

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.



Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 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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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This Sunday and next Sunday are celebrations of the two most important beliefs of our Faith – the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ. I invite you to spend some time pondering the reality of the Trinity with the following prayer.

All praise to the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
The Father is my hope. The Son is my refuge. The Holy Spirit is my protector.
I bless and exalt You, Three and One, above all forever!

Almighty and everlasting God, to whom we owe our very existence and all the blessings that flow from that gift, grant that while meditating on the glory of the eternal Trinity and adoring its unity, we may enter more deeply into the eternal love that exists among Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Jim

PANDEMIC PROCEDURES UPDATES

Pew Cleaning. Since the Church reopened last June, parishioners have been very generous and faithful in disinfecting the pews, on Sundays and during the week. This unexpected “ministry” has been a practical sign of caring for our parish family, and greatly appreciated! However, as understanding of this coronavirus has grown and vaccination has become widespread, the Diocese wrote that this ministry is no longer needed. Thank you to all who have been part of it.

Seating. With the number of parishioners coming to Masses growing, the roping in the front center part of the church has been removed. Please be aware of keeping some distance in the pew if needed.

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.

Welcome to our new Pastor!

Bishop Barres has assigned Monsignor Robert Batule as Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Church. In his more than thirty-five years as a priest, Monsignor Batule has been pastor of Holy Family Church (Hicksville) and Corpus Christi (Mineola). In addition, he has taught in St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers and has held various Diocesan positions.

Please keep Monsignor in your prayers as he prepares to join our parish family on June 23rd.

Sacraments are Celebrations!



Baptisms

Aaron Philip Robinson, Ryan Thomas Raneri,
Randy Rosario Gerson-Alessi,
Mila Grace Cangemi

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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS ~ 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.

The usual Mass in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will not be held this year.

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**

**Snacks, Rice Boxes, Peas,
Shelf Stable Milk, Saltines**

***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.

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.*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ Ronkonkoma, Spring Basket Raffle - "In Person"

Over 40 baskets ~ \$25 and up. Drawing on June 13th ~ 9am-12 noon to view baskets. Drawing after 11 am Mass outside the parish hall. You 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



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

Please consult future bulletins or our website regarding fall registration.



Have a Happy and Blessed Summer!

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.



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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.

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Also available in Spanish at www.CFNespañol.org



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.



Holy Angels Regional School *Open Registration Pre-K to 8th Grade.*

1 Division St., Patchogue ~
PRINCIPAL JEANNINE STEWART



Sunday, May 30, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY For you are my God

There's a difference between prayer and theology. Most of us don't think of ourselves as doing theology when we pray—and yet we are. How we pray involves a preconception of the God with whom we are engaging. Is God a loving parent to us, or a merciless accountant? Is God an ATM we visit to supply our daily needs; a companion on the journey; the source of every good thing; or the one who best loves and understands us? When you pray, take a moment to orient yourself toward the God you really believe in. TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20 (165)*. “*Know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God . . . and that there is no other.*”

Monday, May 31 FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Believe the impossible

National holidays frequently take precedence over our daily routines, and this Memorial Day is no exception as the country honors those who gave their lives in service. In the midst of your holiday activities, however, take a moment to ponder today's Feast of the Visitation. It's a wonder-filled account of God's power to transform human life, as two holy women—cousins Mary and Elizabeth—embrace their unusual and graced pregnancies. Their joy trumps any worry as they glorify the Lord who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Mary's words have echoed through centuries of faith, calling all believers to see the presence of God in the unexpected. Ask for the grace to see the Holy today. TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572)*. “*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my savior.*”

Tuesday, Jun 01 MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR Wise up!

Justin sought a universal truth in the Greek philosophies of his day—among Stoics, Platonists, and Pythagoreans—but it was an old man he met, walking along the sea one day in 135, who finally enlightened him. The man simply recounted the story of the Hebrew prophets and Christianity. Justin was hooked. He donned philosopher's robes to speak of faith and reason, writing persuasively about Christianity. Justin's writings are most famous for providing a vivid snapshot of the early church—describing in detail how the Eucharist and Baptisms were celebrated, also the practice of reading aloud from the gospels. Seek the truths of the faith in your own way. TODAY'S READINGS: *Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17 (354)*. “*Do not regard a person's status but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.*”

Wednesday, Jun 02 On we go

By the time of Jesus, the possibility of life after death had been in the theological discussion for at least a century. In response to the Book of Job, which questioned why bad things happen to good people, the Book of Wisdom, written in the first century before Christ, declared that “souls of the just are in the hands of God” and that God's justice was at work even after death. The Sadducees in today's gospel contest the idea, while Jesus supports it. Our faith in God's eternal presence helps us to endure the injustices of life and bear wrongs patiently. Remember today that we believe in life everlasting. TODAY'S READINGS: *Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27 (355)*. “*When they rise from the dead . . . they are like the angels in heaven.*”

Thursday, Jun 03 MEMORIAL OF CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Faith rises from the ashes

Twenty-two men and boys, many of them pages in King Mwanga's court in Uganda, were murdered between 1885 and 1887 for refusing to denounce their Catholic faith. Most were burned to death at Namugondo after a two-day death march from the palace. Within several decades, a church was erected near the site of the gruesome executions to honor the martyrs. Now a basilica stands on this holy ground in thanksgiving for the canonization of the Ugandan martyrs in 1964. “A martyr is a witness,” Pope Francis said during a 2015 visit to Uganda. “Past glories were a beginning, but you are called to create future glories. This is what the church asks of you.” This is what the church asks of all of us. How will you witness the glory of the gospel today? TODAY'S READINGS: *Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34 (356)*. “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*”

Friday, Jun 04 What a blessed day this be

As the northern hemisphere revels in the glories of spring, it's a fitting time to say a few “Glory Be's” and “Blessed Be's” in thanksgiving. The “Glory Be,” or “Doxology,” is a short hymn of praise and affirmation of faith: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.” The “Blessed Be's,” also known as the “Divine Praises,” are a litany honoring the Trinity, the Blessed Mother, and the angels and saints: “Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. . . .” It is typically recited during Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration. But anytime, particularly a sunny day, is the right time to acknowledge how blessed we are to be loved by God. TODAY'S READINGS: *Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37 (357)*. “*Blessed be God, and praised be his great name.*”

Saturday, Jun 05 MEMORIAL OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR Animate your life story

Saint Boniface (c. 673-754), born in Devonshire, England, entered the Benedictine Monastery at Exeter and was ordained a priest at 30. Despite his happy life as a monk, he decided to travel to Holland and then Germany as a missionary. He's now known as the “Apostle to Germany” and is credited with unifying the church in Europe. Boniface's chief concern throughout his life was purity of faith. He saw his mission as ensuring that men and women—lay, clerics, and religious—live holy lives. He exhorted the faithful: “Let all your actions be animated with charity, and according to the gospel, you will possess your souls in patience.” May you experience the peace that comes with a life motivated by love. TODAY'S READINGS: *Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44 (358)*. “*Do good, and evil will not find its way to you.*”



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.**

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Name _____ [___ coming by myself]

Address _____

Phone # _____

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

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_____	_____
_____	_____

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.