St. Margaret Parish

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Reverend Jeremy J. Rodrigues, STL, *Pastor*

Reverend Msgr. John J. Darcy, *Pastor Emeritus*
Reverend Msgr. William J. McCaffrey, *Pastor Emeritus*
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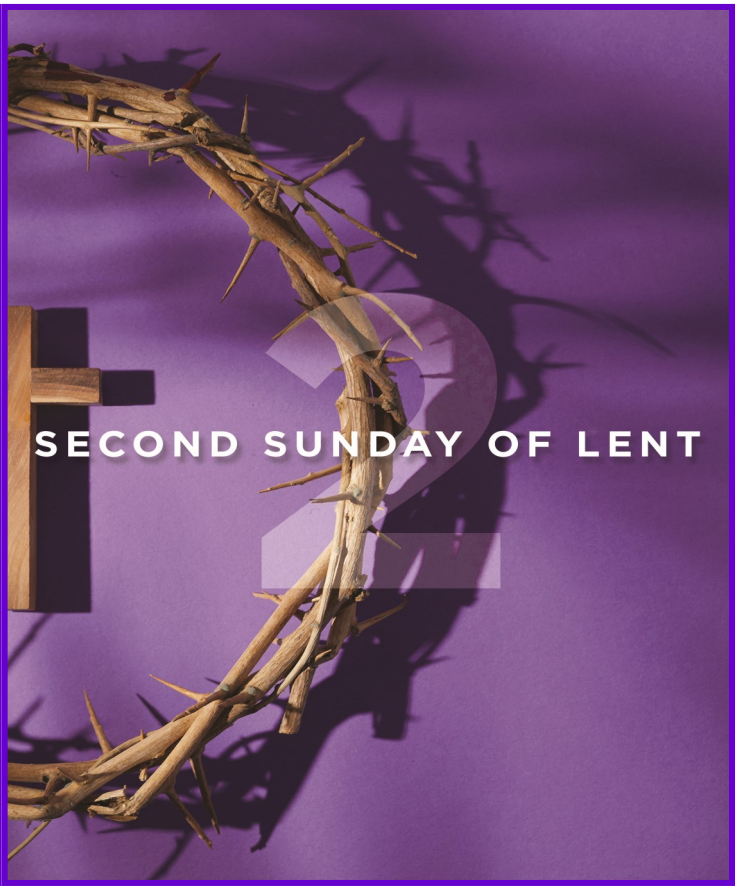
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Mon thru Fri: 8:00 a.m. (recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 a.m., recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet following mass)
Baptism: Call the parish office to register for sacramental preparation and monthly baptism.
Reconciliation: Saturday, 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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March 12—18

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	2nd Anniversary Mass for James C. Mahoney, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Maureen Sprague, by her children
	10:30 A.M.	3rd Anniversary Mass for Fr. Gerald W. Hussey, by friend
	6:00 P.M.	Mass for the sick and homebound of the parish
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners of St. Margaret's
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Joseph Little Sr., by Patty Flatley
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Eugene & Rita & Susan McPeake, by family
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Ellen Buegling
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the conversion of our hearts and minds during Lent.

March 19—20

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Madeleine B. McManus, by Sal & cousin Pat
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Pauline Poitras, by her husband
	10:30 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Roland & Anita Bergeron, by family
	6:00 P.M.	1st Anniversary Mass for Antonio Abilheira, by family

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors — Eucharistic Ministers — Greeters

March 12—13

5:00 PM Roger & Susan Stolte, Peggy DeAnglis, Mary Burke, Pat Henry
8:00 AM Nazare Aguiar, Cathy Mair, Bob Yetner, Anne Conlon
10:30 AM Darlene & Valerie Dymsza, Jeanne Davis, Kristen DiMuccio, Mary Tucker

March 19—20

5:00 PM Joseph DiMuccio, Chris Lenhart, Paul Musarra, Mary Burke, Pat Henry
8:00 AM Frank Hughs, Dottie Reposa, Mike Durkay Ann Apuzzo, Jackie Bisson
10:30 AM Mary Ann Bryan, Eileen Kelly, Maddie Josephs, Paula & Art DeBlois, Eileen Kelly

Opportunities for Confession during Lent

Confession will be available:
Saturday Afternoons
4:15 to 4:45
&
Sunday Mornings
9:15 to 10:15

PRAY FAST GIVE

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting**: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these percepts.

Lenten Observances at St. Margaret Parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every **Tuesday** during Lent at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. **Starting March 8th.**

PARISH MISSION 2022

March 12 and 13—March 16

Rediscovering the Power of the Gospel. Given by: Fr. Joseph Upton. Details on the next page.

LENTEN RICE BOWL

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. **We ask participants to convert their CRS Rice Bowl gifts to checks made out to St. Margaret Church for easier counting.**

Please remember in your prayers

Charles M. Bachini, Sr.
Peter G. Barilla, Jr.
&
Paula Coogan

whose funerals were celebrated this week.

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, Jim S., John H., Andy B., Peter B., Ann H., Joseph K., Ed H., Kristen, Doreen

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 Ministries

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Grades 1—6
are meeting at the usual time (9:00-10:15) in the school.
Upcoming classes:
March 13, 20, 27 / April 3, 10, 24
First Penance Retreat—Saturday, March 19th 3-5 PM
First Penance— Monday, March 21st 6:00 PM

Grades 7—10 will be meeting on Sundays at 5:00 PM.
Upcoming classes:
Gr.7&8 March 20 / April 3, 24
Gr. 9&10 March 13, 27

All students are expected to then attend the 6:00 PM Mass that follows class.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 3rd at 12:30 PM.
Bishop Robert Evans will be the confirming Bishop.

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

Dante Alessandro Robbio
Son of Steven & Jenna Lynn

Welcome to our family of faith.

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
Sunday evening at 6:00 PM.
Please feel free to call the parish office to reserve a Mass date.
438-3230

The Next Baptism Preparation Session:

will be held on Sunday, **March 20th, following the 10:30 AM mass** in the Community Room/Church. Parents should be registered parish members and committed to sharing their Catholic faith and its practices with their growing family.

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS

If you are interested, we are accepting registrations for the 2022/2023 school year. Call for a visit at 434-2338.

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

PARISH MISSION 2022
March 12 and 13—March 16

Rediscovering the Power of the Gospel: The Good News According to Romans

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel:
it is the power of God for salvation
to every one who has faith." Romans 1:16

As believers, we are constantly invited to reflect on and rediscover the power of the Gospel in our daily lives. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans provides a succinct and powerful presentation of the faith of the Church and shows how the Gospel of Jesus can be lived and believed with transforming power. Please join us for our 2022 Parish Mission as we unpack and explore the most significant of Saint Paul's letters.

- March 12 & 13—Weekend Masses: Introduction to the Mission – **"The Gospel as Power"**
- March 14—Monday, 7PM: Liturgy of the Word – **"The Gospel as Victory"**
- March 15—Tuesday, 7PM: Penance Service (with opportunity for individual Confession) – **"The Gospel as Reconciliation"**
- March 16—Wednesday, 7PM: Celebration of Mass – **"The Gospel as Way of Life"**

Fr. Joseph R. Upton grew up in the Edgewood section of Cranston, Rhode Island. After attending Cranston public schools, Fr. Upton began his studies for the priesthood at Our Lady of Providence Seminary. After graduation from Providence College, he completed his formation at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD and at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He currently serves as Pastor of Saint Mary of the Bay in Warren, Rhode Island.

Parish Giving

Wknd of March 5-6, 2022	2021	2022
Church offering	$5,015.00	$4,745.00
# EFT participants	*154*	*161*
Faith Direct—EFT	$3,243.00	$3,265.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	**$8,258.00**	**$8,010.00**

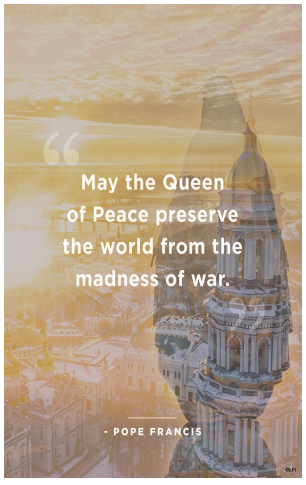
Sincere thanks to all who continue regular financial support for St. Margaret Parish.

If you were unable to attend Mass we kindly ask if you would please consider making up your missed budget envelopes. Your generous support helps us to meet our weekly parish expenses.
Thank you for all you do!

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.



God of Mercy,
We pray for Ukraine.
For all of humanity distorted by war.
For all the lives lost, homes seized and peace broken.
May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear.
May the Spirit of wisdom and humility enliven our global leaders.
May we affirm the dignity and rights of all.
May we seek peace.
Amen.

Wishing you all a very
Happy and Blessed St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day

Deacon Ministry

March 13, 2022

"And behold, two men were conversing with [Jesus], Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." Luke 9:30-31

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recount the story of our Lord's Transfiguration, while some scholars believe that John 1:14 refers to the event as well. But only Luke's account (this weekend's Gospel) mentions the "exodus" that Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem. What does Luke mean by Jesus's exodus? What will He accomplish?

We all know the Exodus story from the Old Testament book of the same name: How God instituted the Passover and then led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, through a forty-year sojourn in the desert, and finally to the Promised Land. We might think that the tale ends at the point when the Jews cross the Jordan River and begin the process of reclaiming their inheritance.

But it doesn't. For you see, the story continues, and we Christians find ourselves living it daily even now. How so? Because each one of us has an exodus to accomplish for the life that we have been given—from our slavery to sin to our freedom from death in our heavenly homeland—and the Season of Lent provides the model for doing so successfully.

Make no mistake: We absolutely cannot accomplish our exodus from death to life by our own efforts. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves. Still, we must do our part to achieve metanoia, a transformative change of heart. During our forty days of Lent, we help to transform ourselves through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and especially Confession. Hopefully we have spent the last week and a half fruitfully … but, if not, we can still make up for moments squandered!

We all must walk with our Lord as He moves toward Jerusalem, sharing with Him the joys of Palm Sunday; benefiting from His gifts of the priesthood and the Eucharist on Holy Thursday; and enduring with Him the sorrows of Good Friday, when the Passover Lamb of God suffered his Passion and Death for our salvation. What we learn on our Lenten journey gives us the tools for our life's journey.

Jesus, like Moses before him, accomplishes an Exodus—but a new Exodus … our Exodus. Unlike Moses, who liberated Israel, our Lord liberates everyone who believes in Him and does His will—not from slavery in Egypt but from the slavery of sin and death.

Just as the Jews wandered in the desert until they reached the Promised Land, so, too, we wander this world as pilgrims, striving to reach the Promised Land of Heaven. Both then and now, God remains with His people every step of the way. Then, He gave them manna to eat; now, He gives us the Eucharist, our Passover meal, to sustain us as we bear our own crosses in this life. Just think of the reward for doing so faithfully, the reward that awaits us at the Resurrection, when Christ "will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (see our second reading from Philippians)—just like the one that He revealed to Peter, James, and John at the Transfiguration.

May God bless you all,
Deacon Gillis