



St. Margaret Church

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Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

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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**January 12—18**

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Alicia Rodrigues Alves, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvey, Bishop Emeritus
	10:30 A.M.	4th Anniversary Mass for Amy Duggan, by family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners at St. Margaret's
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the sick of our parish
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for an increase in vocations
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the souls in purgatory
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the victims of violence

January 19—20

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Norbert L. Pereira, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	2nd Anniversary Mass for Paul Theberge, by sister
	10:30 A.M.	Memorial Mass for John A. O'Neill, Jr., by family



January 19-20 ■ Eucharistic Ministers ■ Lectors ■ Altar Servers ■ Greeters

5:00 PM Doreen Bloomer, Joe & Karen Klucznik, **Peggy DeAngelis**, **Matthew Lloyd**, **Christopher DePina**, **Sam DeMoura**, **Pat Henry**, **Beth Durand**

8:00 AM Cathu Mair, Judy Presnol, **Deborah Soares**, **Gabriel Anastacio**, **Miles & Olivia DeMacedo**, **Ryan Cronin**, **Jack & Ellie Cordischi**, **Ann Apuzzo**, **Anne Conlon**

10:30 AM Mark Karas, Eileen Kelly, **Paul Musarra**, **Meghan & Matt Cabral**, **Marley Coite**, **Addie Bessette**, **Hunter Dubois**, **Jack Rezendes**, **Kristen DeMuccio**



- ♦ **Looking ahead:** **Sunday, January 13**, *Coffee 'N* in the Community Room following the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses.
Friday, January 18, at 1:30 PM, Mass will be celebrated at Rumford Towers
Saturday & Sunday, January 19 & 20, the second collection is for Catholic University
Thursday, January 24, Msgr. Darcy will be on Hospital Duty all day (Miriam Hospital)
Saturday & Sunday, January 26 & 27, the second collection is for the Church in Latin America
- ♦ During the month of January, our budget company and **Faith Direct** (for those giving electronically) will send registered parishioners a **Contribution Statement for 2018**. Parishioners who have children enrolled in St. Margaret School and receive the parish tuition rate should review this statement carefully to be sure your contribution is correct and meets the guideline for reduced tuition rate. If you need to bring your contribution up-to-date for 2018, please be sure it is clearly marked "2018 Church Support" and send it directly to the parish office to be recorded.
- ♦ The Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass **A Time of Prayer For the Protection of All Human Life** Saturday, January 12, 2019 **You are cordially invited to attend a 9:00 a.m. Mass**, Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, 30 Fenner Street, Providence. The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, Main Celebrant, Rev. Nicholas T. Fleming, Human Life Guild Chaplain, Homilist.
- ♦ Thursday, January 17: **Annual Bus Pilgrimage to the 2019 March for Life in DC** – we are sponsoring two buses for the 2019 March for Life for the 46th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. Our buses will depart from R.I. on Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. for an over-night ride and will arrive at the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass at approximately 6:00 a.m. on the morning of January 18. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. Our buses will be leaving DC at about 5:00 p.m. on Friday arriving in R.I. at about 2:00 a.m. on January 19th. For more information and to register, call Carol at 278-2518 or email: covens@dioceseofprovidence.org.
- ♦ **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 February 15-17 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



St. Margaret Parish Ministries



Sunday Faith Formation for Grades 1—8:

Grades 1-8: Classes began last week, at the new time, **9:00 AM—10:15 AM**. Families are now able to attend either the 8:00 AM or the 10:30 AM Mass before or after class.

Classes for January will also be held today **January 13th and 27th**. No class on next week, January 20th (Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend)

Confirmation I: The next session for the candidates will be on Sunday, February 24th following the 10:30 AM Mass from 11:30 AM—12:30 PM in the lower school, and Tuesday, February 26th from 6:30 PM—7:30 PM. Candidates only need to attend one of the sessions.

Also, please remember to sign in when attending Mass at St. Margaret's.



Please remember in your prayers:

Sister Diane Taylor, RSM

whose funeral was celebrated this week.

Weekend and Daily Mass Intentions



As the new year begins, please consider remembering your loved ones with the beautiful gift of having a memorial mass celebrated for them. Please feel free to call the parish office to reserve a mass date.



The Bread of Life Food Pantry Located at Newman Congregational Church

The Pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The food pantry is a collaborative effort sponsored by Saint Margaret's and other Christian congregations in Rumford. For more information, call 401-434-4742.

Upcoming Pantry Hours: Jan. 22 February 12, 26 from 5 to 7 PM.

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.

Thank you for your support!



ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS

Open House

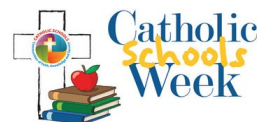
Sunday, January 27th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Our plans are well underway for the St. Margaret School **Open House** on Sunday, January 27th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

We are so proud to showcase our great parish school: our proud Catholic identity, our outstanding academics, our performing and musical arts, our selected athletics, and the academic success our students have in all high schools and beyond.

If you have new neighbors who are seriously looking for a Catholic school with a serious commitment for the spiritual and human formation of young people, please come and meet our Principal, Mrs. Lee Ann Nunes, our faculty, students and graduates at the **OPEN HOUSE**.

"St. Margaret's: The Confidence to Lead, The Catholic School Community That Cares!"



Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 27th through Friday, February 1st.



The Next Baptism Preparation Session

will be held on Mon., **February 4, 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.



Bishop Tobin recently kicked off this year's "Keep the Heat On" Challenge

a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. If you would like to help local families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or log onto www.heatRI.com to make a secure credit card donation. You can also make a \$10 donation by texting the word HEAT to 27722 or a \$25 donation by texting the word HEATRI to 27722. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please visit the web site, www.heatRI.com, or call 401/421-7833 for additional information.



<u>Wknd of December 29-30</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
# of budgets used	170	202
Checks, envelopes	\$4,878.50	\$5,416.00
Loose	419.00	406.00
# EFT participants	132	131
Faith Direct—EFT	\$2,601.87	\$2,412.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$7,899.37	\$8,234.00

<u>Wknd of January 5-6</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
# of budgets used	161	238
Checks, envelopes	\$4,788.00	\$5,177.00
Loose	314.00	403.00
# EFT participants	137	131
Faith Direct—EFT	\$2,401.60	\$2,412.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$7,503.60	\$7,992.00

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



2018 Parish "Annual Collection"

This very important collection is coming to a close. 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: \$70,425

369 Participants



PARISH PROTOCOL DURING THE COLD AND FLU SEASON

(Advent to Holy Week)

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.

Stay well!



We celebrated the birth in Bethlehem, the arrival of the magi, and now, thirty years later, the baptism of the Lord by his cousin, John the Baptist. John is the bridge between the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospels. He witnessed to the Truth; and so do we in our daily Christian lives. Next week we return to so-called Ordinary Time. For the faithful Christian, however, nothing is ever ordinary!

The Gospel from Luke for this weekend needs some nuance. While other details are provided in the Gospel of John, two important things in the biblical tradition are highlighted today. First, note that “heaven was opened.” When heaven was “closed,” there is not only no rain, but also no word from God to be proclaimed by the prophets to the people of Israel. Those years were prophetically dry; parched like the dry earth awaiting the spring rain. Secondly, unlike the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor (Matt. 17:5, Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35) where the heavenly voice spoke to Peter, James and John, here the voice from heaven *speaks to Jesus*; “**You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.**” With this affirmation of the Father, Jesus is driven then into the desert, but I’ll save that exposition for another time.

St. Margaret School will have an **Open House** scheduled for the last Sunday of the month (Jan. 27) followed by **Catholic Schools Week**. Take note that we have moved Grandparent’s Mass to May, to ensure better weather. *Did you know that local public school students have scored significantly lower on standardized tests in both Math and ELA than Saint Margaret’s students? Please spread the word about our wonderful school to family and friends.*

The SIFMA Foundation, sponsor of The Stock Market Game, announced that **Saint Margaret School had a team win First Place in the Middle School division. Congratulations to Allel Azzouz, Phil Berretto, Mason Bouley, and Sam Chawla.** Great job boys! They will be recognized in May at a ceremony at Fidelity Investments.

~Grace and peace!

Monsignor Darcy

