St. Margaret Parish

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Office Hours: 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Monday—Tuesday
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Reverend Jeremy J. Rodrigues, STL, *Pastor*

Reverend Msgr. John J. Darcy, *Pastor Emeritus*
Reverend Msgr. William J. McCaffrey, *Pastor Emeritus*
Mr. David Gillis, *Deacon*
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Mrs. Joan Cronin, *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Mon thru Fri: 8:00 a.m. (recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 a.m., recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet following mass)
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

Mrs. Lee Ann Nunes, Principal
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December 11—17

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	24th Anniversary Mass for Keith M. Smart & 9th Anniversary Mass for Kimberly Looker, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners of St. Margaret's
	10:30 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Mary Paquin, by Bob
	6:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Edward Goudreau, by family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the Healing Grace of God
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for peace in the world
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the youth of the parish
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the souls in purgatory
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all priests and religious

December 18—19

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Daniel Kelley, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Maria Ilda Rego, by daughter
	10:30 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Albino Prata Coelho & Maria DeJesus Pina Carvalho, by family
	6:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Ernest Courtemanche, by wife Maria

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors Eucharistic Ministers Greeters

Dec 18—19

5:00 PM Joseph DiMuccio, Chris Lenhart, Paul Musarra, Mary Burke, Pat Henry
8:00 AM Frank Hughes, Dottie Reposa, Mike Durkay, Anne Conlon
10:30 AM Mary Ann Bryan, Eileen Kelly, Maddie Josephs, Jan & Al Ferri, Eileen Kelly

Dec 26

8:00 AM Nazare Aguiar, Dottie Reposa, Bill waters, Ann Apuzzo, Jackie Bisson
10:30 AM Emily Alvernaz, Mark Karas, Gail McGowan, Jeanne Davis, Judy Sawyer

Ministry Update

Christmas Ministry Schedules will be sent to you separately. Please watch for an email from your coordinators.

Thank you all for your dedication to these ministries.

Saint Margaret Parish - Holiday Season Schedule

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24
3:30 PM *Christmas Carols – Children's Choir*
4:00 PM *Mass with Children's Choir*
6:00 PM *Mass with Soloist & Instrumentals*
10:30 PM *Christmas Carols*
11:00 PM *Solemn Mass at Night with Parish Choir*

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25
10:30 AM Mass
(No 8:00 AM or 5:00 PM Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, December 26
Mass at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
(No 6:00 PM Mass)

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
5:00 PM - New Year's Eve, December 31
10:30 AM - New Year's Day, January 1

Solemnity of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 2
Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Prayer Requests

Please pray for God's Healing Grace for:

Jim, Tim, Joan C., Linda D., Nancy E., Ann Marie, John Slater, Wendy deWolf, Justin & Kayla S., Tracy, Kris, Sarah S., Ralph

Pray without ceasing (1TH 5:15)

As a parish family we are honored to pray for your specific needs. Please contact the parish office by email (office-stmargaretchurch@cox.net) or call the parish office (438-3230).

St. Margaret Parish Christmas Concert and Pageant,

will be held on Sunday, **December 19th at 3:00 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!**

St. Margaret Parish Ministries

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Grades 1—6
are meeting at the usual time (9:00-10:15) in the school.
Upcoming classes:
Dec. 12, 19—January 9

Grades 7—10 will be meeting on Sundays at 5:00 PM.
Upcoming classes:
Gr.7&8 December 12—January 9
Gr. 9&10 December 19
All students are expected to then attend the 6:00 PM Mass that follows class.

All grades (1-10) should register for Faith Formation.
Registration forms can be found on our parish website.
Please register your children it is not to late.
We look forward to seeing you all.

Adults that are interested in becoming Catholic and wish to receive Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation please contact the parish office at 438-3230.

Please remember in your prayers
Edward Gillheeney, Jr.
&
Charles Plante
whose funerals were celebrated this week.

For your planning this Christmas

With December 25th falling on a Saturday, Catholics are obliged to attend 2 Masses that weekend.
TO SATISFY THE CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION, GO TO ONE OF THESE MASSES:
Friday, December 24 evening Mass (Christmas Eve)
Saturday, December 25 — Christmas Morning
Saturday, December 25 — Evening Vigil Mass
TO SATISFY THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION, GO TO ONE OF THESE MASSES:
Saturday, December 25 — Evening Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 26 — Anytime!

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to thank everyone that participated in our annual Calendar Raffle. Once again with your generosity it was a great success.

Student Council will be collecting Baby clothes (sizes 0 to 12 months), Receiving blankets, Crib sets (crib, mattress, mattress pad, sheet), Diapers (sizes 1 to 5), Baby wipes, Diaper bags, Baby toiletries, Baby toys and books, Bottles & Sippy Cups, Baby Tubs and Umbrella Strollers to be donated to the **mothers and babies of Gabriel's Call. They are accepting donations through Dec. 22nd**

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

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.

TO DATE: You have raised $5,100.

The Season of CHARITY

Do you know a family that may need help for Christmas & the Holiday Season?
If you do please call the parish office with the information. 401-438-3230

HIS LOVE EXTENDED — Outreach Ministry

If you have a homebound family member or parishioner friend who cannot make it to church, please call the parish office. **Deacon Gillis** would be glad to arrange a time to visit and bring them Communion. We can also arrange to have cards sent to our homebound parishioners to let them know we are thinking and praying for them.
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.

Parish Giving

Wknd of Dec. 4-5, 2021	2020	2021
Church offering	$3,262.00	$5,188.00
# EFT participants	*149*	*152*
Faith Direct—EFT	$2,447.00	$3,622.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	**$5,709.00**	**$8,810.00**

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

WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET CHURCH

On-Line Registration for the parish is available.

Please go to the Parish website, www.stmargaretchurch.org under the tab labeled "About". You will find the registration form that can be filled out on-line and sent directly to the Parish Office.

Automate your Giving!

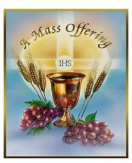
Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Margaret Church. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Visit **www.Faith Direct.com**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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Food donations that are brought to the church are donated to The Good Neighbors, located at St. Brendan's Church in Riverside.

Thank you for your generosity.

goodneighborsri@gmail.com



Weekend and Daily Mass Intentions

Please consider remembering your loved ones with the beautiful gift of having a **Memorial Mass** celebrated for them.

Daily Mass at 8:00 AM

5:00PM Saturday evening, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday

Remember we now have mass on Sunday evening at 6:00 PM.

Please feel free to call the parish office to reserve a Mass date.

438-3230

On Tuesday of this past week the Gospel for the day was regarding the shepherd who had a lost sheep. Jesus says, in almost a laughable tone, that "if a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray?" (Mt. 18:13) This comment is a very bad business model. Why place the 99 healthy, safe, secure, and prepared sheep at risk in favor of the one lost sheep? Yet, that is precisely what Jesus is implying. God's reckless love for each individual. Not as a collective group of people but as individual people under his care and providence. His care is never as the world measures equity, but is lavishly given under his terms alone.

Considering the current situation we find ourselves in, this passage can give us a unique perspective on how to guide our lives. Living in a post pandemic world can often be a time of confusion and stress. As you can imagine, many people are worried about the potential of becoming ill or even the fear of death. Just this past week, we lost a priest to the ravages of COVID. This is the second priest who was serving here in our Diocese who succumbed to the power of this wretched disease. It gives us a moment of pause as we reflect on the gift of our lives here on this beautiful earth and just how fragile our lives can be.

While many are infected and recover, there are still many people who are not able to recover from the invisible danger that is called the "coronavirus". We can read the statistics each day, whether it be the number of new cases or the number of deaths from this disease. Regardless of trends and numbers the one thing that is certain is that this disease is not going away any time soon. While we can count numbers and groups of people affected, the truth remains they are all individuals. Singular, unique, and created in God's image and likeness.

It seems to me that we need to keep two things in mind as we maneuver through the tough winter months when many are becoming ill. First, that we should resist the temptation to see people as merely a walking disease. Our first thought should always be to see the other as a person created by God for his purposes. If we only view people as a potential risk, we run the temptation of viewing people as a negative presence and only a threat. Then, we only focus on the negative potential as opposed to the great goodness inherent in each of us.

Secondly, we are a people of faith and that means a people imbued with the singular grace of true and lasting hope. We should therefore not fear what is unknown and unseen. Yes, we should be responsible, caring, prudent and practice good health care for ourselves and others. However, in the final analysis, we need to think more as God thinks. It is very sad indeed that many lost their lives and will due to illness. But this is and has always been the case as we live in this imperfect world torn apart by sin and division. As a believer we need to be people who radiate the hope that in spite of the suffering and pain that may exist in this world, our lives are lived not for this world but for the world to come. That is what Advent teaches us. We are created for this world, indeed, but ultimately for the world to come, and this should bring us hope for we should have nothing to fear.

God Bless, Fr. Rodrigues