

# *2017 Christmas Schedule*

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23 at 5 p.m.

Sunday Morning, December 24

8 a.m., 10 a.m. (no 12 noon Mass)

## **Christmas Eve Mass**

4 p.m. with Children's Choir

Carols at 3:30 p.m.

6 p.m. with Soloist & Instrumentals

11 p.m. with Carols at 10:30 p.m.

## **Christmas Day Mass**

10 a.m. only

## **Holy Family Sunday**

Saturday, December 30 at 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

8 a.m., 10 .m. (no 12 noon Mass)

## **Mary Mother of God**

New Year's Eve at 5 p.m.

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1, 2018 at 10 a.m.



# *St. Margaret Church*

**December 16-17**

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Albino Prata Coelho, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass of Remembrance for all those interred at Mount Saint Mary Cemetery
	10:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Anthony Moretti, by his daughter
	12:00 Noon	3rd Anniversary Mass for Brian Richard, by family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Rev. John W. Marren (Pastor of St. Margaret Church 1940-1943)
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Juliana Neafsey
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	10th Anniversary for Mary Haddad, by family
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Marion Picard
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Birthday Remembrance for John McQueeney, Sr. by John McQueeney, Jr.

**December 23-24**

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	10th Anniversary Mass for Kathleen Cordeiro, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the homebound and sick of our parish
	10:00 A.M.	Mass for the Military serving our country
	4:00 P.M.	Mass for the Parishioners of St. Margaret
	6:00 P.M.	Mass for the Parishioners of St. Margaret
	11:00 P.M.	Mass for the Parishioners of St. Margaret

**December 25**

MONDAY	10:00 A.M.	Mass for the Parishioners of St. Margaret
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Milestones



Please remember in your prayers  
 Mary Marcello  
 J. Thomas Levesque  
 whose funerals were celebrated this week.

**Announcements**

- ♦ **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!
- ♦ The annual **St. Margaret Parish Christmas Concert and Pageant** will be held on Sunday, December 17, 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.
- ♦ Msgr. Darcy will be on **Hospital Duty** Thursday, December 28, all day. (Miriam Hospital)
- ♦ East Providence Council #1528 Knights of Columbus invites our parish community to **come pray the Holy Rosary** on January 6th, 10 am at 3200 Pawtucket Ave, Riverside, RI. Families with children of all ages are invited. Refreshments will be served.
- ♦ **"An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life"**: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the "Annual Respect Life Mass" on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass. For more information and to R.S.V.P. contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life Family Ministry at 401-421-7833 Ext. 218.
- ♦ **Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe**: The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting many parishes in the Diocese of Providence from January 6 to January 29, 2018. All are invited to attend the various Masses, Holy Hours, Presentations and Veneration opportunities during this time. For a schedule of the visits, please visit: [www.dioceseofprovidence.org](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org) or email: [cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org) or call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 Ext. 218.



## St. Margaret Parish Ministries



2017—2018 Faith Formation  
Information

### Grades 1-6 and 7-8 Faith Formation

Classes meet Sunday mornings 8:30-9:45 AM

### Grades 1-8

Class: January 7, 21, 28 (not Gr. 2)  
February 4, 11, 25

First Penance Retreat: Saturday, January 27, 3:00 – 4:45  
Followed by 5:00 PM Mass.

First Penance Gr. 2: February 5, 6:00 PM

### Confirmation I Sessions:

Friday, December 22nd @ 6:30 PM

Join other candidates for a Christmas movie and celebration in the Community Room.

If you plan on attending, please email Mr. Moreira at: [cmoreira@cox.net](mailto:cmoreira@cox.net) so we can plan on supplies, rides and food!



*Please Join us this afternoon for the  
annual*

St. Margaret Parish Christmas  
Concert and pageant

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.

**Eucharistic Gifts**—If you schedule a weekend Mass and would like to bring the gifts up to the altar, please speak to the sacristan or one of the ushers as you enter the church.



### **The Bread of Life Food Pantry**

Located at  
Newman Congregational Church

- The Pantry is open the **second and fourth Tuesdays** of each month. **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.
- Upcoming Pantry Hours:** December 19, January 9, 23 from 5 to 7 PM.



### ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS

- On December 21st middle school students will spread holiday cheer by **singing Christmas carols to the residents of Waterview Villa.**
- Student Council will be collecting baby clothes, diapers, wipes, powder, formula, bottles, etc. to be donated to the mothers and babies of **Gabriel's Call. They are accepting donations from December 1st through the 19th.**
- Special thanks to Kristen Schott and her committee** as well as the Eighth Grade volunteers for their work on the Breakfast with St. Nicholas. An enjoyable morning was had by all those that attended. Pictures with St. Nicholas are available on our website.
- Advocare Health Group** is a local company, owned by Kathie Frattarelli (SMS parent) looking for caregivers to work with the elderly. They provide services including taking clients on errands, light housekeeping, meal preparation and companionship. If you are looking to work part-time or for mother's hours, please give them a call at 401-434-6727.



All youth are welcome to sing in the Children's Choir at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings. Join us for rehearsal at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room.



Bishop Tobin will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration this month. In thanksgiving to God, the Bishop will celebrate Holy Mass on **Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 1:00 PM** in the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul.

*All are cordially invited to attend this celebration. Reception to follow in Cathedral Hall. NO RSVP is Necessary*

December 16-17, 2017



<u>Wknd of December 9-10</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
# of budgets used	282	206
Checks, envelopes	\$5,385.00	\$4,592.50
Loose	393.00	227.00
Children's envelopes		14.00
# EFT participants	133	132
Faith Direct—EFT	\$2,556.88	\$2,601.87
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$8,334.88</b>	<b>\$8,350.37</b>
<i>Retired Religious</i>	\$2,554.00	\$2,073.00

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

#### 2017 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.

To date: \$62,071

372 Participants



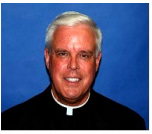
#### KEEP THE HEAT ON

Bishop Tobin has once again kicked off his annual "Keep the Heat On" challenge to help struggling families with heating assistance when all other public and private means to keep families warm during the winter have been exhausted. This year, the Diocese has made it possible to donate by text message: to donate \$10, text HEAT to 27722. To donate \$25, text HEATRI to 27722. If you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit [www.heatri.com](http://www.heatri.com) or call 401-421-7833 x107 for additional information.

#### COLD AND FLU SEASON

This seems an appropriate time to suspend the reception of the chalice at Mass as we enter the cold and flu season. If you have a bad cold or flu, you are dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation. Also, simply acknowledge people at Mass with a friendly nod or gesture if you have a cold. Hand disinfectant is available at all the doors of the Church.





## ***THE PASTOR'S CORNER***

"Rejoice in the Lord, always!" This Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*, invites us to do just that...rejoice, the day draws near. The Church, grounds and rectory are slowly reflecting the light of this season. Look, see, and believe!

Our Advent Penance Service prepared many for the Solemnity of Christmas. Every priest prays and strives to take away the fear of a transforming meeting with Christ. Be open to the Spirit touching your heart at this holy season. God's mercy and compassion is stronger than all our sins.

The hundreds of gifts from the Giving Trees were more overwhelming than ever. A very special word of thanks to the Conlon's of many generations and Mrs. Roni Procopio for coordinating the giving lists of young and old alike. So many children and adults will have gifts this year because of your kindness. St. Margaret's always comes through for those in need. Thank you for all those people who will smile this Christmas Day because of us.

**This afternoon, December 17, is our annual Christmas Concert and Pageant.** It is one of the many highlights of this Advent/Christmas Season at the parish. Bring a neighbor or friend to enjoy the promise of the season offered in music and with the nativity story performed in a new way this year. We thank Ron, Sandi, Cory, Taylor, Keith, the adult and children choirs and making an appearance as "Jesus," the first born child of our own Meghan (McNulty) and her husband David. I promise there won't be a dry eye in the Church when Meghan sings this year! On behalf of the entire parish, our sincere thanks for the dedication and commitment that you bring all through the year. We are blessed as a parish community for your love, talent, energy and dedication to the mission of the Church.

It's going to be a very busy week for everyone. Be sure to take some time for yourself, read the beginning of the Gospel of St. Luke with the Annunciation and Christmas Stories, and above all else, rejoice in the truth that Fr. Richard preached last week, "God is with us...Emmanuel!"

~With Advent hope and joy!

Monsignor Darcy

