

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.



May 23, 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

On this day of Pentecost, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you so as to do God's will.

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.

	2019	2020	2021	#
Collected at Mass	10,062 ⁻⁵⁴	0	5,331 ^{.09}	140
Mailed Envelopes	521	6,661	1,417	25
Electronic Donations	2,495	1,884	2,441	37
Total Collection	13,078⁻⁵⁴	\$8,545	\$9,189^{.09}	202

Mass Attendance	5 ^{pm}	8 ^{am}	10 ^{am}	12 ^{pm}	Total
<i>Last Sunday</i>	76	106	133	110	425
2020		<i>No</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>Mass</i>	
2019	205	177	423	468	1273

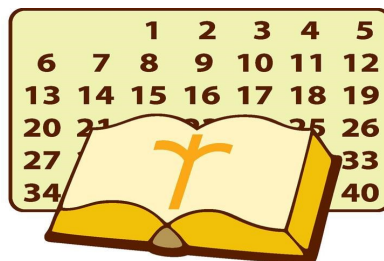
Readings for Next Sunday

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading.....Dt 4: 32-34, 39-40

Second ReadingRom 8: 14-17

Gospel.....Mt 28: 16-20



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. Health restrictions currently limit the number of babies at each ceremony, held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Some forms, the child's birth certificate and the godparent's "sponsor certificate" are needed (godparents must be Confirmed practicing Catholics) before a date can be 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 - May 24th

Herbert Robert Plitt

Tuesday - May 25th

Wednesday-May 26th

Thursday, - May 27th

Friday - May 28th

Norman Gottfried

Saturday - May 29th

Helen Clemente

Kathleen E. Migdon

Sunday – May 30th

8^{am}

All the Souls in Purgatory

10^{am}

Dotty Gomula

Richard Herrmann

12^{pm}

James Di Stefano

Special Intentions Fred De Marco

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

Marie & Tony Caruana

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,

Last Monday, the Jewish festival called “Shavout” took place fifty days after Passover (in Greek, “Pentecost” – “fifty (days).”). It commemorates the time that God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai and gave him the Ten Commandments and other laws. The earliest followers of Jesus were Jewish, so they knew what Shavuot commemorated. Following the direction of Jesus before he ascended, they were praying together when suddenly, out of nowhere they heard a loud rush of strong wind, and tongues of fire hovered over the head of each one of them. It was the Holy Spirit that descended on them, just as Jesus has promised. The New Law had begun, not written of stone, but written in our hearts.

Just as the Feast of the Epiphany is the celebration of the Birth of the Messiah made known to all nations, so Pentecost marks the Resurrection of Christ being made known to more than his followers. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles all the graces and gifts to meet Jesus’s challenge: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20). Pentecost is the Feast of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is pure spirit, and the abiding presence of God in the world. Different images are used to try to portray the Holy Spirit. The Spirit coming as wind or breath expresses the life-giving breath of God. As tongues of fire, power and energy from God is symbolized. Fire transforms and purifies, cleans and sterilizes things. But beyond any physical image, the Holy Spirit is the fire of God’s love.

This Sunday let us honor and praise the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of God. And every day let us be seek to strengthen the abiding presence of God’s Spirit so that we may truly be living temples of the Holy Spirit and instruments of renewal, transformation and life of the world. And so we pray: “Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love and renew the face of the earth. Amen.” ~ *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.



Pentecost 2021

Congratulations to our
Adult **Confirmation** Candidates

Stefanie Crino & Carol Ann White

St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Thank you so much to all who donated at our blood drive. We were able to collect 30 pints of blood which is going to go on to save up to 90 people's lives at a very challenging time.



Fr. Jim's Goodbye Celebration

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

Please see inside back page for details.

Our Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland
gives congratulations and thanks for

Deacon Bill Kogler

on his 40th Diaconate Anniversary

May, 2021

A celebration will be
forthcoming in the fall of 2021.



MEMORIAL DAY MASSES ~ May 31

9:00 am – Parish Mass. As in previous years, there will be the opportunity as you enter the church lobby before Mass to write down the name(s) of your loved one(s) who served our country and have died (in action or later). This year due to the pandemic rules, all the names will be placed in front of the Altar before Mass begins.



Please note: this year, Memorial Day falls on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Elizabeth. Therefore, the Mass will be a Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Mass in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery – schedule not set at this time; see next weeks bulletin.

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, Applesauce, Snacks, Rice Boxes, & Saltines

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.

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.**

A GIFT...

Once again, Joe from *Middle Country Auto*, who has donated cars in the past, approached us with another offer: he wants to donate a car that is in good condition to a family. The only criteria he has stipulated is that the family are practicing Catholics who are connected with our parish.

How will this be done? Basically, any family interested is asked to write a letter, addressed to "Joe" and explain why you are in need of a car. Please include your full name, address and phone number.

Please drop it off or mail it to St. Margaret of Scotland Parish (81 College Rd., Selden, NY 11784). The deadline is **Wednesday June 9th**. The parish staff will read and review the letters and then forward the ones that fit into his guideline. After that, Joe will make the final decision. Everyone who sends in a letter will be notified, whether you are selected or not. If you have participated in the past, you are welcome to do so again. ***Our parish wants to thank Joe for his spirit of generosity for one of our families.***



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

Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)

The EBB is a temporary Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect children to school, seniors to telemedicine services and New Yorkers to jobs and other vital services. Go to **www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit**, call **877-669-2572** or email **info@utilityproject.org** for information and guidelines to see if you are eligible.

Covid 19 Mortgage Assistance

If you have been financially impacted by the Coronavirus, you may have mortgage concerns. The Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP) is a non-profit HUD certified housing counseling agency with a mission to assist Long Islanders with their housing needs. LIHP has well trained, certified and caring housing counselors on staff with experience. **We strongly encourage you to talk with us BEFORE you talk with your lender or sign any forbearance agreement.** For info go to **LIHP.org** for guidelines or email **info@lihp.org** for assistance.

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



Our Parish Celebrates Confirmation

May 28th ~ 5 pm

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



CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is a 24/7 national network that provides comprehensive Catholic, informative and spiritual programming. CFN is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture. Available on your local cable providers, all of your favorite digital platforms, the free CFN app.



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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.

Envelopes Do Help

A special thank you to the parishioners who have been using envelopes. Please remember that the parish is not able to record your donation for tax purposes unless it is in an envelope. Use of envelopes helps us when asked to sign forms attesting to eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor, determine Faith Formation parish support, as well as Catholic school subsidy for individual families.

***Please do not use staples or scotch tape.
Thank you!***

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ Ronkonkoma, Spring Basket Raffle

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

Go to WWW.STEAS.ORG to view all baskets.
Purchase online, at the parish office or after mass.
800 Portion Rd., Lk. Ronkonkoma



Sunday, May 23, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Sing a new church into being

Pentecost celebrates crowded places, multiple languages, and diverse people uniting in one Spirit. It's a hard feast to celebrate during a pandemic in an era clouded by social conflict. All the more reason to challenge ourselves by celebrating not only what makes us the same, but also what makes us different. God showers on the world "gifts that differ," as Benedictine hymnist Delores Dufner declares. So "Bring the hopes of every nation;/ bring the art of every race. /Weave a song of peace and justice;/ let it sound through time and space." And let the church say: Amen! TODAY'S READINGS: *Day: Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25 or 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 (63).* "There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

Monday, May 24 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH The mother of all feasts

In 2018, Pope Francis created the new Marian memorial that the universal church celebrates today, the Monday after Pentecost. The title "Mother of the Church" was bestowed on Mary in 1964 by Pope Saint Paul VI at the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Her role as mother of the church goes back to when Jesus, on the cross, gave her and the beloved disciple to one another and to when she became the mother of Christ, whose body we are all members of. Not everyone has a mother figure to rely on—know that you can always rely on the mother of us all. TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A).* "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.'"

Tuesday, May 25 MEMORIAL OF MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, VIRGIN A Spirit for the dry season

When Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun in 1583, she couldn't foresee the great physical suffering from an unknown disease that would besiege her. Nor could she foresee having the same type of ecstatic religious visions—followed by years of "spiritual dryness"—as did another Carmelite saint, Teresa of Ávila. Magdalene's bout of spiritual dryness, so severe that she considered suicide, ended on Pentecost in 1590. With Pentecost 2021 so recently behind us, pray as she did: "Come, Holy Spirit . . . Come, as you descended on Mary, that the Word might become flesh and work in us through grace." TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (348).* "Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously."

Wednesday, May 26 MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST Now is the time to do good

In the middle of Rome in the 16th century lived a man whose joyful nature made him something of a people magnet for both the powerful and the poor. Saint Philip Neri was a deeply spiritual man who exuded natural warmth, listened well, and in loving generosity, led others to know God. This spiritual director, priest, and confessor was known to ask, "Well, when shall we begin to do good?" It is no surprise that Neri, known as the "Apostle of Rome," inspired followers to join him in caring for the sick and the poor. Where can you do some good today? TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45 (349).* "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."

Thursday, May 27 MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP Can't win them all

Augustine of Canterbury, memorialized today, is remembered as a major figure in evangelizing England. The renowned Canterbury Cathedral was built on the site of a church and monastery he built around the end of the sixth century. In spite of his stature now as "Apostle of the English," he met with bitter disappointment, too. His efforts to bring the English bishops in line with Rome were roundly rebuffed, a disappointment he took to his death. Can you let go of your failures, knowing that, like Augustine, they do not define your life? TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 42:15-25, Mark 10:46-52 (350).* "He began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.'"

Friday, May 28 Give a fig!

Figs are a popular fruit in the Bible, from Genesis with Eve and Adam wearing fig leaves clear through the Book of Revelation's apocalyptic falling of winter figs. Why so many figs? The fig itself is sweet and has lots of dietary fiber, calcium, and various minerals and vitamins. It is a great source of energy and flavor. Perhaps because it is so plentiful, delicious, and nutritious, the fig is also rich in symbolism for health and abundance. In the gospels, Jesus expects us to be like figs—to be "nutritious" to others and abundant in our presence and giving. Let us go forth to nurture the world! TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26 (351).* "As they were leaving Bethany Jesus was hungry. Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf, he went over to see if he could find anything on it."

Saturday, May 29 MEMORIAL OF PAUL VI, POPE A Pentecostal pope

The ecumenical movement received a much-needed boost during the papacy of Saint Pope Paul VI (1963-78). After the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Pope Paul went out of his way to promote ecumenical dialogue and partnership. When asked by a cardinal for permission to initiate a joint Catholic-Protestant translation of the Bible, Paul is said to have responded, "I am totally in favor!" He issued formal approval later that year on Pentecost Sunday, our recently celebrated feast commemorating the moment when the Holy Spirit allowed believers of all backgrounds and languages to truly understand each other. Come, Holy Spirit! TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33 (352).* "By what authority are you doing these things?"



Fr. Jim's Goodbye Celebration

Sunday, June 13th after the 12 noon Mass.

Deadline to reserve ~ June 7th

First come First Served—Limited Seating.

Light lunch will be served.

Note: Due to Covid, requests are not guaranteed.

We ask that you fill out the form below and indicate the number of people with you.

Tables fit 8 comfortably.

Masks are required.

If you would like to sit as a family or group, **HAVE ONLY ONE PERSON FILL OUT THE FORM.**

Name _____ [____ coming by myself]

Address _____

Phone # _____

of Person/People in party _____ **Print** names (including self) below using only the needed lines.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

You may drop the form off at the Parish Center during hours, place in the collection basket marked **Fr. Jim's Celebration**, or mail to us to arrive by June 7th.

Any questions or concerns, please call the office at 631-732-3131 x133.

Masks are required.