



The Church of Saint Margaret

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December 26, 2021

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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 11:00AM
Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:45AM

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 3:15pm in the Church.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made with the priest at least six months in advance, Please contact the parish office for more information.

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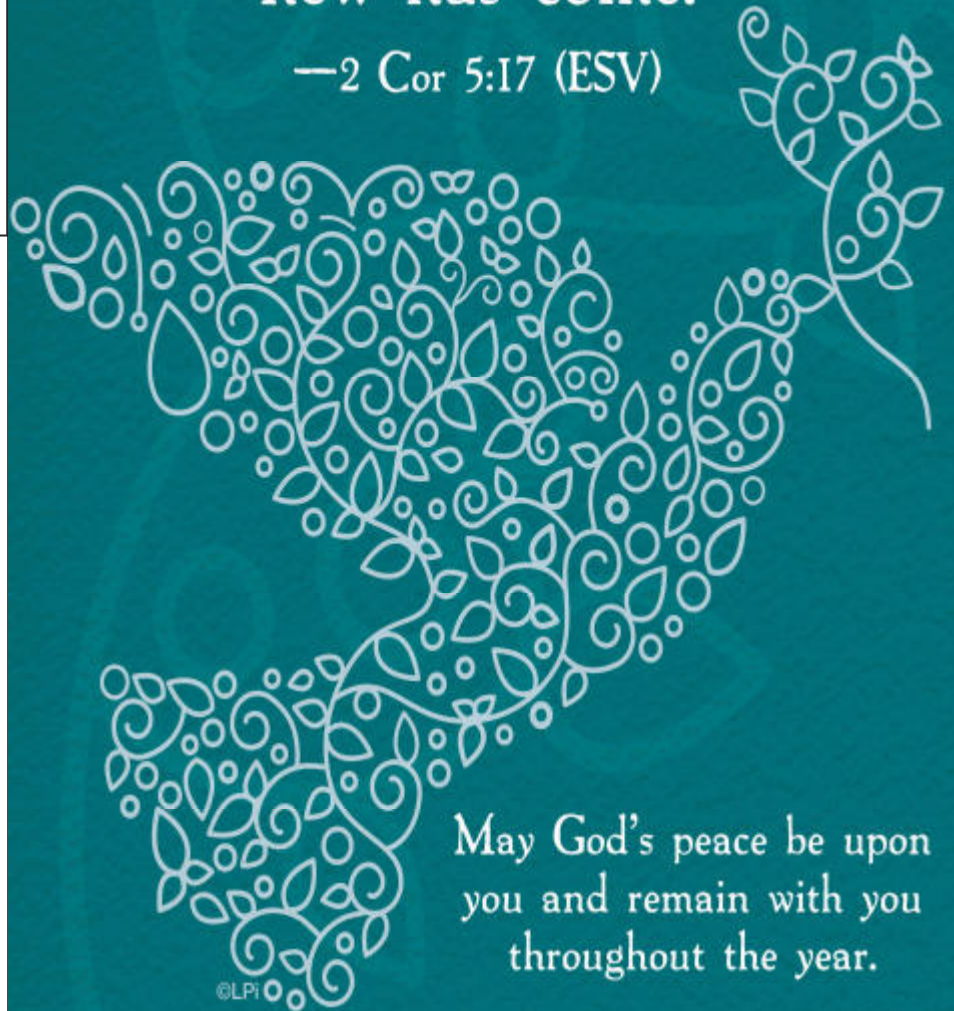
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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MASS Intentions

Saturday December 25, Christmas Day
8:00AM Brendan Regan,
 by his family
10:00AM Carolyn & James Malone
 by their children

Sunday December 26,
8:00am Estelle & Kevin Duggan,
 by the William Duggan family
9:30am Arlene Walsh,
 by Pat & Jim Walsh
11:00am Randy Gould,
 by his family

Monday December 27,
7:45AM Barney & Marie Caggiano,
 by the Francischelli family

Tuesday December 28,
7:45 AM Richard Zekala,
 by Rita Akers

Wednesday December 29,
7:30 AM **Rosary**

Thursday December 30,
7:45AM Tom Sproviero,
 by his family

Friday December 31, New Year's Eve
 7:45AM Gary Brusman,
 by Terry Maria Tenbrunsel

Saturday January 1, 2022: New Year's Day
7:30 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Prayer Service for The Solemnity of Mary
4:00 PM Gloria Hawkins,
 by Joseph Norris

Sunday January 2, 2022,
8:00 AM David Starkey,
 by the Visgilio Family
9:30AM Nestore Delmonte,
 by Savina Delmonte
11:00AM Paul P. Parisi,
 by wife, Elinor Parisi, & children

Upcoming Collections

January 2nd: Solemnity of Mary
January 9th: Parish Monthly Collection
January 22nd : Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools



PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. We acknowledge those from our parish and community who are proudly serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please pray for their safety:

US Army:

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 LT. COL. Michael Braun, MAJOR Robert Herrin,
 Terrence Romano, SPEC. Aleksandar Migic
 CAPT. Matthew Wivell, US ARMY Ranger
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 PVT. Jason Gessaro

CT Army National Guard:

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 L/CPL. Brendan Smith

US Air Force:

STAFF SGT. Anthony Malvin-Cox,
 SR. Airman Michael V. Davis-Penta
 CAPT. Joseph P. Vitali
 LT. Jamie Gorman
 2nd LT. Christian Amplo

US Coast Guard:

LT. Bobby McKenna

In your prayers, please remember the following people who have died:



Anna Caserta, John Cirillo & Peter Judge

To their family and friends, we offer

Eucharistic Adoration

“Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love” Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ in a deeper sense. It involves “the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us.” During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in God's Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist

Join us for Adoration every Thursday morning here at St. Margaret Church from 8:30am - 9:30am



Nestore DelMonte,
 by Savina Delmonte

Church news

Music at Weekend Masses

Below is the schedule of music for this weekend:

- 4:00pm Mass:** organ, piano
- 8:00am Mass:** instrumental only
- 9:30am Mass:** Contemporary music, piano, guitar
- 11:00am Mass:** organ, piano

Archbishop Blair recently announced the following updates to Covid Restrictions:

- Processions and bringing up the Gifts can now resume at all Masses.
- Holy Water can again be available in each of the fonts within the church.
- Collections baskets will be passed again at the offertory.

Parishioners invited to Bring up the Gifts at Weekend Masses starting in January.



With the recent Archdiocesan announcement that parishes can now resume bringing up the gifts at Masses, we are happy to provide the following link for parishioners to sign-up for a specific Mass of their choosing within the new year.



Volunteers needed to form Library Committee

The rug is now thoroughly cleaned by the insurance company from the recent flood and the Library is now ready to be set-up properly and used again at full capacity.

We are in need of volunteers to put the room back together in an orderly way. Our St. Margaret history display should be included in the new design for the space. Please contact Lynn at the parish office if you would like to form this group and be a participant in putting it together.

Parish Center Closed for most of this week:



The St. Margaret Parish Center will be **CLOSED most of the week from Monday, 12/27/21 through Monday, 1/3/22 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.**

We will be open on Tuesday, 12/28, for in-person business. Phone messages will be monitored during the closure & regular business hours will resume on **Tuesday, 1/4/22.**

Part time Position Available St. Margaret Church Parish Steward

The primary role of this position is to provide coordinated pastoral and facility services in the parish at the Church, rectory, and parish center and their grounds. Specific abilities include: being able to perform tasks with minimum supervision, self-motivated, adaptable, manual dexterity, able to raise and work off ladders no more than ten feet (10') above ground and light carpentry/basic plumbing skills.

Interested candidates are asked to call the parish office for a full job description.

Looking for Volunteers to bring Communion to residents at Local Convalescent Homes

The Madison House is looking for volunteers to come on Sunday mornings and The Hearth is looking for volunteers to come on Tuesday mornings.

Training will be provided.

Please contact Liz Connelly at liz.connelly@stmargaretchurch.com

2021 Archbishops' Annual Appeal

In these final days of our Appeal, please consider making a donation and assist us in reaching our parish goal !! No amount is too small!!!

No amount is too small to give.



Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31st: New Year's Eve: No vigil

Saturday, January 1st: New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – not a Holy Day of Obligation

9:30 AM – Prayer Service

Sunday, January 2nd

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

“The ABCs of Annulment”

Saturday of January 22nd , 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm

St. Margaret Church Hall

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host “**The ABCs of Annulment**” on Saturday of January 22nd , 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham. Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th , and February 12th and 19th , from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops. The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required.

For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.



Parish School East Shoreline Catholic Academy



Visit ESCA's Beautiful Christmas Tree at the KOC Museum

If you get a chance, please visit our Christmas Tree at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center (KOC Museum) located at 1 State St., New Haven, CT. The tree was decorated by our fourth graders with Mrs. Muckie and Mrs. Pecoraro. The beautiful hand-made ornaments were designed and created by our fourth graders under the direction of Mrs. Muckie, Art Teacher! Please note, you need to make a reservation in order to visit, and wear a mask. Voting for the People's Choice Award will begin December 18 (tentatively) when all tree contestants have decorated, as they were all staggered due to our current times. Please vote for ESCA's tree beginning December 18. The tree exhibit will run until February 6, 2022.

Here is the URL to reserve your visit: <https://michaelmcgivneycenter.org/en/plan-your-trip.html?tab-group-0=tab-5>

Visiting times: Wednesday through Sunday, 10am-4 pm



Faith Formation



Faith Formation for Grades 9 & 10

Upcoming events/classes:

Family Faith Adventure on January 8: Private tour of the Christmas Creches and Fr. McGivney Pilgrimage Center at 11 am and 2 pm. Please note the time of the tour you signed up for. Both are at capacity.

Workshops for 1st- and 2nd-year students on January 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Parish Center or Church Hall, depending on your workshop.

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Faith Formation For Grades 1-8

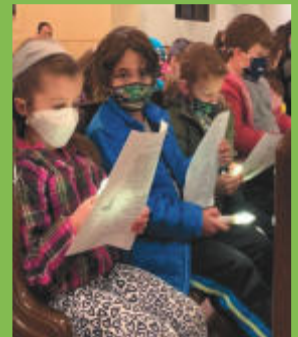


Candles, Carols and Christmas!

This week our Faith Formation students took part in a Christmas prayer service. The children came together to listen to the story of the birth of our Savior. With the help of our wonderful catechists and the music direction of Beth Stone, we all gathered in candle light and sang some beautiful Christmas Hymns. It was a joyous afternoon watching these children prepare their hearts for this most blessed Christmas Season!



Chris McSweeney & Nancy Hoban
Coordinators of Faith Formation grades
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Faith Formation Sunday School Program for 4 & 5 years old



Our Sunday School Program will meet again on **Sunday, January 9th at 9:30am** in the Faith Formation Room located on the first floor of the parish center.

Families are welcome to join at anytime.

To register and/or for more information about the program including a schedule of dates for each class, please visit our website.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.



But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Vocations: Are You Being Called?

Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them during this Advent season. If you hear the call to priesthood or religious life, visit archdioceseofhartford.org/vocations or hartfordpriest.com. To contact the Vocations Office, email vocations@aohct.org or call 860 761-7456.



Madison Food Pantry Monthly Canned Soup and Tuna Collection January 8th & 9th

Collection bins will be located just inside the front entrance to the church.



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