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*
Mr. David Gillis, *Deacon*
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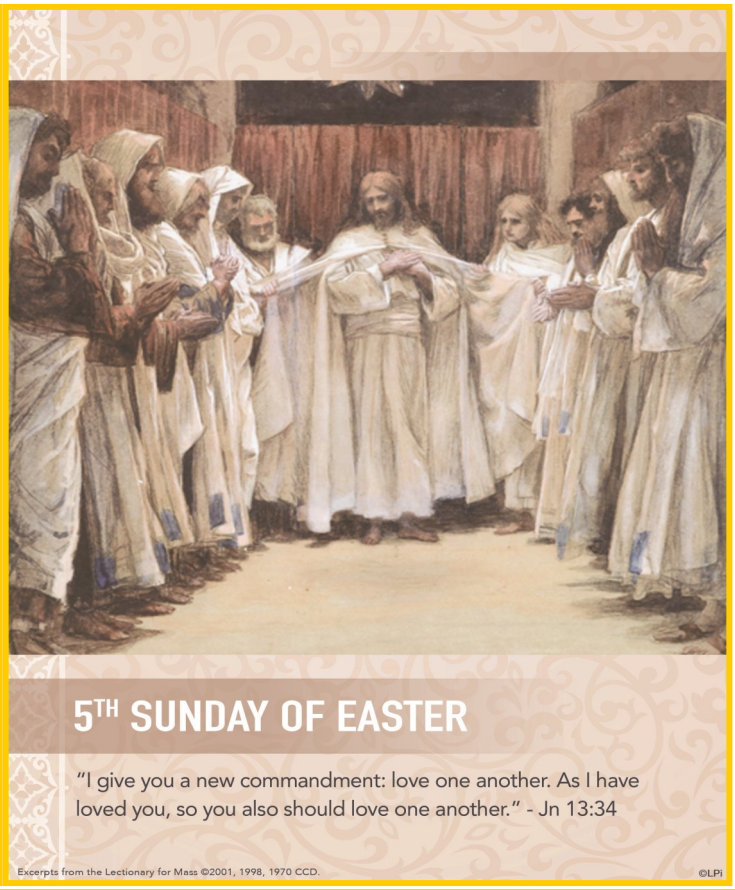
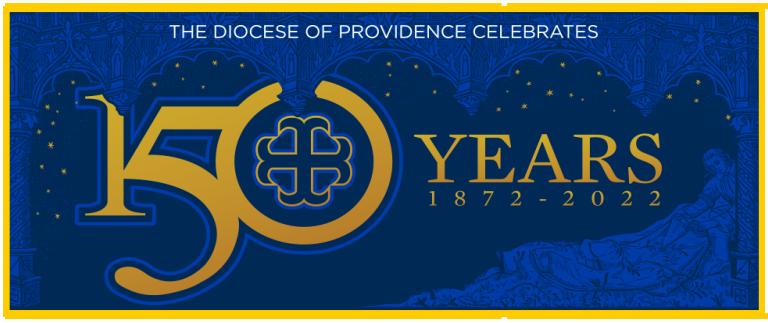
Mrs. Joan Cronin, *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

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

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May 14—20

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Anniversary Mass for Joseph Mackevich, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Easter Flower Intentions
	10:30 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Bernard & Gladys McKiernan & Lucielle Greenan, by family
	6:00 P.M.	Birthday Remembrance Mass for Mary Kate Danby, by her mother Mary Ellen
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners of St. Margaret's
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Juan Sanchez, by Mary Black
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the respect of all human life
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the healing Grace of God
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Rev. Msgr. William I. Ferry (Pastor of St. Margaret's 1934-1940)

May 21—22

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Joseph & Florence Souza, by daughter
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	7th Anniversary Mass for John Souza, by wife Joan
	10:30 A.M.	Wedding Anniversary Mass of Remembrance for Robert & Mary Paquin, by Bob
	6:00 P.M.	1st Anniversary Mass for Ann Searles, by family

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Lectors Eucharistic Ministers Greeters

May 14—15

5:00 PM Joseph DiMuccio, Mark Karas, Jeanne Davis, Mary Burke, Pat Henry
8:00 AM Emily Alvernaz, Patty Flatley, Gail McGowan, Ann Apuzzo, Jackie Bisson
10:30 AM Kevin & Marth Ann Monagle, Alex Pease, Paula & Art DeBlois, Eileen Kelly

May 21—22

5:00 PM Frank Hughes, Patrick Leonard, Peggy DeAngelis, Mary Burke, Pat Henry
8:00 AM Darlene Dymsza, Cathy Mair, Bob Yetner, Anne Conlon
10:30 AM Bill & Kate Simpson, Maddies Josephs, Eileen Kelly, Sandra Lebeau

May Devotions:

Held on the Tuesdays in May – 17, and 24 (**NOT May 31**) – at 6:30 p.m. **Rosary with Adoration/ Benediction.**

Today as a parish we pray for the students of St. Margaret Parish as they make their First Holy Communion.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for God's Healing Grace for:
Jim, Tim, Joan C., Linda D., Nancy E., Ann Marie, Wendy deWolf, Justin & Kayla S., Tracy, Kris, Sarah S., Jim S., John H., Andy B., Ann H., Joseph K., Ed H., Kristen, Rebecca, Stella M., Nadine D.

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).

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.

St. Margaret Parish Ministries

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

We wish all of our Faith Formation students a blessed Spring and Summer.
Please watch the bulletin for information for our 2022-2023 Faith Formation year.

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.

Opening this Summer Dorothy Day House of Hospitality

Responding to the need for a homeless shelter for women in the Diocese of Providence, we are excited to share the news of **Dorothy Day House**. **Dorothy Day House** will be a house of hospitality for women located in Providence. It will open in the summer of 2022. The shelter will accommodate up to ten women at a time providing basic services and various support resources. It will be an extension of the Mary House Ministry, the social service ministry of St. Patrick Church, Providence.

To help make this shelter for women a reality, we need your support.

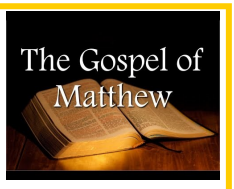
- Please prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to help furnish and supply the **Dorothy Day House** with needed items.
- Donate Amazon and IKEA gift cards.
- Donate new or nearly new items from the list below:

Bed frames	Pillows
Room dividers	Towels
Blankets	Toiletries
Bed linens	Silverware
Mattress protectors	Pots and pans
Couches	Washer and Dryer
Comfortable chairs	Desktop computer
Laptop computers	Television
Microwave oven	

In addition, we will have a need for future volunteers to help in various capacities. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to **Mary House Ministry** (note in the memo **"Dorothy Day House"**). Donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions or are interested in donating items, please email us at:

dorothydayhouseprov@gmail.com

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Fr. James Ruggieri



Join Deacon Gillis as together we break open Matthew's Gospel during three two-hour classes (10:00 a.m. to noon) on the following Saturdays: **June 11, 18, and 25;** all in the Community Room. While you can bring any Bible to class, I highly recommend that you buy a copy of the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: New Testament* (ISBN: 9781586172503; $25.00 new on Amazon; used starting at $8.00). We'll use this Bible for all subsequent Bible Study classes, so it's worth the investment. Please register your interest with the Parish Office, and also provide your contact information (email or phone) so that I have a headcount as well as a way to give reading assignments.

On behalf of St. Margaret Parish we extend congratulations to

Antonio & Kelly (Pringle) Sousa

Who received the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, May 7, 2022

YOUNG adults

Saint Margaret Young Adult Group is meeting again!

Saint Margaret Parish Young Adult Group is **meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. They will meet for a series of weeks and are discussing a book that has been chosen. It is for young adults ages 21 - 39.** The evenings will include a social gathering and conclude with a spiritual talk and discussion. Those who wish to attend do not need to be parishioners or Catholic. See Father Rodrigues for more information.

It's never too late to attend. Meeting in the Rectory. Check Parish website for details.

Parish Giving

Wknd of May 7-8, 2022	2021	2022
Church offering	$6,274.00	$4,652.00
# EFT participants	*154*	*156*
Faith Direct—EFT	$3,388.00	$3,326.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	**$9,662.00**	**$7,978.00**

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge/donation to the Catholic Charity Appeal.

Parish Goal:	$90,250
To Date:	$68,011
Total Gifts:	196

Catholic Charity Appeal
OUR FAITH AND

If you haven't yet given, there's still time! Just place your Catholic Charity envelope in the collection basket.
Thank you!

The 150th Anniversary celebration of the Diocese of Providence continues!

An Evening with His Eminence, Archbishop of New York, CARDINAL TIMOTHY M. DOLAN
Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence, RI

All are welcome!

Dear Parishioners,

I think that it is fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day in the Month of May. In the United States Mother's Day does not have a religious background or any religious significance. However, as Catholics we also dedicate the month of May to our Blessed Mother, Mary. So, it seems fitting that Mother's Day is in the same month. While Mother's Day has come and gone, it is important for us to reflect on our heavenly mother.

What sort of significance does the Blessed Mother play in our lives? As Catholics we have always held a special place in our faith life for Mary. We know that she was most especially present for all the major moments in the life of Jesus. This also included his resurrection from the dead. Think about what Mary must have felt at the death of her son. She was told from the beginning by the angel Gabriel that she was destined to be the mother of the son of God. Yet, how could God allow his son to suffer the death that he endured?

We can only gather that immediately following Jesus' death Mary, at best, would have been confused. She wondered, like all the disciples, if Jesus was in fact who he was supposed to be, the Messiah, Son of the Most High. In addition to the grief, she must have felt after his death, she would have pondered so much in her heart what sort of things God was truly trying to accomplish.

We can look at Mary, especially in this Easter Season and learn from her. There is no doubt that she remained faithful to God even in the moment of great darkness at the death of her only son. She was faithful in that she never waivered in loving God above all else for she remained even with the Apostles as they were fearful of what could happen next. Would we be as strong in our commitment to faith when darkness comes into our lives through death, pain, anxiety, poor health, or broken relationships?

Mary's lesson for us is that even in the midst of death, suffering and pain, reliance on God and the need to continually love him above all else is the only answer to our trials. God will never abandon his people and Mary instinctually knew this truth, so she doesn't abandon God. We need to be courageous like Mary and continually pray that God will increase the necessary grace in us to remain faithful to him, even when it seems easier to walk away.

During this month of May, we should make the conscious effort to pray to Mary; seek her intercession. Ask her to share with us the great gift of fidelity in the midst of trial. When we understand how we can be more like Mary we will be poised to see how God in his divine providence has blessed us and prepared our hearts for the great joy that is found in the resurrection. By remaining faithful to God Mary was able to experience the resurrection of Jesus in a way that no one else on earth at that time could imagine. The life of her Son was not taken away from her in the end. In the end God was faithful to his promise and she experienced a singular joy that only she could share. Mary, mother of the incarnate Son of God, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death, AMEN.

Fr. Rodrigues