

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



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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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021

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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,

Thomas the Apostle’s declaration, “My Lord and my God,” expresses the foundation of the Christian faith. But, recognizing Jesus’s uniqueness does not guarantee that a person is a devout follower, as shown by this statement from the Emperor Napoleon. “I know men, and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man.” Not remembered for his theological expertise, Napoleon still got the message better than most, even if he didn’t exercise it: “Between [Jesus] and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love, and at this hour millions would die for him.”

What is necessary for us 21st century Christians is to make Thomas’s declaration our own and have it change our lives. Fr. John Shea, a priest in the Chicago area and an author of a number of books, puts it this way. “We make Jesus into everything possible so as not to face the one thing he is—God’s challenge and invitation. In every naming of Jesus there lurks the danger that he becomes not the challenge of God who demands free response but the divine hero who rescues us... Jesus, the divine hero, evokes our sincerest thanks; Jesus, the divine challenge, evokes responsible action in the world.” The testimony the world is waiting on, of course, is ours. Who is Jesus to us? What will we make of the “divine challenge and invitation” that his life, death, and Resurrection issues?



On another topic, I call your attention to the collection reports on the opposite page. Instead of comparing this year’s Easter support with last year (since there were no in-person Masses), we are using the pre-pandemic report from 2019. The contrast is dramatic – even though attendance this year was only 30% of 2019’s, the collection was 90% of two years ago! All of you who are faithfully supporting St. Margaret parish, whether on-line, mail-in or in person, should be very proud! Thank you for such generous support in such difficult times! ~ *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.*

**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.drvcrlife.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

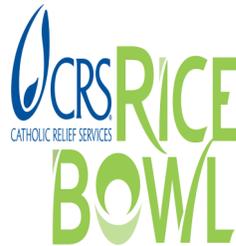
**St. Margaret’s Parish
Celebrates Confirmation &
First Holy Communion**

1st Communion
May 1st & May 8th



Confirmation
May 14th & May 21st

Please keep the children in your prayers.



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.

Wedding Banns

Banns I: Allison Rienzo & Robert Bader,
both St. Margaret of Scotland





Sunday Gospel Activities

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

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Faith Formation

LEVEL 1

Your next gathering will be **Mon. April 12th ~ 6 - 7 pm**

LEVEL 7

Your next gathering will be **Tues, April 13th ~ 6:30-8pm**

LEVEL 4

Your next gathering will be **Weds., April 14th ~ 6:30-8pm**

Molloy College Spring Open House

Molloy College with host a
VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 PM

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

1000 Hempstead Ave. In Rockville Centre.

Parish Social Ministry

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

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

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 Resurrec-
tion Parish on Granny Road
in Farmingville. **Thank you.**

Family Center ~ Middle Country Library

The Family Center at MCPL provides clients with free counsel-
ing, information & referral, and case management. Our social
worker, Veronica, can provide these services via phone or tele-
health services. For an appointment, please email
Veronica at FAMILYCENTER@MCPLIBRARY.ORG or
call the library at 631-585-9393 x170. All services
are **Free and Confidential.**



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.

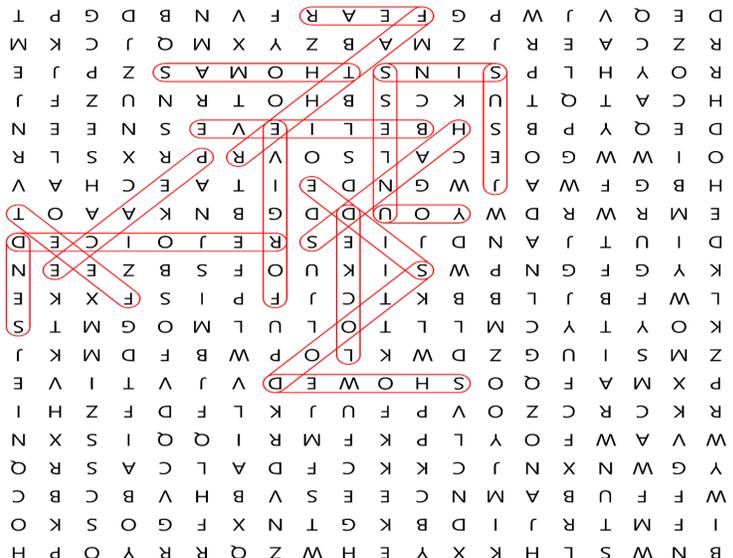
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

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.



Sunday, Apr 11 SOLEMNITY OF THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Hold onto the holy memories

It's unlikely that those who survive the pandemic will look back on these days with much nostalgia. Sickness and loss, fear and division, stress and isolation: The consequences will be with us for a generation. Yet emerging from the tragedy were also instances of humanity, decency, and heroism that echoed the time of the first apostles. We've shared food, masks, information, errands, toilet paper, songs. We've gathered on balconies and in virtual rooms. We've found ways to pray and to encourage. This Divine Mercy Sunday, give thanks for those who have helped you through this and every crisis. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (44)*. "No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common."

Monday, Apr 12 EASTER WEEKDAY Stand with those who stood for you

Though you may not remember it, your Baptism was an extremely important day in your life—the beginning of your life in Christ. Your godparents represented you that day, speaking on your behalf if you were a baby. Perhaps later you became a godparent to others. Whether you're still close or have drifted apart over time, reach out to your godparents or godchildren and reminisce about that day. Talk about the role you have played in each other's spiritual life and pray together for deepening conversion. Promise to keep on praying for each other in our ever-growing identity as children of God. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267)*. "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

Tuesday, Apr 13 MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR The dilemma of indifference

The Eastern Church began exploring monotheletism, the notion that Jesus had only a divine will, despite being both human and divine, in the 600s. Pope Martin I issued a reprimand, opposing this heresy. This angered the Eastern emperor, who had the sickly Martin dragged to Constantinople for trial. The pontiff was beaten, starved, and exiled, leading to his death. But Martin also blamed a Western Church that never came to his rescue. "I am surprised at the indifference," he wrote, of "those who belong to the church of Saint Peter." Ask for Martin's intercession today, for all who suffer indifference. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268)*. "The community of believers was of one heart and mind."

Wednesday, Apr 14 EASTER WEEKDAY Let your life be your witness

How do you live your faith? Some days may be harder than others, but rarely, if ever nowadays, will the effort to be a faithful follower of Jesus land someone in jail or cost them their life. Yet that was the fate of the early disciples who insisted on proclaiming the stories of Jesus' life, death, and rising. There are 20th-century martyrs as well (Blessed Stanley Rother, Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, the martyrs of El Salvador among others), but faith calls all of us to kindness to all people, fairness in the face of injustice, trust in God's promised Spirit, and a constant willingness to see the face of God in our neighbors. Do people recognize you as a follower of Jesus by the way you live? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269)*. "The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people."

Thursday, Apr 15 EASTER WEEKDAY Be up to the tax at hand

Taxes are due today, an obligation that few people savor and yet all of us rely on. Catholics can feel proud to promote the common good by paying taxes for schools, roads, parks, healthcare, and other social benefits. In their pastoral letter, *Economic Justice for All*, the U.S. bishops go even further, saying: "The tax system should be continually evaluated in terms of its impact on the poor." If you feel disheartened by the paperwork or the cost of taxes, take heart that despite any flaws in the system, taxes help build the commonwealth. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36 (270)*. "The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him."

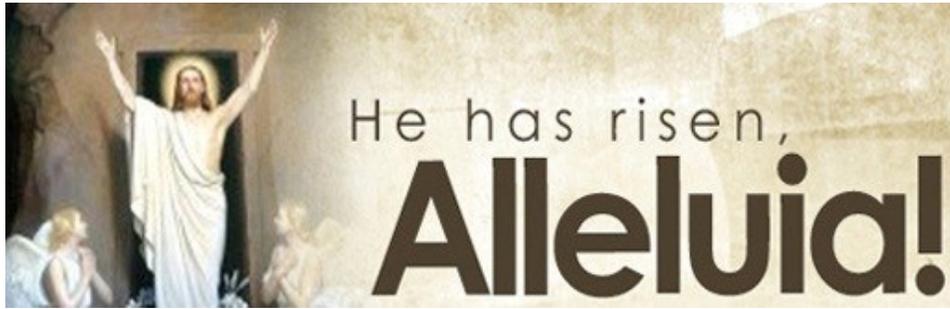
Friday, Apr 16 EASTER WEEKDAY A God of His word

Poor communication is the main reason relationships fail. If it isn't clear what is being promised, then it is easy to become disillusioned when expectations aren't met. People who lose faith in God often point to God's untrustworthiness: They asked for something and didn't receive it. Hence, they conclude that God is not to be trusted. But remember the promise of God is love. Look around; wherever you see love—even a love lost—you see God's promise fulfilled. As Saint Augustine put it: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others." Help embody God's love today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271)*. "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

Saturday, Apr 17 EASTER WEEKDAY Call a deacon

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word *diákonos*, meaning "one who serves at table," found in today's first reading. The office of deacon endured for several centuries after its origin in Acts. But eventually the diaconate was reduced to a temporary stage of ordination to the priesthood. After Vatican II the permanent diaconate was revived. Today many men, most married although some single, enter the diaconate through the sacrament of Holy Orders. They serve their parishes and assist their pastors in many ways both social and liturgical. Perhaps you know someone who would make a good deacon. Give him a call. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272)*. "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table."





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**

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