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.

On the second Sunday in Advent the "Peace" candle is lit

St. Margaret School

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December 7-13

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Elise & Vernon Simpson, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners at St. Margaret's
	10:30 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Mary Anne LeBlanc, by family
MONDAY	**9:00 A.M**	Mass for all Parishioners at St. Margaret's / Feast of the Immaculate Conception **(School Mass)**
	5:30 P.M.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	10th Anniversary Mass for Rosalind Bagaglia, by family
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the respect of all human life
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M	Memorial Mass for George & Margaret Dixon, by family
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M	**Mass of Remembrance for all those interred at Mount St. Mary Cemetery**

December 14-15

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Raymond Garraghan, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners at St. Margaret's
	10:30 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Bob Capello, by family

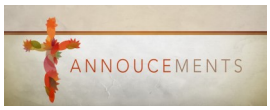
WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 14-15 Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Altar Servers | Greeters

5:00 PM Frank Hughes, Mary Jacobs, Eli Fulton, Emma & Kate Patterson, Patrick McGee, Ethan Vargas, Leanne Dias, Mary Capuano

8:00 AM Nazare Aguiar, Cathy Mair, Gerry Cousineau, Grace Lynchine, Cheryl Pariseau, Jackie Bisson

10:30 AM Joseph Moniz, Kathy Moniz, Deborah Soares, Lydia Nassef, Isabella Ambroise, Louise Capello, Sandra Lebeau



- **Looking ahead:** **Saturday & Sunday, Dec 7 & 8,** the second collection is for The Retirement Fund for Religious
  Monday, December 9th, is The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass at 9AM & 5:30 PM
  Sunday, December 15, The Parish Annual Christmas Concert will be held at 4:00 PM in the church
  Friday, December 20th, at 1:30 PM Msgr. Darcy will celebrate Mass at **Rumford Towers**
- **Christmas Card List:** Would you like to share Christmas wishes with our parishioners that are not always able to get to church? If you are, our parish Christmas card list is located at the entrance of the church. Please take a list home and share Christmas love and joy with others. Thank you.
- **Please join us for the 8th Annual Nativity Lighting at the Rhode Island Statehouse (in the Rotunda area) on Wednesday, December 11th from 3 to 4 pm!** We'll light our beautiful Nativity Scene, celebrating the coming birth of Christ who is the Light of the World! We'll sing holy Christmas carols and eat delicious Christmas cookies donated by Buono's Bakery! This event is presented by the Joy to the World Nativity Committee, and is sponsored by The Thomas More Society and Media sponsors Relevant Radio and The Rhode Island Catholic. Father Michael Kelley, Pastor of St. Agatha's and Precious Blood Churches in Woonsocket, will give a blessing over the Nativity scene and over all in attendance! **As always, this event is free and open to the public!**

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!**

Thank you to all that are participating in the Parish Giving Tree. All gifts should be brought to church, **unwrapped, and placed in the Community Room** no later than this **weekend, Dec. 7th & 8th.**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

St. Margaret Parish Ministries

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Grades 1-8:

Classes: December: 15

January: 5, 12

The next sessions for Confirmation I candidates will be on either **Sunday, February 23rd following the 10:30 AM Mass or Tuesday evening, February 25th at 6:30 PM**. Candidates need to only attend one of the sessions.

All paperwork in their packets, including Sponsor Certificates, is due at the April session. Please email Mr. Moreira with any questions.

Reminder: Parents or sponsors are most welcome at any of the sessions to learn about our program and assist the candidate in his or her formation.

Candidates are also reminded to attend their assigned Mass in which they are assisting in the various liturgical roles.

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

Please remember in your prayers:

Charles Apuzzo

whose funeral was celebrated last week.

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

Carter George Bianco

Son of Lucas & Audra

Logan Patrick Silverio

Son of Eric & Elly

Welcome to our family of faith.

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: December 10, 17 (not the 24) from 5 to 7PM

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.

Thank you for your support!

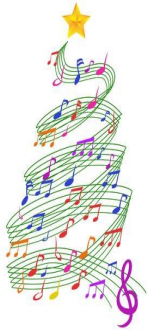
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS

- Mark your calendars now for the Annual **St. Margaret School Christmas Concert** to be held on Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of Seekonk High School.

- **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 Nov. 25th through Dec. 17th.**

- **The School Office hours:** Monday thru Friday
  7:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- **Interested in enrolling in St. Margaret School, call the office for information (434-2338).**

St. Margaret Parish Christmas Concert and Pageant,



will be held on Sunday, **December 15th at 4:00 PM** in the church. Proceeds from a collection will benefit the **'Keep the Heat On,' a heating assistance program of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence.** This annual concert has become a holiday tradition for many, **so plan to arrive early!**

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

Wknd of Nov. 23-24	2018	2019
# of budgets used	*240*	*212*
Checks, envelopes	$3,659.00	$4, 410.00
Loose	559.00	$387.00
# EFT participants	*135*	*135*
Faith Direct—EFT	$2,556.00	$2,453.78
TOTAL OFFERTORY	**$6,774.00**	**$7,250.78**
Human Development		$1,182.00

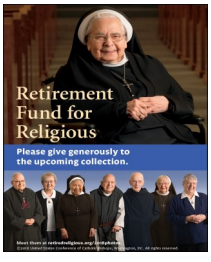
Wknd of Nov. 30-Dec. 1	2018	2019
# of budgets used	*227*	*216*
Checks, envelopes	$5,123.00	$5,003.00
Loose	631.00	$355.00
# EFT participants	*135*	*137*
Faith Direct—EFT	$2,412.00	$3,460.35
TOTAL OFFERTORY	**$8,310.00**	**$8,818.35**

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

Automate your Giving!

Would you like to simplify your life? Join the many parishioners who have automated their giving using Faith Direct. Enroll online today at www.faithdirect.net. Our church code is RI118. Don't have access to the internet? Pick up paper enrollment form at the church entrance or stop by the parish office during office hours.

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.



Second Collection this weekend is the Retirement Fund for Religious

This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

The first words of the Hebrew Scriptures are quite familiar: "In the beginning…" The great prophet, Isaiah, whose influence reached through 60 years (about 742-680 BC) is used during the Advent Season. He looks back to creation when there was harmony and peace on the earth.

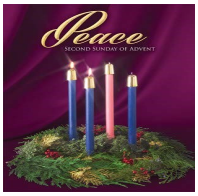
It sounds like a "*Kumbaya*" moment again: wolves sleeping with lambs, leopards with goats, calves and lions all getting along together! Isaiah foresees a return to the beginning of creation; idyllic, and longed for with full yearning… "There will be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain."

Alongside Isaiah, the other iconic personage of Advent is the fiery John the Baptist. He would not have been the first person ever to emerge from a transformative experience in the desert. His preaching challenged both the humble and the mighty. The latter group committed the sin of presumption: the word is even used in today's Gospel. Their high priestly and legal status really didn't matter before God. Many of the humble heard John's words (and those of Jesus) and repented; it would appear that most of those of significant and social means, merely presumed they were saved. No doubt, many of the self-righteous ultimately will be surprised!

If there are any Giving Tree tags still on the trees at the entrances of the Church, please take them. **Return all your gifts—unwrapped—to the community room by next Sunday, December 15th!** I told you the season would pass quickly. On behalf of especially the children who will receive your kind gifts, my sincere thanks.

The Breakfast with St. Nick and Christmas Bazaar is today, Sunday, Dec. 8th from 9AM to Noon. Join St. Nick for a picture, great breakfast, and Christmas crafts.

Next Sunday, Dec. 15th is the **Annual Christmas Concert and Pageant** in the Church. The day draws near. Watch, pray, and join us!

My prayers for the light of Advent.

~Monsignor Darcy