more peaceful future is found in a rediscovery of personal responsibility, respect for human life and human dignity, and a recommitment to social justice. The best antidote to violence is hope." TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255).* "[They] picked up rocks to stone Jesus."

Saturday, Mar 27 LENTEN WEEKDAY The long history of judicial corruption

We learn more each day about inequities in our judicial system. Justice, it seems, is more often praised than practiced, especially when it comes to treatment of minorities and those who challenge authority. We could include Jesus in the long list of victims of injustice. At this moment in Lent, as we prepare to enter Holy Week, the wheels of injustice are set in motion by Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest who will play a key role in the coming execution of the prophet of Peace. Pray today for forgiveness for the injustices committed in our names, and in our hearts. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256).* "So from that day on they planned to kill him."

