

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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February 11—17

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Anthony & Mary LeMoine and Lawrence & Albina Norstrom by Cathy & Larry
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all Parishioners of St. Margaret's
	10:00 A.M.	5th Anniversary for Nancy Amaral, by family
	12:00 Noon	Memorial Mass for Juanita P. Dixon, by family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for Peace throughout the World
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for John & Bette Hunt
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for refugees
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all those who are sick in our parish
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	20th Anniversary Mass for Marion Picard, by family

February 18—19

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Sales, Amaral & Barney families
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Rev. Francis Craig
	10:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Bob Capello, by his wife
	12:00 Noon	Memorial Mass for Vincent & Ethel Powers, by family

Milestones



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers Patricia Belanger, whose funeral Mass was held last week.

Announcements

- ◆ Msgr. Darcy will be on 24-hour **emergency chaplain duty** for Memorial Hospital from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13.
- ◆ **First Penance** for all Grade 2 Students— Our Grade 2 students preparing for First Communion in May will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on Monday, Feb. 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.
- ◆ The next meeting of the **Parish Council** will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.
- ◆ Mass will be celebrated at Rumford Towers at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17.
- ◆ The St. Margaret Parish **Hospitality Committee** will host the next Coffee 'N on February 26 in the Community Room after the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:00 a.m. Masses.
- ◆ The **St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Day Celebration** at the Wannamoisett Country Club will be a fun and casual affair, perfect for mingling with fellow parishioners you may not see very often. Corn beef sliders, sausage/peppers, Irish/Italian Flag tri-color pasta salad, desserts, coffee, and a Beer Garden offering Guinness, Harp and Smithwick beers on tap. Please be sure to mark March 11 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. *Check out the St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Day flyer/ reservation form in today's bulletin. Send in your reservation right away. Don't wait ... seating is limited!*



St. Margaret Parish Ministries



The Next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Mon., April 3, 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.

Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor Form: Have you been asked to be a godparent or confirmation sponsor? If you have, please know that you will be required to be a registered parishioner of Saint Margaret Church for six months before we can issue a "*letter in good standing*" as required for sponsors to indicate they are striving to practice their faith by regular worship, as well as by being in good canonical standing and living lives consistent with Gospel values.



Eucharistic Ministers Needed at Rhode Island Hospital

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, we are in need of your help at Rhode Island Hospital to administer Holy Communion to the Catholic patients. You may choose the day and time of your ministry. Training is held at the hospital. If you feel called to a ministry of compassion and comfort to our sick brothers and sisters, please call Caroline Vierra at 401- 444 – 7644.



The Bread of Life Food Pantry will be open Tuesday, February 14 and Tuesday, February 28 from 5 – 7 p.m. In the event of bad weather, the pantry will not open as scheduled if the East Providence schools are dismissed early or are closed for the day. For more information, call 401-434-4742.



The diocesan chapter of Magnificat, an international ministry to Catholic women, is

hosting a women's breakfast on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Catholic women from throughout the Diocese of Providence are invited to gather for an experience of faith-sharing and to receive encouragement on their spiritual journeys. A reflection will be offered by Rev. John Gray, a senior priest of the diocese, who has served in many capacities, including as Director of the Catholic Youth Organization, as a Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and in hospital ministries, as well as several parish assignments. Pre-registration for this event is required. If you are interested in attending this morning of prayer, meal and ministry, (\$25.00 fee), please contact Linda at 401-864-7731.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to St. Margaret School's new second grade teacher, Jessica Walters, who has been accepted into the prestigious membership of the International Professional Society of Women Educators.

We are thrilled to have Jessica as the newest member of our staff. A teacher for eight years, Jessica holds a B.A. in child study from St. Joseph's College and a M.A.T. in literacy from Providence College. She is also a member of the following professional organizations: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, International Literacy Association and the Association for Middle Level Education.

Jessica also serves as our parish's Director of Religious Education for Grades K–6.

We are pleased to welcome Chris Servant, as our newest member of the St. Margaret School Advisory Board. Chris recently retired as president of Bishop Feehan High School. Chris' legacy at the school dates back to 1972. In his more than four decades with Feehan, Chris served as a teacher, director of advancement, principal and retired as president. Before that, he was a student at the school. We are thrilled to have his expertise on the board.

We also thank the other Board members for their continued dedication to the school, including: Kristen Schott, Tiffany Conlon, Cindy Lydon, Melissa Medeiros and Darlene Masse. The Board is overseen by Monsignor Darcy and Principal Lee Ann Nunes.

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

“Faith and Good Works”

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of February 25/26 and March 4/5. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation – a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

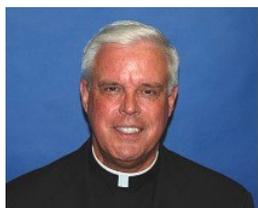


<u>Wknd of Jan. 28 & 29</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
# of budgets used	197	221
Checks, envelopes	\$6,338.00	\$5,086.00
Loose	591.00	262.00
Children's envelopes	9.00	
# EFT participants	127	131
Faith Direct – EFT	2,238.90	2,345.90
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$9,176.90	\$7,693.90

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

Automate your Giving!

Would you like to simplify your life? Stop worrying about checks every Sunday and join the many parishioners who have automated their giving using Faith Direct. Enroll online today at www.faithdirect.net. Our church code is RI118. Or if you'd rather, you may pick up a paper enrollment form at the church entrance or stop by the parish office during office hours and pick up a form.



The Pastor's Page

Msgr. Darcy was on vacation at the time the bulletin was published; his column will return next week.

Diocese Celebrates 2017 as "A Year with Mary our Mother"

Bishop Tobin has proclaimed 2017 as "A Year with Mary our Mother" in the Diocese of Providence. "It's going to be an important year in the Church because it's the 100th anniversary of Mary's apparitions at Fatima and we're going to be celebrating that particular event in the diocese along with the universal Church," said Bishop Tobin. "This is an opportunity to renew and to refresh our devotion to Mary that we have as Catholics. Catholics for generations have turned to Mary for assistance and inspiration and we need to do that again because of our troubled world and for our nation and our community and our Church," said the Bishop.

Here are four simple things any family can do to honor our Blessed Mother in their own homes:

- ◇ Add a "Hail Mary" (or other prayer to Mary) when you say the blessing for your evening meal. Or at bedtime with the kids.
- ◇ Be sure to have a picture or statue of our Blessed Mother displayed prominently in your home and greet her each day.
- ◇ Explain to your children and grandchildren how Mary has been an important part of your life of faith. Special devotions? Why do you say the Rosary? Any memorable pilgrimages you've made to Marian shrines? Special favors granted?
- ◇ As a family, make a visit to a local Marian Shrine or Parish. We have a beautiful little devotional area dedicated to Mary now at our Cathedral. You are invited to come for Holy Mass at the Cathedral anytime, and stop to say a prayer.

Here at St. Margaret's, one of the ways we are celebrating "A Year with Mary" is through the shared hosting of the "Our Lady of Fatima" statue. If you and your family would like to host the statue in your home for a week during the coming year, please contact the rectory at 401-438-3230. We hope you will find that this observance of prayer will deepen your faith and your devotion to Our Blessed Mother.