

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.

Parish Blood Drive ***in Honor of MaryJane Kogler***



TUESDAY, MAY 11TH

2 TO 8 PM ~ AUDITORIUM

DETAILS UPCOMING

April 25, 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.

Fax (631) 732 - 8827

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Time, Talent & Treasure



Stewardship Thought for the Week.

Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship Jesus, the Good Shepherd, loves us more than we can ever imagine. Let us return this love to Him by performing good works for our brothers and sisters.

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		0	5,137	157
Mailed Envelopes	68	3,488	2,183	44
Electronic Donations	38	2,194	3,209	46
Total Collection	106	\$5,682	\$10,529	247

Mass Attendance	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
Last Sunday	83	110	117	140	450
2020	No	Public	Mass		0

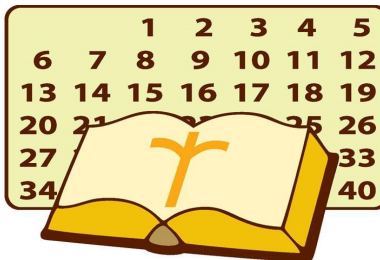
Readings for Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading.....Acts 9: 26-31

Second Reading1 Jn 3: 18-24

Gospel.....Jn 15: 1-8



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 - April 26th

Tuesday - April 27th

Wednesday-April 28th

Luigi & Natalie Assalone

Thursday, - April 29th

Friday - April 30th

Norman Gottfried

Saturday - May 1st

MaryJane Kogler

William Stolfi

Sunday – May 2nd

8^{am}

10^{am}

Rose & Frank Veltri

12^{pm}

Patrina Le Diuzet

Frank & Rose Veltri

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



Logan Baar

Marilyn Vacchio

John & Patricia Friscina

Estelle Beauchamp

Lucy & Sarah Behie

Virginia Butler

Eric Cohen

Lorraine Vogel

Laura Durant

Frank Guttilla

Joseph Kiely

Warne Family

Anne Logan

Dominic Percoco

Laura Positano

Patricia Wowk

James Reynolds Jr.

Maryann Manelski

Terri Persina

Alyssa Baisch

Jillian Brown

Robert J. Heege

Kathleen Weiss

Steven Vacchio

June Tamillow

Robert Valletta

Sharon Klyn

Michael C. Liotta

Christine Mc Cusker

Gina Rosenberg

De Santis Family

Natasha Roucoulet

John Reynolds

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,

John Henry Cardinal Newman, canonized a Saint in 2019, was a nineteenth century priest and theologian. In one of his many books about faith, he wrote, "In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change,..."



With that in mind, I want to tell you of an upcoming change. I will be retiring as Pastor this coming June. This was not a sudden or recent decision. Here in our Diocese, priests can request retirement beginning at the age of 72. Although I never considered that as an option, I was aware that a change would be coming. Now, approaching my 75th birthday in November and with the lingering effects of various physical limitations over the years (the reconstruction of both my feet and a hip replacement), the time to make this change is here. (Having Covid-19 in January and dealing with its aftermath reinforced that reality.)

This change will allow me to set aside the administrative responsibilities of being a Pastor and explore other parts of life and continue to offer my service as a priest. I will not be staying in the parish nor in the area. My brother and sister-in-law have invited me to live in an apartment in their home in Nassau County. Hopefully, that will be the best of two worlds – having my space and being close to family!

Interestingly, I began my priestly work at a neighboring parish, St. Sylvester in Medford (1972-78). I am completing my active ministry here at St. Margaret of Scotland, in the same "neighborhood" of Long Island. God has a sense of humor! In my eleven years with you, we have celebrated our Faith in many ways and faced various challenges that life brought us. You made me feel welcome and supported. I have been blessed through the Staff and the volunteers whom I served with, and by all who make our parish a home. You will always be in my prayers. ~ *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.

St. Margaret's Parish

*Celebrates Confirmation &
First Holy Communion*

1st Communion
May 1st & May 8th



Confirmation

May 14th, May 21st & May 28th

Please keep the children in your prayers.

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.drvc.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

Marianna Rose Savona

Giuliana Janice Manna & Isabella Harper Manna



Wedding Banns

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

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.**

Shampoo and Bread

We currently have plenty of cereal

***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.

St. Margaret's Website

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

SAINTMARGARET.COM

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 _____



If you have been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, you may be eligible for Early Childhood services for ages Birth-Five at no cost! Call today! (631) 758-5200

For ages three to five our Head Start program provides developmental screenings and on-going assessments, School Readiness – transition into Kindergarten, NYS Licensed Day Care Centers, Nutritious Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Snack), outdoor playgrounds, full-day UPK at select centers, before & after care available at select centers. The Early Head Start program provides services for expectant mothers, infants, and toddlers. This program for ages birth to 3 provides diapers and formula while in session, nutritious meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Snack), outdoor playgrounds, individualized Home-Based Services, before & after care available at select centers.

Enroll now! To apply please visit www.liheadstart.org or call (631) 758-5200 for more information

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



Social Security Administration ~ Important Information

We are still available to help by phone. A local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9AM-4PM.

1-866 -771-1991 ~ (TTY) 1-800-325-0778

We may be able to schedule an appointment if we cannot help you by phone. Please do not come into one of our local offices as we *cannot* accept walk in visitors. You may also visit SSA.gov to complete a service online.

Bankruptcy Case: The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Information regarding filing proofs of claim for sexual abuse in the Diocese's chapter 11 bankruptcy case and the forms to use can be found on the Diocese's website (drvc.org) by scrolling down to Diocesan News and clicking the following link: • [Claim Deadline Notices and Forms](#) (February 10, 2021) Claims must be filed before August 14, 2021 (the Bar Date set by the Court). The entire Court notice that includes your rights and options can be found on our website (saintmargaret.com)

Faith Formation

LEVEL 2

Your next gathering will be **Mon. April 26th ~ 6 - 7 pm**
Parent and child in the church.

LEVEL 7

Your next gathering will be **Tues., April 27th ~ 6:30-8 pm**

LEVEL 8

Your **Retreat** will be **Thurs., April 29th ~ 6:30-9 pm** in the auditorium



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.

Family Center ~ Middle Country Library

The Family Center at MCPL provides clients with free counseling, information & referral, and case management. Our social worker, Veronica, can provide these services via phone or telehealth 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.



Our Parish Celebrates First Communion

May 1st ~ 12 pm

Joseph A.	Luca C.
Connor A.	Robert D.
Brandon B.	Evelyn G.
Avelyn B.	Elise G.
Ayden B.	Daniel H.
Kyle C.	Cristiano K.
Nicholas C.	Kacper K.
Jasmine C.	Mary L.
Aiden C.	



Saturday
May 1st ~ 12:00 PM
May 8th ~ 12:00 PM

May 8th ~ 12 pm

Sophia M.	Gavin R.
Samantha M.	Mya R.
De Anna M.	Ava S.
Makayla M.	Sophia S.
Mason N.	Alexander T.
Gino O.	Andrew T.
Marck P.	Caterina W.
Connor J. P.	Emma W.
Benjamin P.	Gabriel W.
Nathan R.	

Sunday, Apr 25, 2021 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** Live with purpose

Collecting a paycheck may be important to make a living, but will it alone make a life? Some Catholics hear the invitation to choose a different path. They're nudged by family members, religion teachers, and homilists. They have opportunities to learn about priesthood and apostolic life, about missions and monasteries and cloisters. They'll encounter members of Third Orders and engage in service projects that put them in touch with those consecrated to spreading the Good News. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let's be sure to issue the invitation—and to receive it. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (50)*. “No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down on my own.”

Monday, Apr 26 **EASTER WEEKDAY** Nothing need limit your devotion

The life of Saint Rafael Arnáiz Barón was interrupted by illness. Having endured a pandemic, we know what that's like—we've seen lives cut short by disease and we ourselves have had to put some of our own living on hold. Rafael was born in Spain in 1911 and died at 27. He was a talented artist and studied architecture, then decided to become a Trappist. Severe complications from diabetes prevented him from taking vows as a monk. He accepted God's will, joined as an oblate instead, and died young of his illness. In him you can find an example of surrender, trust, and devotion in the face of loss and disappointment that makes him a model for our times a century later. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 (279)*. “Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.”

Tuesday, Apr 27 **EASTER WEEKDAY** Plant the seeds of belief

The Syrian city of Antioch played a pivotal role in the growth of the early church. A cross-cultural safe haven, it was here that many of Jesus' first followers—all of them Jewish—took refuge after Stephen was martyred, fleeing Jerusalem as they too became targets. Antioch was a cosmopolitan hothouse, its Jews enjoying friendly interactions with the city's many Gentiles. Once new Jews arrived, bearing witness to Jesus, local Gentiles couldn't help but be intrigued. Soon, the fledgling church of Antioch began evangelizing Gentiles intentionally, planting the seed of belief in unexpected places. Where might you plant such seeds? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280)*. “It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.”

Weds., Apr 28 **MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY, MARTYR** Let your life bring light to others

There is good reason that Peter Chanel (1803-41) is the patron saint of Oceania. A parish priest from France who later joined the Marist missionaries, Peter was missioned to Western Oceania to convert people who worshipped other gods. Peter's missionary method was low key: He learned the language of the people and cared for their sick. For a few years, all was fine until small groups of native people began to be baptized, in particular, the son and daughter of the island king. Peter was then considered a threat to the island's power elite. On this day in 1841 he was murdered. That is not the end of Peter's story, however. Within two years of his death, the entire island had become Catholic. How do you bring the light of faith to people around you? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281)*. “I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.”

Thurs., Apr 29 **MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** Not how long a life is, but how good

Saint Catherine of Siena led a remarkable life for a person of any era but particularly for a woman of the 14th century who only lived 33 years. Mystic, nurse, Dominican, counselor, arbitrator, writer, ambassador—she was all these things. Ordinary people came to her for spiritual council and advice in conflicts, leading her to eventually settle fierce church disputes, becoming a confidante of popes. Central to her strength was her union with Christ, which she wrote about in the classic, *The Dialogue*. Find a quiet moment today to—like Catherine—commune with Jesus, who offers wisdom and strength to all. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282)*. “Whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

Friday, Apr 30 **EASTER WEEKDAY** Try a little tenderness

When God became flesh and dwelt among us, a revolution was started. Not a military coup that some people expected, but a revolution that would strike deep at the heart. This “revolution of tenderness,” as Pope Francis called it in *Evangelii Gaudium*, urges each and every one of us to give of ourselves, to be part of community, to serve, and to be reconciled in our relationships with others. In what ways can you respond to Jesus' call to a revolution of tenderness? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283)*. “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

Saturday, May 01 **MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE WORKER** Wanting for a job

Today's memorial honors Saint Joseph the carpenter, standing in solidarity with all working people on the traditional “May Day” dedicated to laborers around the world. At this time last year, more than 30 million Americans had lost their jobs due to the pandemic, the largest unemployment crisis in the country's history. Many of those jobs have not returned and likely are gone forever. What can you and your faith community do to support those whose livelihoods were lost to the virus? TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559); Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284)*. “If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.”



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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: _____

Address: _____

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!