

# 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.

## ***Happy Mother's Day***



On this special day, Mother's Day, we ask you, Lord,  
to bless and protect all mothers.

We ask you to encourage, guide and strengthen all mothers.

Whether they be pregnant, have children at home or out of the  
house or are grandmothers,

Whether they be godmothers or motherly guardians,  
Bless them all their days.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Motherhood and for  
the blessing it bestows on us all.

Through the intercession of St. Ann, mother of Mary,

And through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,  
mother of our Lord and us all,  
Bless and protect all mothers on this special day. Amen.

## ***May 9, 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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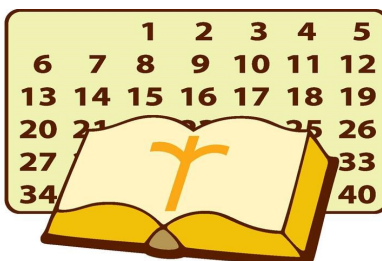
***Stewardship Thought for the Week.***

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.

Mass Attendance	5 <sup>pm</sup>	8 <sup>am</sup>	10 <sup>am</sup>	12 <sup>pm</sup>	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	112	95	107	151	465
2020		<i>No</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>Mass</i>	
2019	245	154	450	491	1340

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gospel.....Jn 17: 11b-19



**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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center: Thursday 10 am –2 pm.**  
Or call for appointment— x119.

*As We Resume Public Masses, all  
attending: please **observe social distancing***

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8am

 $10^{\text{am}}$ 

Frank Veltri

12<sup>pm</sup>

MaryJane Kogler

HE HEALED  
THEM  
ALL

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,

Jesus's first words in today's Gospel are: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Throughout his teachings, Jesus referred to God as 'Father,' and gave us many images of paternal love and care. But, on Mothers' Day Sunday, here are two quotes from Scripture that reveal the same God's love in maternal images.

**"Can a woman forget the infant at her breast, or a mother the child of her womb? But should even these forget, I shall never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15)**

**"[O Jerusalem,] how often I longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not." (Matthew 23:37)**

Isaiah uses the depths of a mother's deeply felt physical and emotional bond with her child (something even the most loving father can never experience) to express God's committed union with us. Jesus' image expresses an aspect of protection that is more associated with a mother than a father: protection connected with comforting. (Think about the way almost all children seek this kind of protection in fear or illness.)

God as Spirit is neither masculine nor feminine. However, the various ways that the two genders express love are reminders of the richness of God's love that we will never comprehend.

Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers, who are with us and who have gone before us, and to all women who have taken a maternal role in the lives of children. ~ **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.**

## PENTECOST – MAY 22/23

Pentecost is the third most important feast of the Church Year, after Easter and Christmas. Yet, even though it is sometimes called "the Birthday of the Church," it is easily overlooked or forgotten. Pentecost celebrates the Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, the Blessed Mother and many other disciples forty days after Jesus's Resurrection. His Descent lifted any fears they had, let them experience the Lord's peace and joy, and gave them the strength to continue the mission of the Risen Lord.



RED is the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit. **As a way of making our Pentecost Masses special on May 22 & 23, all parishioners are invited to wear something RED.** It could be a jacket, a sweater, a dress, a shirt, pants or slacks, a tie, a scarf...anything that will help us to see in a colorful way that we are all blessed by the same Holy Spirit!

## Sacraments are Celebrations!



### Baptisms

Nova Jacobsen  
Evelynn Alice Papadimas



**Ascension Thursday ~ May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass at 9 AM & 7:30 PM**

## Fr. Jim's Goodbye Celebration

Our Parish will be celebrating with Fr. Jim on  
Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> after the 12 noon Mass.

**Save the Date**

**Reservations needed. Please consult future bulletins for details.**



## 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.**

**Juice Boxes, Package Gravy & Toilet Paper**

**We currently have plenty of cereal**

***A very special  
THANK YOU to all!***

## St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Bins are open.

**next to the ballfield on the north side of our property for your donations.**  
*Thank you for your patience and donations.*

## Congratulations Honor Roll Students

St. Margaret's Parish family would like to congratulate the Honor Roll students from



**St. John the Baptist, West Islip**  
Noella Diminich

**St. Anthony's, Huntington**  
Tiffany Bosch, Valerie Bosch, Sarah Breuer  
Cassandra Hussey, Aelish Symonds

*We commend their efforts to excel!*



**Thank you** to everyone who collected for Catholic Relief Rice Bowls. Our Parish was able to collect over \$1400!

You may still bring your box with you to Mass or drop off at the Parish Center during hours.

## 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](http://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](http://saintmargaret.com))

## We are having a blood drive on May 11 and you can help!

**Our world has changed.** We find new ways to connect, work, play, learn and support each other. Blood is needed **every two seconds** to meet the daily transfusion needs. At this unprecedented time, donating blood is one thing you can do to help someone who desperately needs it. Your body is constantly making new blood cells, consider sharing one pint and you will be helping to save up to three people's lives. You must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have one form of identification and feel well the day of the drive. If you are not able to donate, please share the information with someone else. All CDC regulations will be followed to assure the safety of all donors.



# BLOOD DRIVE

**In memory of MaryJane Kogler  
ST. Margaret of Scotland**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
2:00pm – 8:00pm**

**81 College Road, Selden – Auditorium**

**ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR A FREE  
LARGE MCDONALD'S SANDWICH OR SALAD**

**To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-933-BLOOD.  
or scan the QR code below and type in St. Margaret of Scotland**



**For more information, please contact Dianne 516-478-5066**

### DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that we **do NOT test for COVID-19**. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.



1.800.933.BLOOD

**New York Blood Center**

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ Ronkonkoma, Spring Basket Raffle

Over 40 baskets ~ \$25 and up. Drawing on June 13<sup>th</sup> after 11 am Mass ~ Do not need to be present. \$5 ea or 5 for \$20

Go to [WWW.STEAS.ORG](http://WWW.STEAS.ORG) to view all baskets.  
Purchase online, at the parish office or after mass.  
800 Portion Rd., Lk. Ronkonkoma





## Faith Formation



### Our Parish Celebrates First Communion

Saturday ~ May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 MASS ON ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE

In addition to our weekend Masses, available at 5<sup>pm</sup> Saturday and 8<sup>am</sup>, 10<sup>am</sup> 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](http://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 Confirmation

Friday  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 5 pm

May 14<sup>th</sup>

Patrick C.  
Christian D.  
Kyle F.  
Bryce G.  
Alexa K.  
Zachary K.  
Leah L.  
Giancarlo L.  
Madison M.  
Chukwuemeka N.  
Cayla R.  
Isiah R.  
Anthony S.  
Ava S.

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Lea C.  
Salvatore F.  
Hannah H.  
Anthony I.  
Justin J.  
Thomas L.  
Tyler N.  
Christopher N.  
Jake P.  
Ryan R.  
Addison R.  
Desiree S.  
Annabella S.  
Daniella S.  
Michael S.  
Gregory S.  
James S.  
Alexander Y.  
Jenna Z.

May 28<sup>th</sup>

Joshua A.  
Francesca A.  
Leszek B.  
Adrian B.  
Joseph C.  
Cole C.  
Arianna C.  
Michael F.  
Edward G.  
Brooke G.  
Alivia J.  
Lauren K.  
Victoria K.  
Julia L.  
Kayla M.  
Zofia S.  
Daniel S.  
Cara W.



## Sunday, May 09, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER See through God's eye

God does not see as we see, the prophet Isaiah reminds us. To harness the divine perspective, native peoples of western Mexico wove yarn on crossed sticks to represent the eye of God (*ojo de Dios*), which sees in four directions and in all elemental mediums: earth, wind, fire, and water. A God's eye became the portal through which God views the supplicant, or through which those who pray might share the divine vision. Sharing a God's-eye perspective on the world remains the goal of every believer. Practice seeing others as our compassionate God sees them. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (56)*. "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever . . . acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

## Monday, May 10 MEMORIAL OF DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST Pray for those who heal

The story of Saint Damien de Veuster, a Belgian priest who missioned to quarantined lepers in Hawaii and died of the disease, is extraordinary—although often echoed these days as legions of medical professionals all over the world put themselves in harm's way to treat the sick and dying of COVID. Father Damian is a "martyr of charity," and we've been blessed with multitudes of fearless, generous heroes like him who've expended themselves physically and emotionally to get us through this pandemic. Give thanks to God for our modern martyrs of charity and ask for Father Damian's intercession to keep them safe and send them spiritual strength. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291)*. "And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."

## Tuesday, May 11 EASTER WEEKDAY Cultivate an appreciation of rural traditions

Though they've disappeared from most modern calendars, two older Catholic observances converge today. One is the petitioning of the "Ice Saints"—Boniface of Tarsus, Pancras, and Servatius—so named because their feasts fall during what were believed in some northern nations to be the last days of spring when a cold snap might damage spring plantings. The other observance, beginning on the Tuesday before Ascension Thursday, is known as the Minor Rogation Days. These two, along with the Catholic observance of Ember Days, are religious celebrations more commonly tied to the rhythms of rural life. They include the blessing of fields for a good harvest and prayers for good weather. Learn more at .org. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292)*. "His household rejoiced at having come to faith in God."

## Wednesday, May 12 MEMORIALS OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRAS, MARTYR

### Religious freedom is a timeless concern

Sometimes it is difficult to relate to the martyrs of the early church because their lives are so different from our own. Nereus and Achilleus were Roman soldiers who had participated in carrying out persecutions of Christians. In a "miracle of faith," they were converted and died their own martyred deaths in the late first century. Pancras was a 14-year-old martyr of the same era who was beheaded because he publicly affirmed his faith in Jesus Christ. On this Easter weekday, give thanks for the ability to freely worship and pray for those around the world who do not enjoy such freedom. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293)*. "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth."

## Thursday, May 13 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Rise to the occasion

Today's Feast of the Ascension gives wide recognition to a rather complex idea—that Christ both ascended to heaven *and* remains with us. In fact, we get a taste of heaven when we unify ourselves with Jesus in spirit and action. Saint Augustine taught "although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace." From attending Mass to aiding the needy, on this feast day we can all take a step toward unity with Christ. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13 or Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20 (58)*. "So then the Lord Jesus . . . was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God."

## Friday, May 14 FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Abstinence makes the faith grow stronger

Although self-denial is celebrated in all major religions as a virtue, the value isn't so much in the practice as in the motivation. For Christians the virtuous motivation for abstinence of food, drink, or particular desires comes from love. We deny ourselves for God's sake and for the sake of others. Saint Matthias, patron of alcoholics, encouraged abstinence as a way to grow closer to God. He kept his focus on his vocation to spread the gospel and let little distract him from his purpose. What can you do today to keep your focus on love? TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564)*. "This I command you: love one another."

## Saturday, May 15 EASTER WEEKDAY Honor the forces of reconciliation

Pope Saint John XXIII taught that wars are never justified. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote to President George W. Bush that the Iraq War was unjust. Pope Benedict XVI questioned whether any war could be called just. Pope Francis, speaking in Hiroshima during his 2019 visit, repeated the positions of the previous popes. Christians face a dilemma, wanting world peace but also needing some protection from those who don't think the same way. The church recognizes a need for the military. But the task of the military should be to maintain peace and set the conditions for reconciliation. On this Armed Forces Day, pray for all our military service members. They have a difficult job. TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296)*. "For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God."





## 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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**Thank You!**