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.** (preceded by praying of the Rosary at 7:30 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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Mass Intentions

April 22—28

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	30th Anniversary Mass for Archie Desmarais, by his wife
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	First Anniversary Mass for John W. McBride, Sr., by family
	10:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Daly & LaFerriere families, by family
	12:00 Noon	Memorial Mass for Edward Goudreau, by family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for Syrian refugees
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for Easter Flower Intentions
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Hunt, Keough & Connelly families
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Shirley Magsamen, by her husband
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Vincent C. Loffredo, by family

April 29—30

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Albino Prata Coelho & Maria deJesus Pina Carvalho, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Rev. Thomas F. Winn
	10:00 A.M.	2nd Anniversary Mass for Jeannette Meunier, by family
	12:00 Noon	Birthday Remembrance for Ethel L. Powers, by family

Milestones

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers
Rene LeBeau and William Keough,
whose funerals were celebrated last week.

St. Margaret Parish warmly welcomes several new members to our parish: Marilyn Thetonia, Brian Thetonia, Greg & Samantha Burnett, Daniel Jarosz & Erin Bagwell, and Diana & Michael Rhilinger. We look forward to meeting all of you!

Announcements

- The **Hospitality and Greeters Committee** will hold our next Coffee "n" after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, April 30. Plan to stop by and say hello to your fellow parishioners.
- The intentions of those who donated **Easter Flowers** for the sanctuary will be remembered at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, April 25; Monday, May 1; and Sunday, May 7. Reminders will appear in the Mass Intentions section of the bulletin as those dates draw nearer.
- Next weekend, April 29-30, Brother Allen Ganz, F.S.C. will be sharing the message of the **Brothers of Christian Schools** on behalf of the annual **Mission Cooperative Appeal**. Your generosity will be appreciated.
- The May Entrance Exam for **Mount Saint Charles Academy** will take place Saturday, May 6th at 8:15 a.m. The application fee is $30. For information, visit: www.mountsaintcharles.org/exam or contact Mr. O'Neill, Director of Admissions, at 401-769-0310 x137 or at oneillj@mtstcharles.org. Walk-ins are always welcome.
- For more than 150 years, the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Rhode Island** has been helping Rhode Islanders meet their basic human needs of food shelter and clothing. The Society reports that the current rate of Rhode Island children living in poverty is 19.5%--one of every five children in our state! SVDPRI invites your support of their annual **Friends' Fund Benefit Dinner and Auction** on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Quidnesset Country Club. For details, visit the website: www.svdpri.org
- Pastor Emeritus **Fr. Thomas Keenan** has a new address for those who would like to send him greetings: Rev. Thomas L. Keenan, Apt. 353, Brookdale East, 1440 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence, RI 02915.

St. Margaret Parish Ministries

The Bread of Life Food Pantry— Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, May 13th** to help unload, sort and inspect food donations brought to us through the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive. You may sign up for any amount of time between Noon and 7:00 p.m. Visit the Pantry's website at EPBReadOfLife.org and click onto the Sign-Up Sheet or contact Newman Senior Minister Timoth Sylvia at timoth.sylvia@gmail.com or 401-434-4742. Thank you for your support of the Bread of Life Food Pantry!!!

Have You Experienced an Emmaus Retreat? Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. The next Emmaus is June 9-11, 2017 at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com .

Religious Education

Grades 1, 3-6: The last class for our Faith Formation Year is April 30.

Grade 2: The First Communion Retreat is Saturday, April 29, from 3:30—4:45 in the school basement. We will then attend 5:00 Mass. Please remember to have your completed banner on this date. This will be our last class for the year.

The Next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Monday, June 5 at 7:00 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.

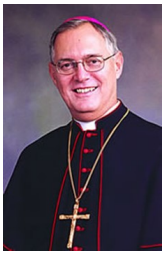
Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor Form: Have you been asked to be a godparent or confirmation sponsor? If you have, please know that you will be required to be a registered parishioner of Saint Margaret Church for six months before we can issue a "***letter in good standing***" as required for sponsors 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.

CJ Botelho, Aidan Fontaine, Jaime Lee and Emily Ryder all competed at the New England National History Bee in Melrose, MA. Their hard work paid off and they did very well. Emily has qualified for the National Competition and will be going to Atlanta, Ga. to compete! Congratulations to all!

The PTO would like to buy T-shirts for our students to wear at the Annual Field Day. We are seeking sponsors to assist with the costs of the T-shirts and field day activities. The name of your company (or family) will be printed on the back of the shirts for a $200 sponsorship. Please contact Amy Doherty (adoherty10@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to sponsor this event.

The Chorus of East Providence
under the direction of Beth Armstrong
accompanied by Rena Anthony
will perform
"The American Song"
Saturday, May 6th, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 7th 3:00 p.m.
East Providence High School
Tickets are $18.00 — Tickets for Seniors are $15.00
Children twelve years old and under are admitted free.
Visit the website: www.chorusofep.org or for tickets:
www.brownpapertickets.com

Donations of canned goods and non perishable foods will benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantry located at Newman Congregational Church. Thank you!



"Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised." (Lk 24: 5-6)

These words spoken by the angels to the women who went to the tomb on Easter morn summarize the meaning of Easter: Jesus is the "Living One," no longer to be found among the dead. That event is the foundation of our Catholic Faith; it is that event that renews the hope and joy of the world in every age.

I extend to you my prayers and blessings in this Easter Season. Like the very first witness of the Resurrection, may you too know the peace and joy of the Risen Christ!

Thank you, also, for your commitment to the Church, and for your support of the Diocese of Providence and the Catholic Charity Appeal. Your generosity strengthens the Church and inspires us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the people of our own time and place. Truly, we couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely yours,

+Thomas J. Tobin

church support

Wknd of Apr 15-16	2016	2017
# of budgets used	*274*	*180*
Checks, envelopes	$6,211.00	$6,249.00
Loose	546.00	892.00
Children's envelopes	4.00	4.00
# EFT participants	*128*	*132*
Faith Direct—EFT	2,241.37	2,536.12
TOTAL OFFERTORY	**$9,002.37**	**$9,681.12**

Next Weekend: Mission Cooperative for the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

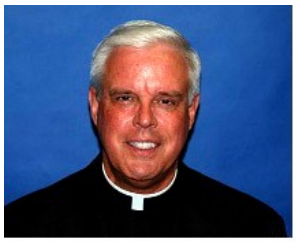
Sincere thanks to all who continue regular financial support for St. Margaret Parish.

Catholic Charity Appeal

Many thanks to all who have supported the annual Catholic Charity Appeal.

Parish Goal: $85,000
To Date: $77,961

If you haven't yet given, there's still time! Just place your Catholic Charity envelope in the collection basket. Thanks!



The Pastor's Page

The Easter Triduum, the Three Great Days, were celebrated with great solemnity at St. Margaret's. As mentioned at the Easter Masses, my sincere thanks to Ron, the two choirs, musicians, vocalists, Roni Procopio, Sandi Martineau, Jack Paiva and Jean Petisce-Lynch for decorating the Church in such glorious fashion. Visitors from around the country, literally, commented on the front steps how uplifted they were with our celebrations. All of us make St. Margaret's such a faith-filled community to worship and raise our families. Thank you for inspiring me as your pastor.

St. Margaret School will host an Open House on Wednesday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This gives families an opportunity to visit our school during regular school hours. Families and neighbors are most welcome to **"Come and See"** our parish school, and, hopefully, consider becoming a part of the St. Margaret School (SMS) Community. The SMS students are preparing for their Disney musical, ***"Newsies,"*** this Friday and Saturday at St. Ray's Auditorium. Tickets are available by calling the school during regular school hours (434-2338). From my past experience, you will be amazed at the talent and enthusiasm of our theatre arts program at SMS.

This Second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Saint Pope John-Paul II established the feast in 2000 when he canonized St. Faustina of Krakow. "Jesus, I trust in You!" is the motto of the feast. This is the message of Easter. Today we hear of St. Thomas questioning the reality of the Bodily Resurrection. Unfairly called "The Doubter," St. Thomas made the most profound personal profession of faith in the New Testament. After seeing the Risen One, Thomas proclaimed, "My Lord and My God!" He suffered a martyr's death in southern India. And speaking of India, Fr. Richard, a priest friend from that nation and a scholar at the world famous École Biblique in Jerusalem, emailed on Holy Saturday night to say he remembered us ***at the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem on Holy Saturday.*** Hopeful indications are he may visit with us in Sept.- Oct! I can only pray it happens. Fr. Richard is a priest of Don Bosco, a Salesian Father. His doctoral thesis: "Habakkuk in the LXX and the MT"- *A Comparative Text-Critical Analysis in the Light of other Textual Traditions*." More updates on him as this Easter Season continues!

Blessing of this Holy Season!
~Monsignor Darcy