



GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

December 24-25, 2022

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| SATURDAY | 4:00 P.M. | Mass for the parishioners of St. Margaret |
| | 6:00 P.M. | Mass for the parishioners of St. Margaret |
| | 11:00 P.M. | Mass for the parishioners of St. Margaret |
| SUNDAY | 10:30 A.M. | Mass for the parishioners of St. Margaret |

December 26-30, 2022

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| MONDAY | 8:00 A.M. | Mass for the parishioners of St. Margaret |
| TUESDAY | 8:00 A.M. | Memorial Mass for Paul J. Sroka, by family |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:00 A.M. | 4 th anniversary Memorial Mass for Most Rev. Bishop Robert E. Mulvey, Bishop Emeritus |
| THURSDAY | 8:00 A.M. | Memorial Mass for Claire Laferriere, by Denise Marciano & Alice Guerin |
| FRIDAY | 8:00 A.M. | 25th anniversary Memorial Mass for Keith M. Smart, by his parents |

December 31, 2022 – January 1, 2023

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| SATURDAY | 5:00 P.M. | Memorial Mass for Daniel Kelley, by family |
| SUNDAY | 8:00 A.M. | Mass for the parishioners of St. Margaret |
| | 10:30 A.M. | Mass for the parishioners of St. Margaret |

 Extraordinary Ministers
  Readers
  Greeters

Parish Ministry Coordinators

Cathy Mair (Extraordinary Ministers)
 Eileen Kelly (Greeters)
 Maddie Josephs (Readers)
 Mary Burke (Hospitality)

December 24-25, 2022**December 31, 2022 - January 1, 2023**

*Schedules for Christmas and New Years will be sent to separately. Please watch for an email from your coordinators.

Thank you all for your dedication to these ministries.

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., Joseph K.,
 Ed H., Kristen, Rebecca, Stella M., Nadine Dwyer, George Dwyer,
 Kevin Ramos, Maurice LeBlanc, Helen G., Bill M., Joseph Giardina,
 Carol Vinniti

"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-stmargarechurch@cox.net) or call the parish office (438-3230).

Christmas Mass Schedule**Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God****New Years Eve**

Saturday, December 31, 2022 - 5:00 pm

New Years Day **

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 8:00 am

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 10:30 am

*** Please Note there will not be a 6:00pm mass on New Years Day*

Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor:

Have you been asked to be a godparent or confirmation sponsor? If so, please know that you will be required to be a registered parishioner of Saint Margaret Parish before we can issue a "letter in good standing" as required for sponsors to indicate they are striving to practice their faith by regular worship, as well as by being in good canonical standing and living lives consistent with Gospel values.

Congratulations!

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

Kyle Antonio Sequeira

Kyle was baptized at St. Margaret's on Sunday, December 18, 2022. Please pray for him and his family as he is now a member of the Body of Christ and an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven.



ST. MARGARET PARISH MINISTRIES

FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023

Faith Formation classes have begun.

Please visit the parish website to register if you have not already done so. Grades 1 through 8 will meet Sunday morning's from 9-10:15AM

Feel free to contact Mrs. Bethany Bessette program director by email with questions.
bethanybessette@cox.net

Christmas Break

There will be **no Faith Formation Classes** on **January 1, 2023**. Classes will resume on January 8, 2023.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

FOOD BANK

Food donations that are brought to the church are given to Good Neighbors, Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry at St. Brendan's Church in Riverside.

Good Neighbors, Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry

www.goodneighborsri.org

(401)-433-0045

55 Turner Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island 02915

Greeters Wanted!

We would like to invite more parishioners into our Greeters' Ministry. Most of us say hello to other parishioners as we enter church but if you would like to help welcome people as they come into the church, being a greeter might be for you!

If you would like to join the Greeters Ministry or would like more information, please contact, **Eileen Kelly**
ekelly1230@gmail.com -or- 401-429-8296 (text or Call)

Parish Outreach Ministry

If you have a family member who is homebound or know of parishioner friend who cannot make it to church, please call the parish office. **401-438-3230** -OR- **office-stmargarechurch@cox.net**

Deacon Gillis would be glad to arrange a time to visit and bring them Holy Communion.

The parish can also arrange to have cards sent to our homebound parishioners to let them know we are thinking and praying for them. In addition if you know of anyone who would like to receive the parish bulletin by mail weekly, contact the office:

401-438-3230 -OR- **office-stmargarechurch@cox.net**

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL NEWS

If you are interested, we are still accepting registrations for the 2022/2023 school year.

Call for a visit at 401-434-2338.

Register also online at www.stmargaretsch.org

School Tours are also available upon request, be sure to contact the school office for availability.

Keep the Heat On: Help or Be Helped

Now in it's 18th season of helping RI households stay warm

Bishop Tobin has kicked-off the Annual Keep the Heat On heating assistance campaign, a program that helps struggling

families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$3.9 million in assistance to more than 16,458 Rhode Island households in need.



If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax-deductible donation, or, if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit www.heatRI.com or call 401-421-7833, ext. 207 for additional information.

Giving Tree

THANK YOU for continuing to embrace this way of giving at Christmas. Because of your generosity we will be able to help support many families in our community during the Christmas Season.

You have raised: \$4,060.00*

If you have not yet sent in your gift cards please feel free to drop them at the Parish Office (in the mail slot on Pawtucket Ave.) or in the baskets during the weekly collection.

(Target, Walmart, Visa, American Express, or Grocery Store gift Cards, in denominations of \$10) Attn: Christmas Gift Card

Thank you for your generosity!

**As of 12/15/2022*

Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Ruth Demers

Whose funeral was celebrated last week.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let the perpetual light shine upon her."

December 25, 2022

PARISH STAFF

Reverend Jeremy J. Rodrigues, STL, *Pastor*

Reverend Msgr. John J. Darcy, *Pastor Emeritus*

Reverend Msgr. William J. McCaffrey, *Pastor Emeritus*

Mr. David Gillis, *Deacon*

Mrs. Lee Ann Nunes, *Principal*

Mrs. Meagan Audette, *Parish Secretary*

Ms. Patty Flatley, *School Secretary*

Ms. Barbara DiLibero, *Parish Bookkeeper*

Mr. Ronald Procopio, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Bethany Bessette, *Faith Formation*

Mrs. Joan Cronin, *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

PARISH TRUSTEES

John Lynch - Maddie Josephs

FINANCE COUNCIL

Margaret Burgess - John Costigan - Arthur
DeBlois, III

Joseph DiMuccio - John Josephs - Michael Kirwan

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Dear parishioners, family, and friends of St. Margaret,

Merry Christmas! What a joyful day it is to celebrate together the gift of Christ this year. As you know the business of the "holiday season" often finds us running around quite a bit to prepare for this very day. Now it is here, and hopefully all the preparation and business will lend itself to a time of rest in the Lord. Being together is so very important throughout the year, yet it is more the case during Christmas time.

As the days have become shorter and the memories of our youth and past come flooding in, it is good to be among those you love. The Christmas story reminds us of that great joy the comes with the birth of a new child. But this child is not only a small helpless child, it is the very coming together of God and Humanity. In Jesus, we now see the face of God in human form. It is not an imposing face, but one of a small little innocent child. How beautiful it is; that God could have come to us in any way, but chose to do so in this way.

This coming together is why we come here each week. We need to share our hopes, joys, sorrows, successes, and failures at times with one another. We here at St. Margaret Parish hope that you will find your place at the altar of the Lord, around the Eucharistic table of blessed communion. We find our union with God in the breaking of the bread each Sunday as a family of faith. If you, a friend, a family member has been away from our community for some time, now is the time to return. There is a home and family here for you always at St. Margaret.

Our Lord often found himself among the least in society, and usually around a meal. Often criticized for his choice of invited guests. Jesus nevertheless shows us how we too come together as a parish family, to hear his Word and share in his Divine Life.

Sometimes at Christmas we might be a bit sad, a bit down because our year may not have gone as we had planned, or there were one or two less around the holiday table. Perhaps a sense of loneliness may set in. In the same way, know that you are not forgotten, nor are you truly alone. The Christ child came to bring us the reassurance that we will never be left alone, for God is Emmanuel meaning "God with us." Please know that this is a real and abiding presence, which we can see most especially in the Holy Eucharist.

I pray, that as you may share some presents and holiday cheer, that you never miss out on the presence of your loved ones. Indeed, God will not shower us with presents, but he always lavishly showers us with the gift of his presence. Stay close to Him, and you will know the true meaning of the Christmas spirit.

On behalf of the parish staff, and the St. Margaret School community, I offer you my sincerest remembrances in my prayers. We all wish you a very Merry Christmas!

God Bless, Fr. Rodrigues