



St. Margaret Church

Established 1888

1098 Pawtucket Avenue
Rumford, RI 02916



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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

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.	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
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for Increase in Vocations
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for Peace & Justice throughout the World
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for deceased members of St. Margaret Parish
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all caregivers
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Dora Picard, by family

Mass Intentions for September 24—25

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Gary Sweetland, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for an end to violence throughout our country
	10:00 A.M.	1st Anniversary Memorial Mass for David Dietz, by family
	12:00 noon	Mass for parishioners of St. Margaret

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Read this and sing: “What a difference a **week** makes...!” The front of the Church has been transformed and renewed. The beautiful new “Fat Albert Colorado Blue Spruce” (that *is* the cultivar name) anchors the parking lot and accents the slate roof and blue stone pavers that form our front entrance. It’s a handsome specimen and is being offered as a \$500 memorial gift to the parish and will be marked with a granite garden marker. Please speak to me if you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime gift to the parish.

The other specimens along Pawtucket Avenue are “Golden Mophead False Japanese Cypress.” They’re slow-growing shrubs with golden upper branches and darker green lower ones that will keep their color all year round.

By the time you read this, the new fabric panels should be installed behind the tabernacle and the statue of St. Margaret. All of these updates enhance both the appearance and the condition of our beautiful parish church.

On the pastoral scene, Deacon Stephen will be offering a session of “*Angels, Demons, and Exorcism.*” The presentation is not only one of the optional topics for our Confirmation I candidates, but also open to the parish. He’ll be presenting on Sunday at 6:30 in the Church Community Room. All are welcome.

We’ll soon have a survey of “**Parish Attitudes Toward Young Adult Ministry (16-30).**” I think it will be very helpful to understand this parish demographic, and how to offer ministry opportunities to them. They ARE the future of our Church and parish. We need to understand where our young adults are and what they want from our parish faith community. Stay tuned for more details.

Enjoy the fall season,

~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.

The Pantry needs Volunteers! Here are some of the tasks for which we could use volunteer assistance:

Morning Assignments:

Food Delivery Crew: Unload the food delivered by the RI Community Food Bank on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 9 – 10 a.m. Moderate to heavy lifting involved.

Afternoon Assignments — *needed during Pantry Openings from 5-7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month:*

Pantry Escorts: Carry clients' groceries to their cars during Pantry openings. Moderate lifting involved.

Greeters: Distribute numbered tickets to clients as they arrive and provide information about how the Pantry operates.

Shoppers: Assist clients to select groceries.

Baggers: Bag client's groceries

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact **Lynn Botelho at 401-580-3679**, or **Cheryl Frazier at 401-523-4410**

High School Open Houses

Families with eighth-graders looking for a college-preparatory Catholic high school experience are invited to attend the following Open Houses:

Saint Raphael Academy: Oct 2, 12 noon – 3 p.m. Stop by, tour the college-style campus and meet the caring community. Visit saintrays.org for more information.

St. Mary Academy—Bay View on October 2nd (beginning at noon). Learn more about the benefits of an all-girls, Catholic education for girls age 3 through Grade 12. To pre-register, visit bayviewacademy.org

Bishop Hendricken High School on October 16th (12:00 noon - 3 p.m.). Information on admissions, financial aid, college placement, athletic and extra-curricular activities will be available. Call the Admissions office at 739-3450, x162.

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

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."

The **Rumford 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.

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.

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The Saint Margaret parish community welcomes these newly-baptized infants to our family of faith: Rylee Beth Nelson, daughter of John & Bethany Nelson; Jackson Donald Ouelette, son of Eric & Amanda Ouelette; Jake Antonio Palacios, son of Jorge & Susana Palacios. Congratulations!

SEPTEMBER 25, 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 for more information.

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

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 yet registered, please go to the parish website: stmargarechurch.org. Under the "Education" tab, click "7-8 Registration." Complete the online form, and make your registration payment using Faith Direct. **Our October class sessions for Grades 7 and 8 will be October 3 and 17, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the school.**

Confirmation 1: Sunday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. - Angels, Demons, and Exorcism: Deacon Stephen will offer a presentation explaining the Catholic understanding of angels and demons. He will also explain the practice of exorcism in the Catholic Church. This event is open to all. The presentation will take place in the Community Room at the back of the church.

Confirmation 2: Students continue their preparations for Confirmation on November 4. Our first class of the fall session will be held September 25, from 5:30—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.

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Announcements

The *Hospitality & Greeters Committee* is pleased to resume our monthly receptions with *Coffee 'N* in the community room. Our first reception will be next weekend, October 2, immediately following the 10:00 Mass. Please take a moment to stop in and say hello to your fellow parishioners!

Msgr. Darcy will be on 24-hour emergency Catholic Chaplain duty at Memorial Hospital on September 26, from 9 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The *Lector preparation books* for the new liturgical year are now available. All lectors may pick up their books in the sacristy.

Two couples from St. Margaret Parish will join this weekend in the *Wedding Anniversary Celebration* liturgy at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. James and Anne Conlon are celebrating their 50th anniversary, while Manuel and Emily Alvernaz are celebrating 25 years of marriage. Congratulations!



Please remember in your prayers Margaret Miller and Richard Gerling, whose funerals were held last week.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Weekend of September 17/18, 2016

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	
# of budgets used		210		252
Checks, envelopes	\$5,136.00		\$4,873.00	
Loose	363.00		800.00	
Children's envelopes			4.00	
# of EFT participants		123		131
Faith Direct-EFT	\$2,067.40		\$2,753.37	
Total Offertory	\$7,566.40		\$8,431.37	
<i>Priests' Retirement Fund:</i>			\$4,452.00	

Second Collection

This weekend: For Victims of Louisiana Floods

Next weekend: Seminarians' Education

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. 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.