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## The Parish Mission Statement

*“Under the patronage of Saint Margaret, we are called to be a welcoming, faith sharing community of persons nourished by God’s love. Attentive to the Word of God and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to follow Jesus Christ and to develop vibrant parish life through worship and prayer, life-long Catholic faith formation and Christian fellowship. Enlivened by the Eucharist, we are stewards of God’s love, sharing our gifts and talents with those in need.”*

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## SCHEDULE FOR MASS AND SACRAMENTS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Monday of each month 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon; except for Federal holidays.

**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](http://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**



### Mass Intentions for September 17—23

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	10th Anniversary for Nicholas J. Puhacz, and 6th Anniversary & Birthday remembrance for Benney J. Sawicki, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for those who are sick in our parish
	10:00 A.M.	20th Anniversary Memorial Mass for Jennifer Quigley, by her mother
	12:00 noon	8th Anniversary Memorial Mass for Rene & Lucille Richard, by their children
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for Peace in Syria
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Lawrence & Marion Picard, by family
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for deceased members of St. Margaret Parish
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for the children of St. Margaret School
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for Respect for all Human Life

### Mass Intentions for September 24—25

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Stanley Gillie, and deceased members of the Eastwood family, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Jean Allen, by Maureen Lee
	10:00 A.M.	1st Anniversary for Mary McManus, by Pat Henry
	12:00 noon	50th Anniversary for William Barry McCoy, by family

### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

We welcome Fr. Joe Paquette, a very busy retired pastor of St. Teresa Parish, Pawtucket, to share with us some insights and reflections on the Priest Retirement Fund. The Fund supports all our retired diocesan priests, who retired after faithful, dedicated service to all of us. If you are unprepared for a gift today, you may bring it next week with a notation on the check memo line. Your gift is greatly appreciated, and in the name of all my retired brother priests, thank you for your generosity and prayers for all of us.

Our St. Margaret runners were blessed at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass (9/17). We wish all our runners and soccer players a great fall season. Our thanks go out to the coaches and parents for your enthusiastic support of our young athletes. The parish wishes all of you a very good season.

The landscaping in front of the church is scheduled for a fall makeover. Dig-Safe will be coming to mark out all utility lines along Pawtucket Avenue and the left side of the Church. I think you'll be very pleased with the landscaping facelift. If anyone is interested in a *Memorial Gift* of the new Blue Spruce Tree to replace the decaying tree removed last year adjacent to the parking lot, please speak to me at your convenience.

**Religious Education begins this Sunday, Sept. 18 at 8:30-9:45 a.m. in the school. Please enter the building at the schoolyard door near the Church. Families should contact our Grade 1—6 Religious Education Coordinator, Jessica Walters at her email address: [jwalters.ore@gmail.com](mailto:jwalters.ore@gmail.com). Students and their parents are invited to attend the 10 a.m. Mass after class is released.**

The Wine Tasting Event was a great success as both a fundraiser and **fun**-raiser. "Thank you" is in order to Mark and LJ Gasbarro, Avenue N, the great decorating committee, our Parish Council (which hosted the event) all our donors and volunteers, the silent auction and raffle winners, and to a special parishioner who donated most of the items for the silent auction. Another **fun** raiser is in the planning! Well, done, team!!

Finally, the noon Mass is being celebrated again. One hundred forty-three people attended last Sunday. Remind your family members they can sleep late; and still make the NOON!

~Grace and peace,  
Monsignor Darcy



**Bread of Life Food Pantry**

Pantry will be open Sept 27, 5 -7 p.m. The pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to Mass each week.

**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

**Monetary Contributions:** Donations can be made to "Newman Congregational Church" with "Bread of Life Food Pantry" written in the memo section; mail the check to Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford, RI 02916.

**Homebound:** Do you have a homebound family member or parishioner friend who cannot make it to church? Give the parish office a call; we can arrange to have cards sent to our homebound parishioners to let them know we are thinking and praying for them, and we can arrange for a priest or deacon, or religious to visit and bring communion. Please also let us know of any parishioners who may be hospitalized or recovering from surgery in a rehab facility and would like a visit from the parish.



**Next Baptism Preparation Session**

will be held on Mon., Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Parents should be registered parish members and committed to sharing their Catholic faith and its practices with their growing family.

**Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor Form:** Have you been asked to be a godparent or confirmation sponsor? If you have, please know that you will be required to be a registered parishioner of Saint Margaret Church for six months 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.

The Saint Margaret parish community welcomes these new parishioners: Ms. Idalina Corbin & Mr. Alfredo DeBurgo, and Ms. Virginia Pierson. Welcome!



**Sign up for CYO and/or for CYO Basketball**

*When:* Tuesday September 20, 2016  
*Where:* Community Room of St. Margaret Parish  
*Time:* 6-7:30 p.m.

**CYO Basketball:**

Boys and Girls in grades: 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

**CYO:**

Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**St. Raphael Academy Open House**

Families with eighth-graders looking for a college-preparatory Catholic high school experience are invited to attend Saint Raphael Academy's Open House on October 2nd from 12 noon – 3 p.m. Stop by, tour the college-style campus and meet the caring community. Visit [saintrays.org](http://saintrays.org) for more information.

**Prep Class for Catholic High School Entrance Exam**

A six-week Preparation Course, beginning October 22, will be held at St. Cecilia School in Pawtucket, RI for eighth-graders planning to take the Catholic High School Entrance Exam on December 3rd. More than 95% of participants who complete this program are regularly accepted into their first choice school. For more information, visit [www.Munzert-Prepclass.com](http://www.Munzert-Prepclass.com)

**Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations**

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations is held every Thursday during the academic year in the Chapel of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence. All are invited to come pray for your priests, seminarians, and for vocations from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Join us to pray that the "master of the harvest send out laborers for his harvest."

St. Theresa Parish of Tiverton is pleased to offer the **Emmaus Ministry**, serving the spiritual needs of grieving parents, whose children of any age have died by any cause.

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. All are welcome to attend a one-day spiritual retreat on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa Parish, 265 Stafford Road, Tiverton, RI 02864.

For more information or to register, call Barbara (mother of Melissa) at St. Theresa's Parish at 401-624-8746 or Diane (mother of Paul), at 617-542-8057. For online registration go to: [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org)

*SEPTEMBER 18, 2016*

*Religious Education*

**Religious Education & Faith Formation**  
**2016-2017 Registration For Grades 1-6**

Religious education has started, but it's not too late to sign up your child! Please email Jessica Walters at [jwalters.ore@gmail.com](mailto:jwalters.ore@gmail.com) for more information.

**Grades 1-6 Religious Education classes are on Sunday from 8:30- 9:45 a.m.**

**Grade 2 parents have a mandatory meeting on Sunday, September 25** at 8:30 a.m. in the school basement.

Grades 1 and 3-6, please be sure to check your child's folder each week for any announcements or updates. Thank you!

**Religious Education & Faith Formation**  
**2016-2017 Registration For Grades 7 and 8**

**Grades 7-8:** If you have not registered for the coming year, please go to the parish website: [stmargaretchurch.org](http://stmargaretchurch.org). Under the "Education" tab, click "7-8 Registration." Complete the online form, and make your registration payment using Faith Direct. **Our first class session for Grades 7 and 8 will be Monday, September 19, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the school.**

**Confirmation 1:** The calendar of events for the fall is now available. Please contact Dan Seseske at [dseseske.ore@gmail.com](mailto:dseseske.ore@gmail.com)

**Confirmation 2:** Our Confirmation 2 group are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall, on Sunday, November 6 at 4 p.m. They will have three more class sessions during the fall, held on Sunday evenings from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Class dates are September 25, October 16, and October 30. Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.

All students in both Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2 classes are asked to sign-in when they attend weekend Mass each Saturday or Sunday. Confirmation candidates may sign in **by coming to the sacristy at the front doors of the Church where Monsignor Darcy and altar servers prepare for Mass.** If a candidate attends a Sunday Mass at another Church, a signed bulletin by the priest is required, and should be placed in the folder which is with the Sign-in book.

## SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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The *Runford Lions* will host a **Harvest Dinner** on Sunday, October 16 from 4:00—7:00 p.m. at Santa Maria Hall at Six Corners. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be obtained by calling either Don Rowe (438-3145) or Bill Simpson (438-0623). All proceeds go to charity. Donations of non-perishable food items to help stock Thanksgiving Baskets that the Lions prepare each year would also be appreciated.

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Our neighbors at *Saint Alexander Church* in Warren invite everyone to join them for their 66th Annual Macaroni Dinner on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10.00; children (12 and under) may eat for \$7.00.

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### *Support for the Victims of the Louisiana Floods*

The Most Reverend Joseph Kurtz, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a national emergency relief collection for the victims of the devastating floods in the state of Louisiana. According to Archbishop Kurtz, “Our prayer and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from the flood waters.” Bishop Tobin has endorsed this request; parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence will hold a second collection in support of this effort on the weekend of September 24 and 25, 2016. Please be as generous as you can!

### WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

*Weekend of September 10/11, 2016*

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>
# of budgets used		262	266
Checks, envelopes	\$5,619.00		\$6,871.00
Loose	429.00		440.00
Children’s envelopes	7.00		14.00
# of EFT participants		123	131
Faith Direct-EFT	\$2,067.40		\$2,753.37
Total Offertory	\$8,120.40		\$10,078.37

*Second Collection next weekend: to support victims of the Louisiana Floods*

*Thanks to all who continue regular financial support for St. Margaret Parish.*

**Automated Giving:** Would you like to simplify your life? Stop worrying about checks and join the many parishioners who have automated their giving using Faith Direct! Enroll online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our church code is: RI118. You may also pick up a paper enrollment form at the church entrance or at the parish office during office hours.

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