



St. Margaret Church

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Schedule for Mass and Sacraments

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. (preceded by praying of the Rosary at 7:30 a.m.)

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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April 8–14

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	1st Anniversary Mass for Christine Mello Handy, by friend
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for deceased members of the McCaffrey family, by family
	10:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Karas & Endyke families, by family
	12:00 Noon	8th Anniversary Mass for Nancy Healey, by family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Healey family
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	5th Anniversary Mass for Sarah Elizabeth Turner, by family
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Birthday Remembrance for Irene Mello, by family
THURSDAY	7:00 P.M.	Holy Thursday
FRIDAY	7:00 P.M.	Good Friday: Passion of our Lord

April 15–16

SATURDAY	8:00 P.M.	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners of St. Margaret's
	10:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners of St. Margaret's
	12:00 Noon	Mass for all parishioners of St. Margaret's

Milestones

Congratulations!

St. Margaret Parishioner Victoria Almeida has been selected by Attorney General Peter Kilmartin and the Rhode Island Crime Victim Service Provider Steering Committee to receive a Victim Service Award in recognition of her support, advocacy and dedication to serving the victims of crime. As the Vice Chair of the Rhode Island Parole Board, Victoria was cited for her exemplary sensitivity to the needs of victims and to their recovery from the harm that had been inflicted on them as a result of some crime. Congratulations, Victoria, and thank you for your service to our state!

Announcements

- ◆ Please note that the **Easter Vigil** will be at 8:00 p.m. this year. The later start time is in accordance with the fact that Easter falls later in the calendar this year, and thus nightfall is later as well.
- ◆ Pawtucket area: **Caregiver sought** for elderly couple needing occasional help--companionship, the occasional trip to grocery store, pharmacy, take a walk, etc., just "checking-in" to make sure they are safe and happy. Small apartment available on-site. For details, please call (401) 230-2165.
- ◆ For more than 150 years, the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Rhode Island** has been helping Rhode Islanders meet their basic human needs of food, shelter and clothing. In 2016, SVDPRI provided \$2.3 million dollars in food, nearly \$1 million in direct housing and utility assistance and more than \$80,000 in clothing, furniture and other goods to impoverished Rhode Islanders. The Society reports that the current rate of Rhode Island children living in poverty is 19.5%--one of every five children in our state! SVDPRI invites your support of their annual Friends' Fund Benefit Dinner and Auction on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Quiddnesset Country Club. For details, visit the website: www.svdpri.org



St. Margaret Parish Ministries



GOOD FRIDAY

Pope Francis has asked Catholics worldwide to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the work of the Franciscans of the Holy Land, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Last year, the collection supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, and three schools. It also helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families, provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth and helped to protect shrines connected to the life of Jesus and the prophets from war and unrest. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be Generous!

Liturgical Ministers



Lectors, Servers, Ministers and Greeters—Quarterly schedules are available on our website, on the Liturgical Ministries page, found on the top menu. The combined schedule for the coming weekend is shown on the Weekend Music and Ministries tab found on the home page at stmargaretchurch.org



Tickets for our drama production "Newsies of New York" are on sale now. Show times will be Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. The show will be at Saint Raphael Academy. Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased in the St. Margaret School Office. Adults: \$10.00; Children: \$5.00; no charge for children enrolled in St. Margaret School.

Sixth-grader James Canedo represented Saint Margaret School in the State Geography Bee, held last month. He competed against 49 other Middle School students from across Rhode Island. He did an awesome job, coming within one point of being in the finals. Congratulations to James and his family!



Grades 1, 3-6: The last class for our Faith Formation Year is April 30.

Grade 2: The First Communion Retreat is Saturday, April 29, from 3:30—4:45 in the school basement. We will then attend 5:00 Mass. Please remember to have your completed banner on this date. This will be our last class for the year.

Confirmation 1 students are encouraged to participate in the Holy Week Observances. Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum with the celebration of the Last Supper, and observing the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist. On Good Friday, we commemorate the Passion and Death of our Lord. The Easter Vigil is the most solemn liturgy of the year, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. The Triduum is a wonderful way for students to enter more fully into the mysteries of our faith.



Baptism

The Next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 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.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents is offering a one-day spiritual retreat on Saturday, April 29, 2017. This is a ministry for parents whose children of any age have died of whatever cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us—all are welcome!

Saturday, April 29, 2017

9:30 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.

St. John Vianney Church

Cumberland, RI

Registration by April 21st is requested. For information or to register, contact Denise (Nicholas' mother) at 401-333-6060, or Diane (Paul's mother) at 617-542-8057. You may also visit the website: emfgp.org

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

(no morning Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
followed by Exposition until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday

(no morning Mass)

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
The Passion of the Lord at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon



<u>Wknd of Apr 1-2</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
# of budgets used	211	238
Checks, envelopes	\$6,624.00	\$6,771.00
Loose	437.00	268.00
Children's envelopes	72.00	
# EFT participants	128	132
Faith Direct—EFT	2,241.37	2,536.12
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$9,374.37	\$9,575.12

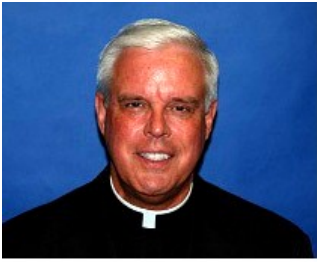
Sincere thanks to all who continue regular financial support for St. Margaret Parish.

Catholic Charity Appeal

Many thanks to all who have supported the annual Catholic Charity Appeal. We are well on our way to achieving our parish goal.

Parish Goal: \$85,000
To Date: \$72,650

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



The Pastor's Page

We begin the great events of Holy Week. Philippians 2:6-11, that we hear today, is one of the very first hymns of the early Church. St. Paul wrote of the great *kenosis* of Christ (Greek for "emptiness"). Christ emptied Himself; that is, He did not cling to glory but became man. He "suffered death" is what we proclaim every Sunday in the Creed. We read today the Passion according to St. Luke. The Passion according to St. John is always read on Good Friday. Read one of the Passion accounts during the week to help focus your Spirit during these holy days. We are invited into the mystery of God's love. The Lord wants to fill us with grace, but we, too, must first be "emptied" so as to make a place for Him.

We welcome all those visiting family and friends on this Palm Sunday. Today is a day for many families to seek reconciliation by sharing palm branches with those they may have offended. Some bring palm branches to the cemetery. Whatever family tradition you celebrate, keep in mind the call we have been given to live our Catholic faith daily; not just at this holy season.

Our parish schedule is provided here in the bulletin. I encourage all of you to invite your families, friends, and associates to join us for these most holy days. Everything comes to a climax at the **Great Vigil next Saturday at 8:00 PM.**

Weather permitting; the *Easter Egg Hunt* will take place after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, on the north lawn (near the flag pole on Pawtucket Avenue). I'm sure there will be plenty of Easter bonnets and new suits on that glorious day.

A blessed Holy Week to all.
~Monsignor Darcy