

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Making Disciples through Prayer, Faith Formation and Service

February 18, 2024

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekday—Monday through Friday 9:00 AM

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday—8:00 AM, 10:00AM and 12 Noon

Confessions

Saturday—4:00—4:45 PM in the church or by appointment



Pastoral Staff

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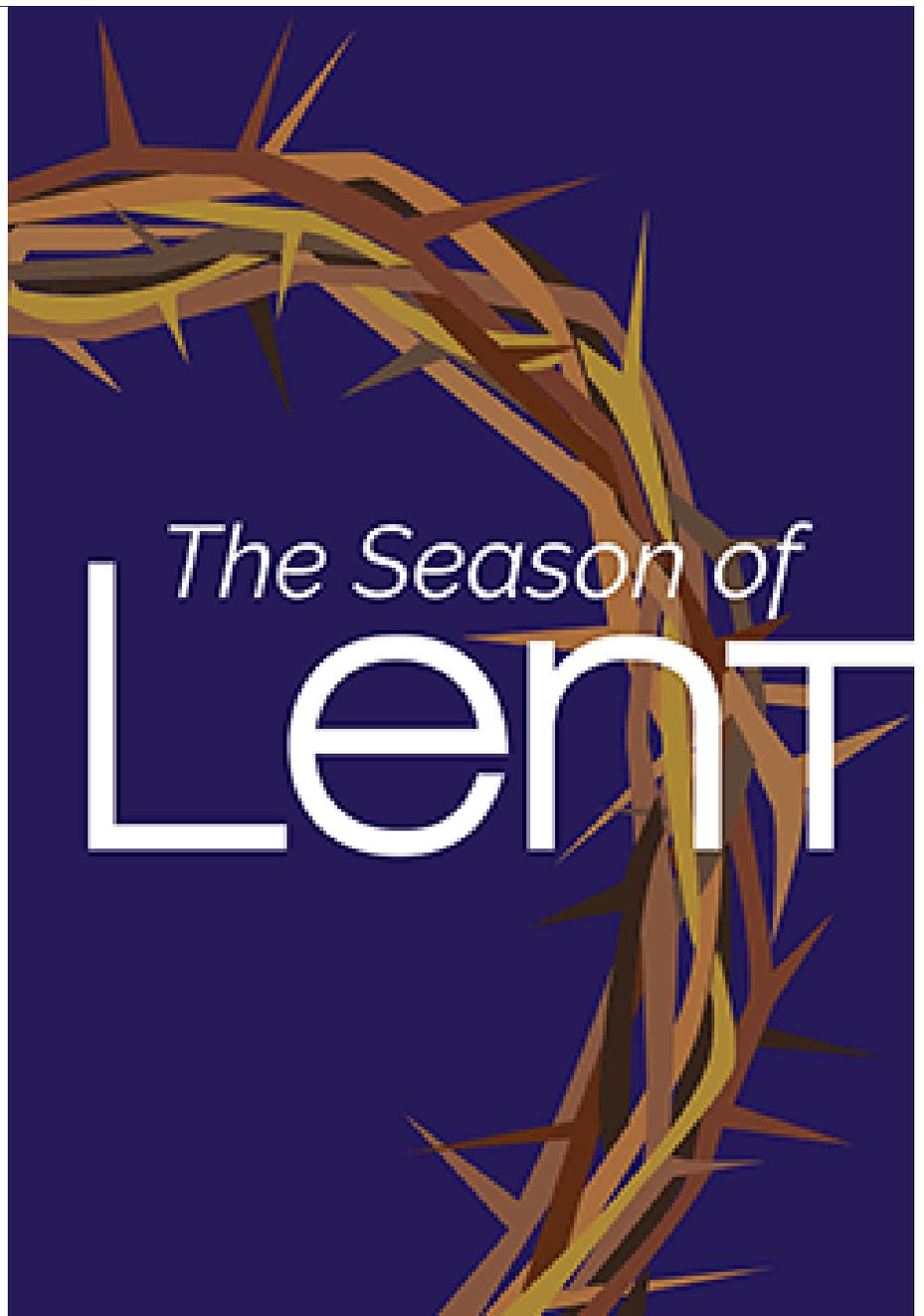
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Holy Angels Regional Catholic School

Patchogue, NY 631-475-0422

Jeannine Stewart, Principal





Time, Talent & Treasure

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: This Lenten season, dig deeper into your prayer life. Attend the Stations of the Cross, go to confession and pick up a new prayer habit. Also, during this Lenten season, you can read a Catholic spiritual or apologetics book.

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.

February 10/11

	Stewardship	Envelope
Collected at Mass	\$8,208.....	194
Mailed Envelopes	\$4,584.....	69
Total Collection	\$12,792	263

Reading for Next Sunday
Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading....GN22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
Second Reading.....Rom 8:31b-34
Gospel.....MK9:2-10

*For the week of
February 18, 2024*



*Altar Bread & Wine
in Memory of
William Scullion*

Parish Office

Monday Through Thursday ~ 9:00 am - 5:00pm Friday 9am-1pm

(631)732-3131

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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.; 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 February 19th

Vincent DeAngelo

Tuesday February; 20th

Robert M. Aretakis

Wednesday February 21st

Frank LoGrande

Thursday,-February 22nd

Elisa & Reinaldo Velez

Friday - February 23rd

Patricia Goodman

Saturday - February 24th

5^{pm}

Robert S. Digiose

Sunday February 25th

8^{am}

Doratheia P. Rankin

10^{am}

Juan Collazzo

12^{pm}

All St. Margaret's Parishioners

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



Jim Rojas, Patricia Fiscina, Marilyn Vacchio, Joseph Dulovic, Joseph Laria, Terry Persina, Lauren Esposito, Sebastian Williams, Estelle Beauchamp, Alyssa Baisch, Jillian Brown, Virginia Butler, Robert J. Heege, Eric Cohen, Kathleen Weiss, Lorraine Vogel, Steven Vacchio, Laura Durant, Joseph De Aguiar, Sal Restivo, Joseph Kiely, Sharon & Ray Klyn, Warne Family, Michael C. Liotta, Anne Logan, Christine Mc Cusker, Dominic Percoco, Laura Positano, De Santis Family, Patricia Wowk, Natasha Roucoulet, John Roucoulet, John Reynolds, Scott Spencer, Marie & Tony Caruana, Veronica Sheridan Cox, Wendiann & Nicholas Alfieri, James & Catherine Reynolds, Jennifer, Elizabeth Robitaille, Melanie Seibel, Christina Muller, Dina Rajotte, Ethel Naso, Valarie and Victor Aurigue, Diana Lyons, James DeVivo, Logan Baar, Fred Detweiler, Babies Aubrey & Grayson, Linda Pennisi, Jennifer Colon, Peter Rodrigues, Jessica Shaffer, Melissa Kitching, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Nicolette Laccasaglia, Mary Carey

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.

Lent began just a few days ago. Today is the First Sunday of Lent. And the gospel has Jesus today in the desert. Tempted by Satan, the Lord never succumbs. He is faithful everlastingly. His example is exactly what we need in our struggle to be faithful. For when we fail to be faithful, we need also to hear the words of Jesus which we heard on Ash Wednesday, and hear again in today's gospel: "Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:15)

I want to repeat a few things from last week which are very pertinent to our Lenten observance. At the top of the list is our **Monday night series of Holy Hours**. They begin on Monday the 19th of February. The time is from 7:30 until 8:30 PM. As we always do, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the tabernacle on the altar. This affords a great opportunity for us to pray personally before the Eucharistic Lord. Come then for this reason. We also have the proclamation of Scripture in the pulpit and commentary from our priests on topics related to the Holy Eucharist. Come then for this reason. There is Benediction too. Come then for this devotion.

I appeal especially to our catechists, our lectors and our extraordinary ministers to attend the Holy Hours. As I stated before, we need to take care that we cultivate an interior life as Catholics. Our faith is never just what we do; it is always a matter of the heart, the mind and the soul. As Saint Paul writes in the New Testament, we must "have [in ourselves] the same attitude that is in Christ." (Phil 2:5) That will not happen unless we are in communion with the Lord. To our catechists, our lectors and our extraordinary ministers, I ask that you join with us in this prayer.

Another important topic is the schedule we have for **Holy Week**. Specifically, I am referring to the liturgies of the **Sacred Triduum** (that being Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). With these three days, there are three liturgies which are only celebrated once per year. We have assignments (priests, deacons, lectors, servers, etc.) for the Triduum. It is **very important** that we have rehearsals in advance of these public acts of prayer. Next week, these **rehearsals** will be noted in this bulletin (date and time). The priest-celebrant is the leader and he runs the rehearsal. I say this here in this space so that there is no doubt going forward: deacons, servers and lectors are **required to attend the rehearsals for which they are assigned. If you do not attend the rehearsal, you will not serve at the liturgy.**

We have **Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent at 12 noon. I ask all parishioners to give consideration to praying with us every week of Lent as we trace the steps of Jesus as He carried out the great act of loving us to the end.

I invite all parishioners to take some time on a **Saturday afternoon** between 4:00 PM and 4:45 PM to pray with us in church before the exposed **Blessed Sacrament**. This is especially convenient for those who attend the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturdays. It is also convenient for those who are going to Confession. But even if you are not going to Mass or to Confession, please take up my invitation to be with Our Lord Who dwells with us always if only for a few minutes. It is a good way to respond to the **Eucharistic Revival** underway in our nation. Catholics who are committed to the Holy Eucharist are the best Catholics to evangelize fellow Catholics, especially those who have stopped practicing the Faith.

We also have an obligation to give good witness and good example to Catholics who still practice the Faith. Wherever two or three are gathered in the name of Christ, there is He in their midst. But just think of the power there is in the Presence of Christ. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is not just using the name of the Lord. It is Christ Himself to whom we are speaking in the most profound way known to us on earth when we set our very eyes on Him in the monstrance. Try to develop the habit of seeking and seeing the One Who made possible for us the glory of the Resurrection by falling to your knees and entrusting yourself to Him.

Blessings to all for a good Lenten journey.

Until the next time

Msgr. Batule



Monday Night Holy Hours

February 19 & 26 March 4, 11 & 18

7:30PM–8:30PM

Personal Prayer

Preaching on Themes relating to Holy Eucharist

Benediction

Stations of the Cross

Friday February 23, 2024

12 Noon



Family Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

March 29th 11:00AM



STATIONS of the CROSS



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For your personal adoration and prayers,

Saturday Afternoons

4:00-4:45PM

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



St. Margaret of Scotland Blood Drive

Tuesday February 20th

1:00PM—7:00PM

In the Church Auditorium

Please call Jennifer at 516-310-2382 or Anthony at 631-346-9026

Sponsored by Heart of the Island Council Knights of Columbus



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



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 631-682-8711.

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



“The charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly.”

- St. John XXIII

February, The Month of the Holy Family



DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics



“If people spent an hour a week in Eucharistic adoration, abortion would be ended.”

- St. Teresa of Calcutta



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Parish Social Ministry



Food Pantry Needs

We are in need of **Shelf Stable Milk, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Bar Soap, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese. Cans of Beef Stew. Please continue to donate travel size soaps and shampoos, wash clothes and quart size bags for wash up kits.**

A very special THANK YOU to all!

Faith Formation

2024 –Twenty Minutes with the Pastor/Director

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February

2/11 Levels 1 & 2

2/25 Levels 6 & 7

April

4/7 Levels 3 & 4 & 5

4/14 Levels 1 & 2

4/21 Levels 6 & 7

4/28 Levels 3 & 4 & 5

March

3/3 Levels 3 & 4 & 5

3/10 Levels 1 & 2

3/17 Levels 6 & 7

May

5/5 Levels 1 & 2

5/12 Levels 6 & 7

5/19 Levels 3 & 4 & 5



Save the Date
Vacation Bible School
July 8, 2024—July 12,
2024



Bible Study Group

Bible Study group meets every Wednesday from 10am to 11am in the parish center. Deacon Ed Hayes will be the facilitator. Please bring your Bible.