

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service



Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday: (Mon through Fri) 9:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM,

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

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00-4:45 PM in the Church
or by appointment.

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Time, Talent & Treasure



Stewardship Thought for the Week Pillar of Service: Living Stewardship :

Christ is Risen Indeed! As we enter into the joyous Easter season, let us be joyful and kind to everyone we meet—spreading the Good News.

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.

April 1 / 2

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$11,019	250
Mailed Envelopes	\$5,261	82
Total Collection	\$16,280	332

Readings for Next Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading.....Acts 2: 42-47
Second Reading.....1 Pt 1: 3-9
Gospel.....Jn 20: 19-31



For the week of
April 9th
Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of
Amy Grace Quaranta
Alfred Saracino

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: Ideally, prospective parents should call the Parish Center before the expected birth to discuss the arrangements for your baptism. The ceremony is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE ~ Parish Center:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Or call for appointment - x131.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ Parish Center:

Tues., Thurs. ~ 10 am – 1 pm. Or call for appointment - x119.

Masses for the Week

Monday - April 10th

Patricia Lunetta
MaryAnn Rocco

Tuesday –April 11th

Frank Chic Piraneo

Wednesday - April 12th

Giovannina & Angelo Annunziata

Thursday - April 13th

Joel Zabbara

Friday - April 14th

Dean Mauri

Saturday - April 15th

5^{pm}

Anthony Pillittier
Kimberlynn Bertolino

Sunday - April 16th

8^{am}

Kimberlynn Bertolino
Mary Clark

10^{am}

For All St. Margaret's Parishioners

12^{pm}

Frankie De Stefano
Paul Petrucelli

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



Betty Ott, Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, Margaret Jung, John Roucoulet, Logan Baar, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Terry Persina, Estelle Beauchamp, Alyssa Baisch, Eppie Larke, Jillian Brown, Virginia Butler, Robert J. Heege, Eric Cohen, Kathleen Weiss, Lorraine Vogel, Steven Vacchio, Laura Durant, Joseph De Aguiar, Sal Restivo, Robert Valletta, Joseph Kiely, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Warne Family, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Christine Mc Cusker, Dominic Percoco, Gina Rosenberg, Laura Positano, De Santis Family, Patricia Wowk, Natasha Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Babies Aubry & Greyson, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, John & Olivia Rose Altieri, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, & Dina Rajotte.

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.

In the gospel for Easter Sunday, we have Saint John's account of the two apostles, Peter and John, discovering the tomb empty. The evangelist records how John, the younger of the two, outran Peter and arrived first at the sepulcher. But the younger apostle deferred to Peter and allowed him to enter first. John followed and the evangelist remarks of him that he saw and believed. (cf. Jn 20:8)

Seeing leads to believing. But why is it said of only one apostle that he believed? John is the beloved apostle. (cf. Jn 21:20) He sees and believes out of love.

Love is not an illusion. It is not a deception. It doesn't mistake beauty for dread but sees the beauty in dread. And here I am referring to the Cross. The apostle who sees and believes out of love is there at the Cross too. (cf. Jn 19:26) He is the only apostle on Calvary; all the others had scattered. The ten others (excluding Judas whom we believe took his own life) couldn't bring themselves to see a suffering and dying Jesus. Their eyes couldn't stand the sight.

Christian love doesn't turn a blind eye to the unpleasant and the embarrassing. It sees and beholds it. Recall that just a few days ago, in the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, the priest held aloft a wooden cross and sang: "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world." (*Roman Missal*) Our response was not exactly timid or retiring: "Come, let us adore," we cried out. (*Roman Missal*) All these centuries later, it's easy to sing out in full measure – after all, we are just gazing on a replica of the real thing. But John saw the real thing: a real crucifixion and a real Risen Christ.

Paul of Tarsus was a man who thought he saw things accurately but he was terribly wrong about his first perception. In the Acts of the Apostles, the sacred author describes a blind Paul (cf. Acts 8-9) before his conversion. The blindness is removed when Ananias lays hands on him. (cf. Acts 9:12) Amazingly, "things like scales fell away from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized." (Acts 9:18)

What accounts for this conversion? It is love. It is the more excellent way in Saint Paul's thinking and leads the apostle to write that magnificent ode to love in his First Letter to the Corinthians. After a wonderful description offered by the apostle – Love is patient, love is kind. . . - he writes the following: "At present we see darkly, as if through a glass." (1 Cor. 13:12)

There is a radical incompleteness to our lives. We think we see clearly, but we really don't. What the Resurrection does is allow us to see with the eyes of faith. We catch a glimpse of what is in store for those who love. For us, there is no surprise when Jesus calls loving God the greatest commandment. (cf. Matt 22:34-40) Yet, the most remarkable thing of all is not that we love God, but that He loves us first. (cf. 1 Jn 4:10)

If the Incarnation is the first installment in divine love, the Resurrection must be close to the end then. All that is left is for the Lord to give us a body on the pattern of the Son's glorified body. (cf. Phil 3:21) That is what we hope and pray for as Catholic Christians – to have a body on the pattern of the Son's glorified body. We catch a glimpse of it in the act of Eucharistic Communion. We who receive Holy Communion worthily eat the Bread which has come down from heaven and will indeed bring us to heaven. (cf. Jn 6:51) There isn't a more profound union with the Lord we can have now, in this life. It foreshadows the life which is ours for all eternity in heaven.

To all the parishioners of Saint Margaret. I wish a Happy Easter! Let us all sing out in full-throated manner the word we haven't used in a while: *Alleluia!*

He is risen. Rejoice!

Msgr. Batule
Pastor



happy
EASTER

From all of

St. Margaret of Scotland's Staff



Divine Mercy

Sunday

April 16th

PM in the Church

Jesus I Trust in You




**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival**

A three-year initiative to inspire and prepare the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Learn more by visiting:

www.eucharisticrevival.org

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The church is open at 8:30 AM Monday through Friday. We encourage parishioners and other church-goers to come early for Mass.

The recitation of the rosary is encouraged among those so inclined.

St. Margaret's Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study is held on **Wednesdays at 10 AM** in the Parish Center.

Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator. Please bring your Bible.



The Diocese of Rockville Centre

**GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of St. James, Seaford
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Register online at drvc-faith.org
Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org




**St. Margaret of Scotland's
75th Anniversary**

With our celebration of the parish's **75th Anniversary**, we are publishing a journal. If you have any material (e.g. newspaper articles) in your possession related to the founding of St. Margaret and you would like to loan it to the parish, please see Julie Burtoff in the parish center during regular business hours.

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 11th, the principal Mass that day will be offered at 11:00 AM. It will be followed by an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament off our property. It will conclude with Benediction back in the church. To continue our **celebration on the 11th of June**, there will be a reception on the grounds of the parish. Again, please follow the bulletin for more details over the coming months. Mark your calendar.

We ask you to hold the date of

Sunday, November 19th between 1 and 5 PM

for the principal celebration of the parish's **75th Anniversary**. In the meantime, please continue to follow the bulletin on all things related to the anniversary of Saint Margaret.

Eucharistic Miracles

An exhibit on Eucharistic Miracles will be coming to Saint Margaret in late April. Over the weekend of April 22nd/23rd, parishioners will have the opportunity to view the exhibit in the auditorium following parish Masses.

Don't miss it. The exhibit is yet another way to enhance the profile of the Eucharistic Revival which began last year and will conclude next year.

The Lord is with us always through the Holy Eucharist; we should be with Him some of the time.



Adult Confirmation Preparation

We invite adult Catholics who have never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation to contact us should they want to be confirmed. Adult Catholics will be confirmed at Pentecost on Sunday, May 28th at the 12 noon Mass in the church. Those wishing to be confirmed **must** contact us now. Catechesis for Confirmation begins after Easter on Monday, April 17th at 7:30 PM in the parish center.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers.

FIRST THURSDAYS
MAY 4TH & JUNE 1ST

3:00 - 6:00 PM in the Church



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

A **marriage-saving** program is here in the New York/Metropolitan Area

April 21-23, 2023

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille* can help.

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

<https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

info@HelpOurMarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges

It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are encouraged to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:
516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org



St. Margaret's Spousal Bereavement

Both individual and group bereavement counseling services are available for those who are mourning the loss of their husband or wife. All confidential sessions are held on a weekly basis and participants need not be St. Margaret's parishioners.

For more information please contact Barbara Gottfried at (631) 698-6053.

Lectors

All lectors are asked to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 PM** in the church. There will be a practice of reading liturgical texts at that time with an audio-visual taping of all lectors. Kindly mark your calendars now.



Baptisms

Madison Anne Morano
Derek Austin Sitler

Mass Book for 2023

We encourage you to remember deceased relatives and friends at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the Communion of Saints, we are never removed from those whom we love. We hope for a reunion with them in God's providence, and praying for them now helps to bring that reunion a nearer prospect.

Sunday, Apr 09, 2023**From hole to whole**

Accounts vary. Sometimes Easter dawns with helpful instruction-bearing angels and a palpable earthshaking. In other narratives it's almost a stealthy affair: a yawning open tomb, the shroud deserted, its meaning unclear. So too we experience the Easters of our lives in a variety of ways: fervent or undecided, joyful or indifferent or possibly even sorrowing. The empty tomb is an invitation to faith, an absence that can be filled any number of ways. We pray for each other this day, that what is empty in any of us may be filled with hope and trust.

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"There was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven . . . rolled back the stone, and sat upon it."*

Monday, Apr 10, 2023**God brings all things to completion**

Who doesn't sometimes get impatient with God's plan for them? Consider that the waiting can not only be useful but also beautiful. "Trust in the slow work of God," wrote Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (who died on this day in 1955). He would know—this French Jesuit priest was forced to leave his teaching post and withdraw controversial statements in 1925 and was further condemned by the church posthumously in 1962. Decades later, leading cardinals started to see his ideas differently—favorably—and so did Popes Benedict XVI and Francis. "It is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability," Chardin wrote—so, like him, accept "feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them."*

Tuesday, Apr 11, 2023**Wage peace**

One of the most significant pillars of Catholic social teaching turns 60 today: *Pacem in terris*—in English, "Peace on Earth"—the encyclical written by Pope John XXIII to address the menace of nuclear war and the need to uphold international human rights, including racial equality and women's rights. Significantly, it stands as the first encyclical addressed to both Catholics and non-Catholics alike, drawing worldwide admiration for the church's willingness to confront the social and economic costs of the Cold War. "The social progress, order, security, and peace of each country are necessarily connected with the social progress, order, security, and peace of all other countries," he wrote. Let peace begin with you today.

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."*

Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023**Leave the battlefield behind**

Most people know that the Civil War, which began on this day in 1861, was largely an unjust war fought in defense of slavery in the Southern United States (then, for a time, the Confederate States of America). What many do not know is that the first skirmish of the war,

the Battle of Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, was led in part by a Catholic, Confederate Brigadier General P. G. T. Beauregard, a Creole Catholic born and raised on a plantation in Louisiana. After the failures of the Confederacy in the war, Beauregard returned to civilian life in his home region, advocating for black civil rights (including voting), societal unity, and also became an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. May we model repentance in the face of our sins and work always for the common bonds of humanity.

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened."*

Thursday, Apr 13, 2023**Accountability matters**

When the risen Christ appears to his dumbfounded disciples, he reminds them "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name." Even the church itself must repent sometimes. The Catholic Native Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project is such an undertaking. Few expect rapid change, but this group of religious, church officials, and laypeople have named a "sin" the church's role in the federal efforts to dismantle Native American culture through boarding schools. That's a start. Learn more on this topic so you can be part of the healing.

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?'"*

Friday, Apr 14, 2023**Time for breakfast**

Comedian Steven Wright may have been on to something when he quipped: "I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast at any time,' so I ordered French toast during the Renaissance." For Christians, who wouldn't choose a morning meal prepared by Jesus on the banks of the Sea of Tiberias? In one of the most memorable stories in the Gospel of John, the disciples are treated to just such an amazing repast. The risen Christ's tender care to ensure that the disciples have a good breakfast is both achingly sweet and altogether practical. He knew that to continue his mission, the disciple would need not only the warmth of his love but the strength and focus a hearty breakfast provides. Take care of your physical and spiritual health so that, you too, may be prepared to carry on Christ's loving mission each day.

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). *"Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast.'"*

Saturday, Apr 15, 2023**More than mere appearances**

It turns out that Jesus appeared in different forms after his Resurrection. In John's gospel Mary of Magdala, arguably one of the Lord's closest friends, thought he was the gardener. In Luke's gospel two disciples invite him to their house for dinner and haven't a clue who he is. In today's gospel from Mark, we read that "he appeared in another form." Makes you wonder whether it might still be going on. Jesus did say that we engage him in the least of others. In what form will the risen Christ appear to you today?

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"After this he appeared in another form."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Faith Formation

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School



Theme ~ Stellar Jesus Light shines!
July 10-14 ~ 9:15 am-12:30 pm

Ages 4 yrs old to 6th grade ~ Fee \$35 per child
Volunteers Needed! Adults & Students grade 6 and up.
High Schoolers welcome.



Registration open! Limited to first 100 children.
Any question ~ Jackie Mirenda at 631-732-3131 x131 or jmirenda@saintmargaret.com

Parish Social Ministry

Knights of Columbus GROCERY BAG DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION

The *Knights of Columbus* are partnering with our Outreach to assist in replenishing our Pantry.



Bags will be distributed on **April 29/30 at all Masses**, and
on **May 6/7 at all Masses**, they will be in front of the
church to receive your donations.

Please assist them and us if you can.
If anyone is able to help Outreach on **May 6/7**
please leave her a message at 631-732-3131 x119.

Thank you!



Food Collection



Food Pantry Needs

PLEASE bring all donations to the front door of the Parish Center during office hours or bring to the box in the rear of the Church.

We are in need of: **Hearty Soups, White Bread, Canned Peas, Kid's Snacks**

Thank you!

Molloy College Open House

Spring Open House will be Sunday, April 23rd at 1:00 PM.
Visit molloy.edu/openhouse23 or call 516-323-4000.
1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre.

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 _____

Hands Needed!

Our Music Ministry is in need of someone to assist in placing the words on our screen during Mass. All that is required is clicking the next screen with one button. Please see Dan, our Music Minister, after Mass or call at 631-732-3131 x117.



Prayerfully consider.

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. .

