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

December 23-29

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
MONDAY	10:00 A.M.	Mass for the Parishioners of St. Margaret
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 30—January 7

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Daniel Kelley, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for religious freedom throughout the world
	10:00 A.M.	1st Anniversary Mass for Carmella M. Cardillo, by family
MONDAY	10:00 A.M.	Mass for the Parishioners of St. Margaret
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all caregivers
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for an increase in Vocations
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the respect of all Human Life
FRIDAY	**9:00 A.M.**	**School Mass**
SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Joan Ryding, by Dr. & Mrs Joseph Gaglione
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Mary Rego, by family
	10:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Edward J. DeMarco, Jr., by family
	12:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for the Unkuski Family, by family

Milestones

Happy 100th Birthday to Tom Moran!
Best wishes and prayers on such a momentous occasion.

Please remember in your prayers
Pearl Houle
whose funeral was celebrated this week.

The Catholic Community of
St. Margaret's celebrates the baptism of:

- Caroline Kean Bohle, daughter of Ryan and Anne
- James Paul Walsh, son of Matthew and Jillian

Welcome to our family of faith.

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!
- Msgr. Darcy will be on **Hospital Duty** Thursday, December 28, all day. (Miriam Hospital)
- **St. Margaret Church calendars** will be available after Mass on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day
- **Baby Hat Knitting Project** will resume on **January 3rd at 10:30** in the Community Room. We have yarn and patterns, but no size 5 needles. Call Stacy at 401-338-6941 with any questions.
- Because of the **holiday publication schedule**, there will be only one bulletin for Christmas and New Year's. Weekly publication of the bulletin will resume on January 7.
- **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.
- In observance of the Christmas holidays, **the parish office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26**.

St. Margaret Parish Ministries

A Blessed and Joyous Christmas to All

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.

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:

Please pick up schedule for the spring session. Copies will be available for students near the sign in book at church on the weekend of January 6-7.

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS

- **St. Margaret School is looking for retired teacher's** who would like to substitute teach. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email Mrs. Clancy at bclancy@stmargaretsch.org or call the school office at 434-2338.
- **Grandparents Day Mass:** Tuesday, January 30 at 9:00 AM
- **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.

Thank you to all who helped with the Annual Christmas Concert and Pageant, Ron Procopio, the music ministry, instrumentalists, the youth of the parish, and the hospitality committee. It was an afternoon filled with the spirit of Christmas.

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:** January 9 and 23 **from 5 to 7 P.M.**

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 or call 401-421-7833 x107 for additional information.

Wknd of December 9-10	2016	2017
# of budgets used	*260*	*220*
Checks, envelopes	$5,876.00	$4,816.50
Loose	558.00	551.00
Children's envelopes		
# EFT participants	*133*	*132*
Faith Direct—EFT	$2,556.88	$2,601.87
TOTAL OFFERTORY	**$8,990.88**	**$7,969.37**

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.

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

Donations Made To Help the Needy During the Months of November and December

Haitian Project (Thanksgiving Day Collection)	$414.00
Bread of Life Food Pantry (Ecumenical Service)	$708.00
Keep the Heat On (Poor Box)	$150.00
St. Patrick's Church (Poor Box)	$100.00
Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter (Poor Box)	$150.00

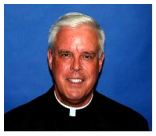
2017 Parish "Annual Collection"

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: $65,736
382 Participants

Cold and Flu Season

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



The Pastor's Corner

A blessed Christmas Season to you! The wonderful celebration of the Nativity enlivens our world, our Church, our parish, our families, and our souls! God is with us...and so we celebrate! Our celebration of both Christmas and the Holy Family reinforces the family as "the little Church" where the faith is first received in Baptism, nurtured by the love of family, and shared with our parish, friends and community. The kindness of the parish with the Giving Tree opportunity was overwhelming. We've learned our lessons well...that to give is to reflect the love of the Father who sent His gift, Jesus to save us. Thank you, too for your cards and generous gifts to me during this holy season.

The Christmas season begins with the Nativity and continues through January 8, the Baptism of the Lord. Keep those trees lit (and watered!), light the window candles, and spend time with your family and friends. I don't know about you, but rather than run around "to get something" for someone, I'd much rather be with the people I care about during Christmas, sharing the gift of Christ, the Light of the World.

This light was shown first to the poor shepherds, then to the people of Bethlehem, then to King Herod and lastly, to the Wise Men of the East. The astrologers followed a star. We celebrate their arrival in Bethlehem on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 7. The Greek word means "manifestation or unveiling." Christ is manifested, unveiled to the non-Jewish world. It's a beautiful feast and our brothers and sisters in the Orthodox Church exchange gifts on that day.

Finally, our Christmas Season concludes with the Lord being baptized in the Jordan by his cousin, John the Baptist. John, the chosen messenger of the Messiah, will point out who Jesus is, and thus fulfill his mission. The public ministry of Jesus will begin...and we continue to follow Him in faith, in hope and always in love.

A blessed Christmas Season to all!

~Msgr. Darcy

If you would like to send Fr. Richard a note or card during the Christmas Season, he will be staying at the home of his sister until January 15th.

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