

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm,

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church



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Of the seven spiritual works of mercy, this one – bearing wrongs patiently – does not imply that there are others involved with you. Yes, it does presume that someone else has caused you to be harmed. But there isn't anyone helping you to overcome that wrong done to you. You are, in a sense, on your own. But not exactly. Christ is with you and His example is going to help you rise above your injury.

Wrongs come in all varieties. Their essence though is that you have not been treated justly. We have all experienced this phenomenon at one time or another in our lives. In some instances, our grievance or protest is enough for the injustice to be remedied. Justice is restored and you carry on with your life as you had before the injustice was done to you. However, there are some injustices which cannot be removed quickly and you must therefore endure the wrong committed against you and suffer with it.

In the Bible, Job must endure calamity after calamity and he becomes known as a righteous sufferer. He is the innocent one who has not brought harm to anyone but has the harm visited upon him. In the New Testament, the righteous will be persecuted (cf. Matt 5:10) and denounced as evil. (cf. Lk 6:22) But they will, at last, be vindicated. And the One Who will do this for them is the Vindicator Himself (cf. Jb 19:25)

Jesus in the Beatitudes promises that the righteous will have the Kingdom of heaven. (cf. Matt 5:10; Lk 6:23) But while the Kingdom has come in the Person of Christ, it won't be fulfilled totally until the eschaton, that is, until the end of time when God will be all in all. (cf. 1 Cor. 15:28) Our vindication is yet to come then. And thus we must still strain forward.

Until we reach the end, we are guided by Christ's example of righteous suffering. He is completely blameless and yet is treated cruelly in His Passion. He is jeered and made sport of by the chief priests, the scribes and the elders. (cf. Matt 27:40-44) What accounts for Christ's self-possession then despite the ordeal He underwent?

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274) makes the point in his *Summa* that Jesus underwent the suffering He did out of a superabundance of love. The eternal Son of God has that superabundance of love by nature. But what about us? How are we to find the wherewithal to bear wrongs patiently?

Saint Paul is going to help us in this regard, I think. In his First Letter to the Corinthians when he praises the excellence of love (cf. 1 Cor. 12:31), he refers to an authentic Christian love with characteristics which are evident in the practical order. He refers there to a love which bears all things. . . endures all things. (cf. 1 Cor. 13:7)

The bearing and the enduring are not specified in the text; it just says "all things." Under the rubric of "all things," surely there is room for bearing wrongs patiently. If not, we would have to re-think the greatness of love over faith and hope. (cf. 1 Cor. 13:13)

Those who bear wrongs patiently are developing a likeness to Christ that is truly exemplary. If the yoke of bearing a wrong patiently cannot be lifted right away, what is to prevent us from taking Christ's yoke upon ourselves? (cf. Matt 11:29) That yoke is easy to bear, Christ Himself tells us. (cf. Matt 11:30)

Having learned from the One Who is meek and humble (cf. Matt 11:29), we may then accept any burden – even an unjust one – if it means that we can be more closely conformed to Christ. It's a dear price to pay ourselves, but we have been purchased at a great price. (cf. 1 Cor. 6:20)

O Lord, grant me the strength to bear any wrong patiently out of love for You!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk



We wish to announce that adult Catholics who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so are going to be able to do just that on Sunday, June 5th at the 12 noon Mass. In advance of that day, there will be catechesis offered on Wednesday nights beginning April 27th at 7:30 PM in the parish center building. The sessions will last five (5) weeks and conclude on May 25th. If you have not yet contacted us, please do so that you may be included in the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

We invite any interested adult parishioners who are already confirmed to join us for these sessions. We will consider the following topics over the five weeks: Faith, Christ, Church, Sacraments and Morals. We anticipate each session going about 75 – 90 minutes.

Msgr. Batule and Fr. Patrick will lead the sessions.

Parishioners who use envelopes to support Saint Margaret should be aware that we have switched envelope companies. You will notice a new style and a new packaging for your envelopes when they arrive in your mailbox. Kindly use the envelopes as you always have, and always support our parish **generously** and **sacrificially**. The new company is named F.J. Remy and it is located in Mineola, New York.

Opening Night of Prayer

Saturday, March 5, 2022

7:00pm to 8:30pm

St. Francis de Sales

7 Amity St, Patchogue, NY

Pro-life Rosary. Speakers. Hymns. Benediction.
For more info + sign up for vigil hours:

40daysforlife.com/patchogue

40DFL: March 2 -April 10, Mon.-Sat. 7am-7pm

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

Mid-point Gathering: March 19, 10am-12pm

450 Waverly Avenue, Patchogue

Closing Ceremony: April 9, 10am-12pm

450 Waverly Avenue, Patchogue



every life is worth saving



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Worldwide Marriage Encounter announces an in-person experience in New England. This non-residential weekend takes place at St. Gabriel The Archangel Church 151 Mendon St., Upton, MA from Friday, March 18- Sunday, March 20, 2022. Couples can drive to the experience from their homes or stay at one of several hotels in the area. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they've been married only a short time or many years. This in-person experience will be conducted in accordance with CDC safety protocols including social distancing. To apply contact Joe & Ginny Vatalle at 800-710-9963 or visit wwmema.org.

For those wishing to participate in a virtual experience, there is one beginning on March 9, 2022. It will be on seven Wednesday evenings (concluding on April 20) from 7:00 PM to about 9:00 PM. To apply, contact Jimmy & Bernice Acevedo at 877-697-9963 or visit bq-wwme.org.



VETERANS BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

A representative from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will once again be on hand to assist veterans with submitting disability claims as well as benefits for widows/widowers of deceased veterans. Veterans should bring their **DD214** and any service documents they may have.

Where: Middle Country Library-Selden and Centereach Library.

When: First Wednesday of every month in Selden & the third Weds. of every month in Centereach from 9:30am to 1:30pm.



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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Vacation Bible School

Save the Date!

July 11th, 2022



Catholic Charities

TALBOT HOUSE

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES /Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal & stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males & females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or drug use. The medical & clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin their journey in recovery. For more info, call confidentially 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7.

Talbot House is a "NO fee for service" program.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we continue our Lenten observance, we encourage you to make time in your schedule for Mass each of these holy forty days. Our union with Christ is never more real and never more profound than when we share in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Join us at the 9:00 AM Mass Monday through Friday.

We pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in the church at 7:00 PM. We invite you to join us as we mark the Way the Lord's Passion saves us unto eternal life.

On most of the Wednesdays of Lent, there will be a priest in the church from 3 until 4 PM for you to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Those not able to go to confession on Saturdays for one reason or another may find this additional time for the Lord's pardon and peace a help to them spiritually.

There is a second collection this weekend. It is for the Church in Need. This year, the collection is earmarked for the people of Ukraine who are suffering grievously at this time. This collection is taken up **immediately** after the first one at all weekend Masses on March 5th and 6th.



Further down the road, in the Easter Season, we will have a May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 8th following the 12 noon Mass.

And in June, on the 19th, when the Church marks the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there will be a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 12 noon Mass.

Msgr. Batule ~ Pastor



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Church

Adoration is the highest act of worship. By sitting quietly before His presence in the Blessed Sacrament, we offer to God what is most personal and pleasing – our time and our hearts. This allows our gracious God to draw us lovingly to Himself. By joining our adoration to prayer and praise, we celebrate that we are the Body of Christ. Come experience the beauty of this holy exchange heart to heart.

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

Sunday, Mar 06, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; RITE OF ELECTION Dig a little deeper this Lent

If practicing our religion is easy, we're not practicing our religion. This is one valuable lesson we glean from the time Jesus spends in the desert. Challenges to spiritual discipline are many: the desire for creature comforts, the hunger to be admired, the quest for control. Engaging this 40-day exercise each year strengthens the will and purifies the heart. It enables us to prepare for the real temptations that life offers. Is my prayer vital? Have I grown self-indulgent? Is my hand open to others? Our Lenten practice should be a response to those probing questions. TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 (24)*. "[Jesus] was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil."

Monday, Mar 07 MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS My peace I leave you

Saints Perpetua and Felicity shared an intense intimate bond. These two North African women were young new mothers imprisoned together by the Roman Empire for being Christians. Perpetua was a noblewoman and Felicity was her enslaved servant—but their unequal relationship was upended by their new faith, in which Saint Paul said there is "neither slave nor free." The two held each other in the moments before their grisly public executions in an amphitheater and gave each other the kiss of peace before dying. In the face of any horror—from slavery to persecution to execution, all of which still exist in our modern times—love has power over hate. TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 (224)*. "When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?"

Tuesday, Mar 08 MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS Give your life in noble pursuit

The Order of Brothers Hospitallers honors the work of Saint John of God, who was born and died on this day. John's tumultuous path—as orphan, then soldier, then suffering from mental illness—eventually led to a humble spiritual life of tending the sick and dying poor. John died as he lived, in noble pursuit: He succumbed to pneumonia after rescuing a drowning man. Founded on the Rule of Saint Augustine, the order consoles the world's sick and poor but also, officially, oversees medical care of the pope. Pray Augustine's "Watch, O Lord" prayer to remember the sick and dying today—and all who comfort them. TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (225)*. "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but shall do my will."

Wednesday, Mar 09 MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS Let your legacy be one for the ages

On this second day of National Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome. Her renown as a servant of the poor was so great that centuries after her death, she became an inspiration for the first community of black nuns in America: Baltimore's Oblate Sisters of Providence, founded in 1829 by Servant of God Mary Lange (one of the church's six venerated African Americans). Dedicated to teaching black children during slavery, the Oblates named their flagship school in the Italian noblewoman's honor, and St. Frances Academy is today the oldest continually operating black Catholic school in the nation. Like those holy sisters, let's model the charism of Saint Frances this day and always. TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 (226)*. "My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn."

Thursday, Mar 10 LENTEN WEEKDAY Let faith lead you to freedom

Today is the death date of abolitionist Harriet Tubman (1820-1913), whose life embodied Christian liberation. A deeply religious woman, Tubman risked her life repeatedly to lead enslaved men and women to freedom, relying on a deep bond with God for strength during these dangerous missions. Today, many people suffer injustice and lack of freedom. Whether it be a phone call to a legislator or an act of solidarity with an exploited group, take one step today that honors the tradition of Harriet Tubman. TODAY'S READINGS: *Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12 (227)*. "For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Friday, Mar 11 LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE Second chances are a first principle

The good news of God's forgiveness is the most confounding of Christian teachings. For those who rarely turn away from God in sin, it seems unjust that God's mercy is indiscriminate, and for those who have turned away time and again and finally come to terms with their sinfulness, it seems impossible that God's mercy is at hand. As Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B. says, "Perhaps forgiveness is the last thing mentioned in the Creed because it is the last thing learned in life." Lent is our annual crash course in the practice of forgiving—ourselves and others. TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 (228)*. "If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed, . . . none of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against him."

Saturday, Mar 12 LENTEN WEEKDAY To those to whom much is given . . .

Jewish diarist Anne Frank, whose death is observed today, once wrote: "Why can't people who have more than they need for themselves give that surplus to their fellow citizens?" In most societies, alas, gaining wealth seems more the point than giving it away. But during Lent, Catholics customarily practice almsgiving, the tradition of sharing our wealth with those in need. Remembering that "charity covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pet. 4:8), what better time than Lent to send some of our money to our diocesan Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services? TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 (229)*. "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"



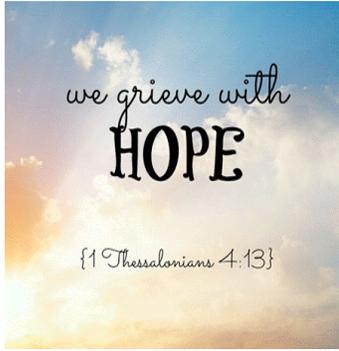
Upcoming Bereavement Support Program

Offered at St. Mary, East Islip

Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, March 15, at 7pm

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to Dec 15, 2021. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be properly adhered.

Pre-registration is required Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register



May 13-15, 2022

Call 1-800-470-2230

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Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse?



Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend **please call 1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Please call or go on the web to make a reservation! ~ Weekends get filled up very quickly

1-800-470-2230 website www.helpourmarriage.org

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Come and sing! Rehearsals for our Children's Chorus in the Parish Center on Saturdays. All boys and girls (from 2nd grade and above) are invited to come and sing. Contact Ms. Joanne at 631-698-1597 / comatwins@optonline.net for information

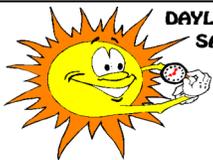


Multiple Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities

For a full list of jobs F/T and P/T, go to WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC/JOBS. You can respond by mail, email, or fax. The website will assist you.

St. Margaret's Blood Drive

Thank you so much to all who donated at our blood drive. We were able to collect 40 pints of blood which is going to go on to save many people's lives at a very challenging time.



DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME

Sunday, March 13th

Set your clocks!



Heart of the Island Council- Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a membership organization founded by Fr. McGivney in 1882 on the principles of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. The members of our local council serve in many ministries of the Church. Prospective members call Tom Piderit at 917-365-7546. .

