

# 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](http://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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**March 23—39**

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Birthday Remembrance for Earl Adams, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Irene Carrigan, by family
	10:30 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Moira Kanarian, Barbara Westgate & the deceased members of the Westgate Family, by family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners at St. Margaret's
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the respect of all human life
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for peace throughout the world
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the homeless in our world
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all caregivers

**March 30—31**

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Albino Prata-Coelho, Maria DeJesus Pina Carvalho, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners at St. Margaret's
	10:30 A.M.	1st Anniversary Mass for Donald Paulhus, by family

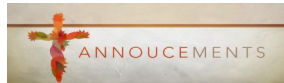
**March 30-31**

Eucharistic Ministers
 Lectors
 Altar Servers
 Greeters

**5:00 PM** Patricia Almquist, Ruth Desmarais, Phoebe Dodge, [Ann Quinn](#), [Jordan Carreiro](#), [Grace Lynch](#), [Mary Capuano](#), [Pat Henry](#)

**8:00 AM** Frank Hughes, Chris Lenhart, [Judy Desrosiers](#), [Julianna Goncalves](#), [Lydia Nassef](#), [Isabella Ambroise](#), [Anne Conlon](#), [Cheryl Pariseau](#)

**10:30 AM** Joseph & Kathy Moniz, [Bill Waters](#), [Matthew Lloyd](#), [Christopher DePina](#), [Sam DeMoura](#), [Art & Paula DeBlois](#), [Eileen Kelly](#)



- ♦ **Looking ahead:** Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24, Our Annual In-Pew Collection for **Catholic Charity Appeal** continues Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, March 24—26 at 7:00 PM Parish Lenten Mission, guest Fr. Timothy Reilly Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM, Stations of the Cross Thursday, March 28, Msgr. Darcy will be on Hospital Duty all day (Miriam Hospital) Monday, April 1, at 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting in the Community Room Sunday, April 7, *Coffee' N* in the Community Room following the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses
- ♦ **RETREAT at St. Patrick Church**, 244 Smith Street, Providence on Friday, April 12, at 5-9 PM & Saturday, April 13, 9 AM-Noon. Immaculee's Promise: "No one will leave this retreat the same as when they came." Tickets: Individual \$57; for one plus a guest: \$76. For more Information: email: Annette Micek [annette@immaculee.com](mailto:annette@immaculee.com) Local Contact: Ana Sanchez 401-660-8025; Maria Jose Carranza Da Silva: 978-333-3311
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **We are seeking donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.** We are looking for peanut free wrapped candy and plastic eggs to be distributed to our parish children on Easter Sunday. Baskets will be set up at the front of the church for donations. THANK YOU!!!!
- ♦ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Be transformed by Jesus' love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA and Jun 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



## St. Margaret Parish Ministries



### Sunday Faith Formation for Grades 1—8:

#### Grades 1-8:

Classes for March: 24, 31

March 24: the 10:30 Mass is a Special Liturgy for Gr.2 students

**April 6, First Communion Retreat: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the school concluding with Mass at 5:00 PM This retreat is for Faith Formation and St. Margaret School students.**

#### Confirmation I:

The final session for the candidates will be held on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 pm and Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:30 am Mass from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Both sessions will be held in the lower school and candidates only need to attend one of the sessions. All candidates should have returned a sponsor certificate by that session. As always, parents/sponsors are welcome to attend to learn more about our program and to assist the candidates with his/her formation.

Next year's Confirmation candidates (this year's 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders) have been given a form to choose which week they would prefer to attend class this summer. The form should have been returned with a parent signature by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

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



Please remember in your prayers:

**John O'Hare**

&

**Richard Santos**

whose funerals were celebrated last week.

### Lenten Observances at St. Margaret Parish



#### Stations of the Cross

Every Thursday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Church.

#### LENTEN RICE BOWL

Our parish does something amazing each Lent. We come together to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving—and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty and put them on a path toward resilience, prosperity and stability. Please consider this worthy Lenten practice. The collection will be on April 14, Palm Sunday.



### ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS



#### St. Margaret School presents their spring production:

#### Peter Pan Jr.

Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 31 at 2:00 PM

at St. Raphael's Academy

**Tickets are on sale through the school office, 434-2338.**



Congratulations to **Isabel Sullivan, Ben Parylak** and **Marcos Negash** for their winning essays on "What Makes You Proud of America" from the Elks.



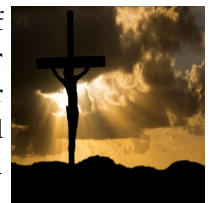
### Lenten Parish Mission

#### Today, Sunday, March 24

We are very happy to have Father Timothy Reilly, Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence, as our guest preacher. **The Lenten Mission beginning today Sunday, March 24 to Tuesday, March 26. All services are at 7PM.**

#### "Offer It Up: Our Parents Were Right After All"

We will discuss the age-old "problem" of human suffering, and why the key to our sanity (and sanctity!) is to connect our sufferings to the Cross of Jesus. We will also look at how some of the saints handled suffering in their own lives.



**Everyone is welcome.**



### Outreach Ministry

If you have a homebound family member or parishioner friend who cannot make it to church, please call the parish office; we can arrange to have cards sent to our homebound parishioners to let them know we are thinking and praying for them, **and we can arrange for Mr. Moreira, our Pastoral Minister, a priest or deacon to visit and bring communion.** Please also let us know of any parishioners who may be hospitalized or recovering from surgery in a rehab facility and would like a visit from the parish.

## Parish Giving

<u>Wknd of March 16-17</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
# of budgets used	219	230
Checks, envelopes	\$4,438.50	\$4,724.00
Loose	439.00	419.00
# EFT participants	140	141
Faith Direct—EFT	\$2,624.12	\$2,589.93
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$7,501.62</b>	<b>\$7,732.93</b>

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



2019  
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL  
*Supporting the work of the Church*

### *Faith and Good Works*

**Thank you to everyone who made a pledge/donation to the  
Catholic Charity Appeal last weekend.**

**If you were unable to make a pledge last weekend, please  
consider doing so today.**

You will be given an opportunity to make your gift of treasure after today's homily. Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew. Once completed, please place them in the collection basket.



### *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:** March 26 from 5 to 7 PM.

April 9, 23 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!**





Tragedies, such as the hateful and premeditated slaughter of fifty New Zealanders in two mosques, absolutely are an affront to the world community. It brings only sorrow, loss of loved ones, and fuels hate speech within and towards diverse communities. Now, instead of lamb and kiwis, we'll think of carnage and death. We pray for their untimely passage to the God of Abraham. May they rest in peace. Closer to home, last weekend a Jewish cemetery in Fall River was vandalized and desecrated with pro-Nazi graffiti. Conversion is needed all around and within us this Lenten Season.

We are so blessed to welcome to our parish **Father Timothy Reilly**, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence. When I expressed my desire to return to parish life in 2007, Bishop Tobin asked me who would be a possible successor. I had only one priest in mind, Fr. Reilly. He was a member of the CYO when I was at St. Brendan's from 1986-1992. We asked him last year to join us this Lent. Welcome, Fr, Reilly.

Fr. Reilly has chosen as his theme:

**"OFFER IT UP:**

**OUR PARENTS WERE RIGHT AFTER ALL!"**

He will reflect on the age-old "problem" of human suffering, and why the key to our sanity (and sanctity!) is to connect our sufferings to the Cross of Jesus. We will also look at how some of the saints handled suffering in their own lives. **We gather on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 PM.** Please invite your family, neighbors, and friends to join us for these timely Lenten reflections on a human reality that is transformed only by Christ's own passion, death and Resurrection.

Thank you for the growing response to the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. As I mentioned last week, I have every confidence that we'll continue the noteworthy Christian response. As of Tuesday (before processing the in-pew donations from last weekend), we're at \$29,315. Truly wonderful baseline for the Appeal!!

A blessed springtime...only 27 days to Easter!

~Monsignor Darcy

