



St. Margaret Church

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Schedule for Mass and Sacraments

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Baptism: Call the parish office to register for sacramental preparation and monthly baptism.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15-4:45 or by appointment.

Marriage: See a parish priest at least 8-12 months prior to the date of marriage.

Anointing the Sick: Please notify the parish office.

Holy Orders: Please see a parish priest or go to www.catholicpriest.com

Parish Registration: Every family in the parish should be registered. New families (including newly married) should register by completing a parish registration form available at church or online.

Our parish vitality depends on all Catholics registering as parish members.

St. Margaret School

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**December 17—23**

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Anthony Moretti, by his daughter
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass of Remembrance for all those interred at Mount Saint Mary Cemetary
	10:00 A.M.	2nd Anniversary Mass for Brian Charles Richard, by family
	12:00 Noon	Memorial Mass for the DeGoes and Kurowski Families, by family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Birthday Remembrance for Juliana Neafsey, by family
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for John & Bette Hunt
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Birthday Remembrance for Marion Picard, by family
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the Respect for all Human Life
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the people of Syria

December 24—25

SATURDAY	4:00 P.M.	Mass for all Parishioners of St. Margaret
	6:00 P.M.	Mass for all Parishioners of St. Margaret
	11:00 P.M.	Mass for all Parishioners of St. Margaret
SUNDAY	10:00 A.M.	Mass for all Parishioners of St. Margaret

Milestones

St. Margaret Parish warmly welcomes two newly baptized infants to our family of faith: Grady Grinnell, son of Daniel & Kelly; and Mila Quinn, daughter of Sasha and Robert.



The St. Margaret Parish community warmly welcomes new parishioners Derick & Aislinn Ariyam and their family. We look forward to meeting you. Welcome!



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers Joan Ryding, whose funeral Mass was held this week.

Announcements

- ♦ The annual **St. Margaret Parish Christmas Concert** and Nativity pageant will be held on Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Proceeds from a collection will benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantry. This annual concert has become a holiday tradition for many, so plan to arrive early.
- ♦ In observance of the Christmas holidays, the parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26, and again on Monday, January 2.
- ♦ In the event of inclement weather, when the East Providence schools are closed or delayed, the weekday celebration of Mass at 8:00 a.m. will also be cancelled.
- ♦ If you haven't visited the **parish website** lately, you may be interested to see our updated look. You will also find important parish announcements, ministry schedules, and links to other sites that may be of interest to you. Please visit www.stmargarechurch.org
- ♦ The St. Margaret Parish **Annual Collection** continues through December. All parishioners are encouraged to participate so that the parish is able to keep up with essential capital expenses to maintain our beautiful church and grounds. Thank you!



St. Margaret Parish Ministries

Our Lady of Fatima Visitation in Your Home

Families wanting to host the Visiting Statue Our Lady of Fatima in their home from Sunday to Saturday can call the rectory for a specific week of the year 2017. *The Visitation Case* will be picked up after any Sunday Mass, and returned to the vestibule area, which is on the left when you enter the front doors of the Church, where the priest and ministers gather in preparation for Mass. Please call the rectory (438-3230) this week to reserve the Visiting Statue for:

Week 3	Jan. 15-21	Week 7	Feb. 12-18
Week 4	Jan. 22-28	Week 8	Feb. 19-25
Week 5	Jan. 29- Feb. 4	Week 9	Feb. 26 - Mar.4
Week 6	Feb. 5-11		

This Visitation will be the source and inspiration for devotion to Our Lady during this Centennial Year of the apparitions in Fatima. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!



The Next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Mon., Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Parents should be registered parish members and committed to sharing their Catholic faith and its practices with their growing family.



The Parish Giving Tree at St. Margaret's was once again a huge success. Thanks to your generosity, more than 300 families were able to share Christmas joy with their children. We are grateful to you for extending this season of giving to those in need.

Bread of Life Food Pantry

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is in need of volunteers who would be available to assist on Tuesdays, from 5—7 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Botelho (580-3679) or Cheryl Frazier (523-4410). Thank you!



Religious Education

Grades 7 and 8 participated in the Parish Penance Service earlier this month and will therefore have regular class on December 19. They will not have a special service in the church, as was announced in last week's bulletin.



St. Margaret School will observe Christmas vacation with regular dismissal on Thursday, December 22. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

During the month of January, a contribution statement for 2016 will be sent to all registered members of St. Margaret Parish. Parishioners with children enrolled in St. Margaret School should review the statement carefully to be sure your contribution is correct and meets the guideline for the reduced tuition rate. If you need to bring your contribution up-to-date for 2016, please be sure it is clearly marked "2016 church support" and send it directly to the parish office to be recorded. Thank you.



Bishop Feehan High School has informed us that the following students from St. Margaret's have made the honor roll for the first quarter:

Hope Allard
Mackenzie Connors
Phoebe Dodge
Caroline Feeley
Lauren Harrington
Nathan Hickey
Kathryn McGee
Meaghan McGee
Emma Patterson
Scott Pogorilich

Congratulations to the students and their families!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which people may join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. The RCIA is for three groups of people: those who are not baptized; those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church; and baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not received the sacrament of Confirmation nor Eucharist.

RCIA consists of four periods of formation which are marked by rituals that celebrate what has been completed and call a person into the next phase. There is no specific length of time for each period. The RCIA is a journey which gives a person time for prayer, study, and conversion so as to hear the Word of God and embrace the call to discipleship and holiness.

If you wish to learn more about the RCIA, please contact the rectory (401-438-3230).



<u>Wknd of Dec. 10/11, 2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
# of budgets used	265	282
Checks, envelopes	\$5,321.00	\$5,385.00
Loose	389.00	393.00
# EFT participants	127	133
Faith Direct—EFT	2,143.90	2,556.88
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$7,853.90	\$8,334.88
<i>Retired Religious</i>	<i>\$2,273.00</i>	<i>\$2,554.00</i>

At Christmas Masses, there will be two collections: the regular Sunday offertory and the Christmas Collection, which will be taken in support of St. Margaret Church and parish ministries. The Christmas collection does not go to the parish clergy.

Thanks to all who continue regular financial support for St. Margaret Parish.

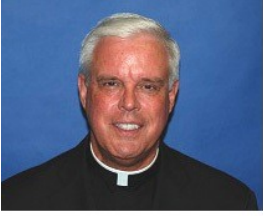
2016 Parish "Annual Collection"

This very important collection continues thru the month of December. The participation of all parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. By your generous support, we are able to keep up with major capital improvements.

Thank you for your support.

2016 Goal: \$75,000

Gifts-To-Date: \$55,818



The Pastor's Page

The final week of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas is upon us. Our parish celebration begins

with the Christmas Concert and Nativity Pageant today at 4:00 p.m. It's exciting that one of our newly baptized parishioners, 4 month old James Alexander Pease, will be center stage as the newborn, Jesus. Congratulations to your proud parents, Alex and Hannah!

Our Christmas Mass Schedule is here and on the parish website: www.stmargarechurch.org

Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

"Midnight" Mass at 11:00 p.m., with sacred music at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Church will be transformed next Sunday due to the wonderful dedication of numerous parishioners coordinated by Ron/Roni Procopio. Thank you and the committee for your love of our parish community at this Christmas Season.

Amid all the excitement of this last week before Christmas, the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to Joseph brings him (and us) a most important message. Joseph was no doubt confused, surprised, and perhaps disappointed, learning "the news" about Mary, his espoused wife. The message is important for us in our own life, in relationships, and in times of confusion when the unexpected happens. **"Do not be afraid"** are the same words also spoken to Zachariah (father of John the Baptist, Luke 1:13), to Mary at the Annunciation (Luke 1:30), and in today's Gospel, to Joseph in his dream, the result of his internal unrest and angst over Mary (Matthew 1:20).

I look forward to greeting all of you next week on the Solemnity of Christmas. Until that glorious day, be sure to pray, to get enough sleep, to be of good cheer, and to expect God to break into your life as well.

His name is **EMANUEL, for God IS with us!"**

God's peace and blessings to you,

~Msgr. Darcy