

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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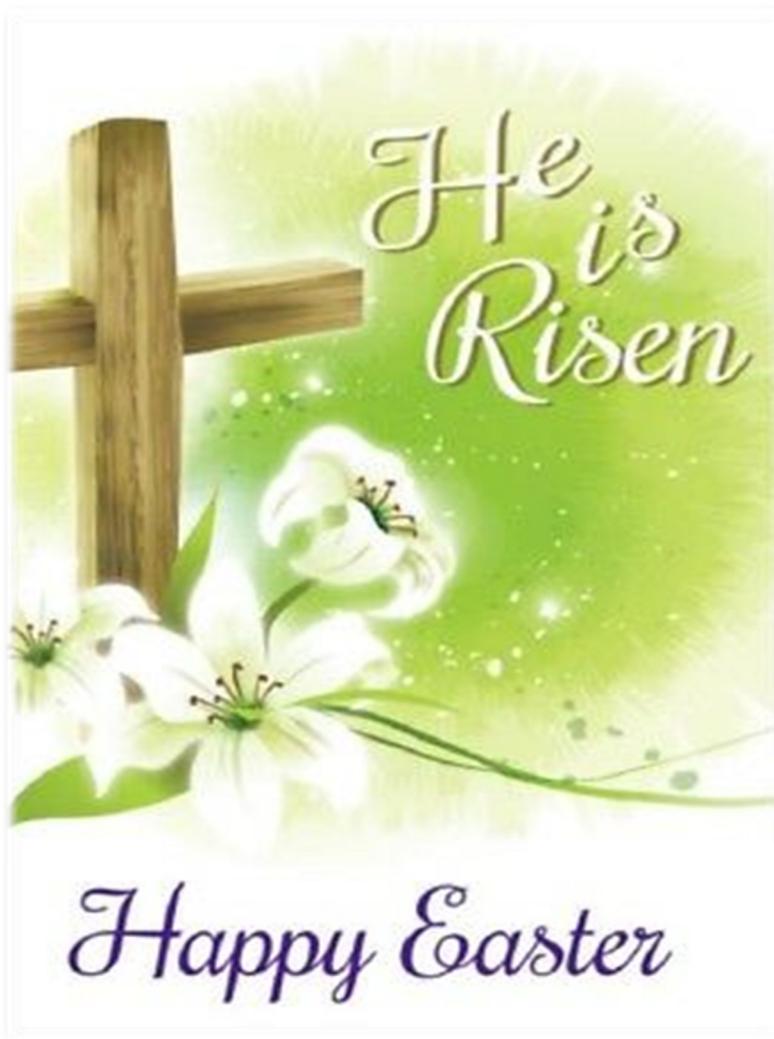
Celebration of the Eucharist

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.



April 4, 2021

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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,

The Resurrection of our Lord is the central mystery of our faith. It is the day on which Jesus snatched victory from defeat and vindicated his life and teachings. Without the Resurrection, Christmas would be simply the birth of another good man and Pentecost would not have happened. Without the Resurrection, Jesus’s message about God would not have been preserved, except perhaps for a small group of people.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the perfect and most powerful expression of the power of God; it is unique and cannot happen again. But that same power of God continues to be shown in the resurrections (small “r”) seen in people’s inner experience of newness of life. St. Paul described it as “the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwell[ing] in you” (Romans 8:11). In Easter Sunday’s second reading, he draws our attention to two resurrections. The first happened at our Baptism (“If then, you were raised with Christ”). That resurrection is “hidden” – we still must live with our imperfections and the challenges of this world, despite the Holy Spirit’s presence. The second, though, comes from another tenet of our faith: Jesus is returning; at some point God will accomplish his plan and we will share openly in the Lord’s glory first manifested on that first Easter.

Every generation faces the challenge of not only professing our faith in the Resurrection as we do in the Profession of Faith (“and rose again on the third day according to the scriptures”) but discovering the energy that the early disciples found through their *faith* in it. Living a new life in faith is demanding. By celebrating the Lord’s Resurrection, we can allow God to reveal the resurrections of our own lives. ***Happy Easter to all!***

~ 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.***

**SUNDAY MASS ON
ST. MARGARET’S WEBSITE**

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5pm Saturday and 8am, 10am 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.



**A Blessed Easter
from Fr. Jim, Fr. Paul
and all St. Margaret’s Staff**

**Diocese of Rockville Centre
Healing after Abortion**



Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

**Day of Prayer and Healing for Women—
Saturday, May 15, 2021**

Register by: May 10, 2021

For more information and to register please visit

www.drvcclife.org/projectrachel

or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or projectrachel@drvc.org. All information will remain confidential.

COVID 19 Protocols will be observed

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Giovanni Sebastiano Barsky



DIocese of Rockville Centre ~ Office of the Bishop

Easter 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia! Around the world and across Long Island, we proclaim this marvelous truth. Good news is ours. Sin and death have been vanquished. Christ has conquered. God is victorious!

In light of the suffering and death of the past year, how blessed we are to behold again the Mystery of the Resurrection. These months have been dark and bleak. They have been long and challenging. Yet, as we encounter Easter 2021, we are reminded that God has the final word. Indeed, *Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it* (John I :5). This Light, Jesus Christ, illumines our path. He gives hope. As the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council said:

Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from His Gospel, they overwhelm us. Christ has risen, destroying death by His death; He has lavished life upon us so that... we can cry out in the Spirit: *Abba, Father.*¹

With significant challenges facing us still on Long Island and across the globe, with darkness still afoot, perhaps the joy of Easter is difficult to embrace. Our hearts maybe like those of the disciples who went on Easter dawn to anoint the Lord's body. At the strange sight of an empty tomb and an apparently absent Jesus, instead of experiencing immediate joy, they were confused and distressed. Only in seeing the Lord face to face did they come to embrace His rising from the dead.

Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, we need to see Christ alive among us. We need to see the Resurrection in our midst. So, this Easter, let us ask, "Where is Christ alive?"

Christ is alive in the countless frontline workers, civil servants, and medical professionals who have served so faithfully and so heroically this past year. Their sacrificial love and Good Samaritan-willingness to help neighbors in need radiate the Lord Jesus!

Christ is alive in the catechumens who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Their reception of the Sacraments reminds us of the power of our own Baptism - where each of us has died with Christ and risen with Him to new life.

Second Vatican Council, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et Spes* (December 7, 1965), 22, in *The Documents of Vatican Council II* (St. Paul's Publications, 2009).

Above all, Christ is alive in His risen and glorified presence in the Eucharist and in the transforming power of His Body and Blood that we receive in the celebration of the Mass

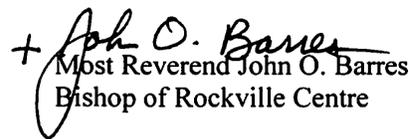
Christ is alive, and therefore the Church is alive. The Eucharist is the source of this life - and its power has become perhaps more evident than ever, after months of separation from the weekly and daily celebration of the Mass. Together, we recall the disciples' recognition of Jesus following the Resurrection at Emmaus in the opening of the Scriptures and the breaking of the Bread. We are grateful for the many ways in which our parishes and schools have continued to foster creatively this Emmaus experience on Long Island, both in-person and virtually. May we continue to recognize the Sunday Eucharist as the source from which the life of the Resurrected Christ bursts forth into the world.

At his Sunday Angelus on January 3, 2021, Pope Francis beautifully reminded us of Christ's continued presence in our midst:

"I like to think that when the Lord prays to the Father for us, he does not merely speak: he shows him the wounds of the flesh, he shows him the wounds he suffered for us. This is Jesus: with his flesh he is the intercessor, he wanted to bear even the signs of suffering. Jesus, with his flesh, is before the Father. Indeed, the Gospel says that *He came to dwell among us*. He did not come to visit us, and then leave; He came to dwell with us, to stay with us."²

May we continue to encounter the presence of Jesus Christ who dwells in and through His Church. May we continue to experience signs of His Resurrection even amidst the challenges and crosses we embrace, and may this encounter continue to fill our hearts, so that our voices can confidently cry out: *The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!*

Faithfully in the Lord,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

² Francis, Angelus, 3 January, 2021. http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20210103.html

Faith Formation

LEVEL 6

Your next gathering will be Tues. April 6th ~ 6:30-8 pm

LEVEL 3

Your next gathering will be Weds., April 7th ~ 6:30-8pm

LEVEL 8

Your next gathering will be Thurs., April 8th ~ 6:30-8pm

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.

Parish Social Ministry

**There will not be Thursday Drop off
on April 8th and 15th.**

**You may bring donations to the front
door on Monday or Tuesday
mornings from 9-12. Thank you!**



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



Memorial Easter Flowers



Special Intentions

Anthony & Theresa Accardi

Roman Joseph Tranfaglia

Memorials

Dcn. Phil Paolicelli

Anthony Pillittier

Vincent Laurentino

Dcn. Joseph Scollan

Lawrence & Florence Donlon

Wilbert Phillip Clark

Peter Rice

Steven Doriand

Marc James Monico

Nancy & Joseph Maresca

Henry (Harry) Aretakis

Wilbert Paul Clark

Joseph De Peter

Robert M. Aretakis

Norman Gottfried

Helen & Anthony Litka

Judson & Josephine Paddock

Michele Bongiorno

Alfred Saracino

Rose Giambalvo

Patricia Lunetta

Lauren K. Fennell

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Norton

Michael A. Lo Grande

Joseph Hirsch

Cathy Story

Rosemarie Leto

Norman & Katherine Smyth

Christine Terrusa

Anna Dola

Anthony Marrocco

Nora & David Del Mastro

Frank & Maria Lo Grande

Stephen T. Gassick

Peter & Carmela Agliardo

Kitty & Thomas Baffa

Walter Hoehne

Regina Stanick

Geraldine Simonetti

Babies Paul & Danielle Beauchamp

Gerry & Anthony Temperini

Carmine Santorelli

Cannizzaro & Roucoulet Families

Harold Bowman

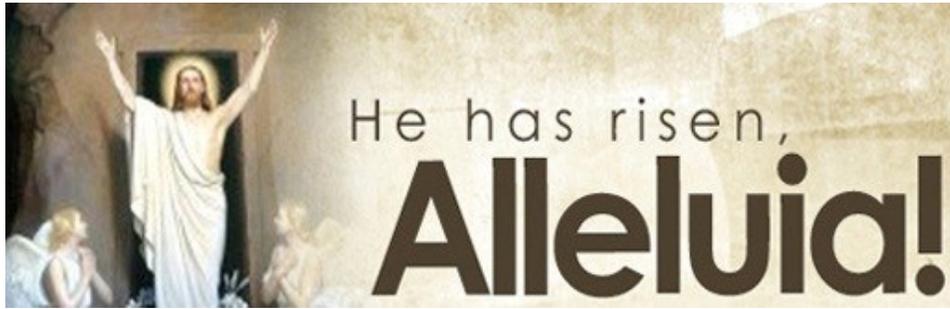
Lou Burtoff

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Largue

Mr. & Mrs. John Hartnett

Cooney, Convery & Riccobono Families

Special Thanks to all donors for your generosity that helped make our church look beautiful this Easter Season.



Happy Easter! Alleluia! The Lord Is Truly Risen!

Christ is alive and His light has illuminated the darkness. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, may we continue to discover where Christ is truly alive in our life and on Long Island. Christ is alive through your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, *creating pathways of faith* through the ministries it serves by touching more than 600,000 people in our community.

Christ is Alive through our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities programs that serve the needs of the disadvantaged in our Community.

Christ is Alive through our Faith Formation programs, educating our Lay Leaders and children. And through our Seminary as we train our future priests and deacons.

Christ is Alive in our Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries as our young people grow closer to the Lord.

Christ is Alive in our schools as children learn in an environment that's vision is directed by the teachings of our Lord.

Christ is Alive in our Respect Life Office as we promote the sanctity of life at all stages.

And most of all **Christ is Alive** as we join together to celebrate the Eucharist at our Parish.

Thank you for your help in keeping Christ Alive in our Long Island Community through your financial support and prayers for the Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

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City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Thank You!