

St. Margaret Church

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Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

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

Mon / Tue / Thurs / Fri: 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.

Second Sunday of
ADVENT



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December 5-11

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. Memorial Mass for Roy Gavitt, by family
 SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. 50th Anniversary Mass for Elsie Simpson, by family
 10:30 A.M. Memorial Mass for Bob Capello, by family
 MONDAY 8:00 A.M. Month's Mind for Celine Leonard
 TUESDAY 8:00 A.M. Memorial Mass for Maria Ilda Rego, by daughter (**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**)
 5:30 P.M. **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 THURSDAY 8:00 A.M. Memorial Mass for Mary Paquin, by Bob
 FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. Mass for all parishioners of St. Margaret's

December 12-13

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. 23rd Anniversary Mass for Keith M. Smart, by Mom & Dad
 SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. Memorial Mass for Dan Rowe, by friends
 10:30 A.M. 5th Anniversary Mass for Jean Meunier, by family



■ Lectors ■ Eucharistic Ministers

December 5-6

5:00 PM Roger Stolte, **Peggy DeAngelis**
 8:00 AM Kathy Mair, **Bill Waters**
 10:30 AM Patty Flatley, **Joan Irons Cronin**

December 12-13

5:00 PM Susan Stolte, **Ann Quinn**
 8:00 AM John Costigan, **Maddie Josephs**
 10:30 AM Emily Alvernaz, **Paul Musarra**

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Looking ahead: Daily Mass : Masses are celebrated on Monday & Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 AM

Monday, December 7th, at 7:00 PM, Baptism Preparation Session will be held in the community room

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."
 - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith, with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us with the irresistible power of a baby, requiring both our hands and captivating our whole hearts. Help us to cast aside the sin and brokenness that we cling to, so we might be ready to hold you when you come again.
 Amen.





St. Margaret Parish Ministries



FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

**An update regarding Saint Margaret Church
Faith Formation Program for the 2020-2021 school year.**

First Communion Information

- First Penance Retreat: Saturday, March 6th (3-5pm)
*Students will attend 5pm Mass
- First Penance Monday, March 8th (6:00pm)
- First Communion Retreat: Saturday, May 1st (3-5pm)
*Students will attend 5pm Mass
- First Communion: Saturday, May 8th
10:30 AM SMS Children
1:00 PM Faith Formation

We have decided to postpone in-person Faith Formation until January. There will be an option to participate virtually for grades 1-6 and with take home assignments for grades 7-8. (Grades 7-8 see more information below.)

Grades 1-6 please use the following codes to join our **Google Classroom**. You need to have a google account in order to sign up to have your child participate in virtual Faith Formation.

Grades 1-2: lu5stkq

Grades 3-4: l3y2tgu

Grades 5-6: g2hiqsb

Grades 7 & 8

Our at-home program will continue at this time until in-person classes begin (hopefully) on Sunday, January 10, 2021. E-mail Mr. Moreira with any questions.

Confirmation I (9th Graders)

Due to current Covid 19 precautions, the Confirmation I sessions for December have been rescheduled for **Sunday, February 7th at 9:15 am or on Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 pm** in the Lower School. Candidates only need to attend **one** of the sessions. A parent or sponsor is welcome to attend the session with the candidate to learn more about the program. Please keep an eye on the Parish Bulletin for updates.

Faith Formation Registration Forms are available on-line. Forms can be completed and dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office.



ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS

If you are interested, we are accepting registrations for the 2020/2021 school year.
Call for a visit at 434-2338.

The School Office hours: Monday thru Friday
7:30 AM to 3:00 PM



The Bread of Life Food Pantry Located at Newman Congregational Church

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is a ministry of six churches in East Providence. During the current COVID public health crisis, clients are served via a drive-through distribution in the Newman Church parking lot. All are welcome. The Pantry is open the **second and fourth Tuesdays** of each month. (Please see **December** dates below for a **change** in this usual schedule.) **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 5 to 7 PM on:
December 8 & 15 / January 12 & 26



GIFT CARD DRIVE!!

THANK YOU for embracing this new way of giving at Christmas.

We will be able to help support many families at this time of year through your giving hearts.



May God Bless you and your families for your generosity.



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. **Due to the current health precautions, we have suspended home visits until further notice.**
- If you have a friend or family member who can not make it to church and would like to receive a Parish Bulletin, please call the office.



Please remember in your prayers:

Rachel McKnight

whose funeral was celebrated last week.

December 6, 2020

Parish Giving

<u>Wknd of November 21-22</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Checks, envelopes	\$4,410.00	\$2,532.00
Loose	\$587.00	\$209.00
# EFT participants	135	149
Faith Direct—EFT	\$2,453.78	\$2,447.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$7,450.78	\$5,188.00

<u>Wknd of November 28-29</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Checks, envelopes	\$5,003.00	\$3,420.00
Loose	\$355.00	\$304.00
# EFT participants	137	149
Faith Direct—EFT	\$3,460.35	\$2,447.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$8,818.35	\$6,171.00

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

Automate your Giving!



St. Margaret Church needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Margaret Church. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Visit www.Faith Direct.com. At the prompt, enter our parish code **ri118**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

2020 St. Margaret Annual Collection

Thank You *for your* Generosity

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our **Annual Collection**.

Every gift is sincerely appreciated.

Gifts will be accepted until December 31.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. John J. Darcy

2020 Annual Collection

For Unfunded Projects

In Our Beautiful Parish

GOAL \$65,000

To Date \$56,365



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

We will be offered the most wonderful gift ever at Christmas, the Lord of love. Not only by our Christ-like outreach to others, but also by our personal preparation and striving for genuine holiness. Isaiah foresees the valleys being filled in so as to make the roadway level, smooth, and easier for the arrival/coming (*Adventus*) of the Lord. We should mirror this conscious, deliberate preparation. "The Lord is coming to us... prepare to receive Him." The symbol of Advent/Christmas light is so powerful with the early nightfall. We notice the dark windows of our homes being illumined to announce that a festive season is dawning. Prepare your home and your heart, He is drawing near! Notice the lights in the rectory this Second Sunday of Advent. Amid the increasing busyness, even amid a "*Pause*" in this pandemic, try to stay focused. Read Chapter 40 of Isaiah in the Old Testament, or the beginning of Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. Choose to create a quiet, sacred space for yourself as we go deeper into this Advent Season. Trust me, you will find Him there waiting for *you*!

The bulletin is submitted on Tuesdays, so the latest communication from the Governor to the State has not taken place. As I announced last weekend, a reasonable schedule for the Christmas celebration has to be pastorally prudent, socially responsible, and well accepted by the parish community. The Christmas Schedule, always dependent on the COVID spread in the state, will be the following:

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR 2021

THE VIGIL MASSES AT 4 & 6 PM ARE CANCELLED.

Pre-recorded *Facebook* streaming of the Christmas Eve Mass at 5 PM. Families should plan to watch and pray this Mass with your household.

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FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS AT 9 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AT 8 AM AND 10:30 AM

(Attendance is limited to 90 people per Mass.)

As a reminder, Bishop Tobin continues to dispense Catholics in the Diocese of Providence from the obligation to attend Sunday Masses and other Holy Days of Obligation, which includes the Solemnities of the Immaculate Conception and Christmas Day.

~Monsignor Darcy

