



The Church of Saint Margaret

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January 2, 2022

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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 arrangement

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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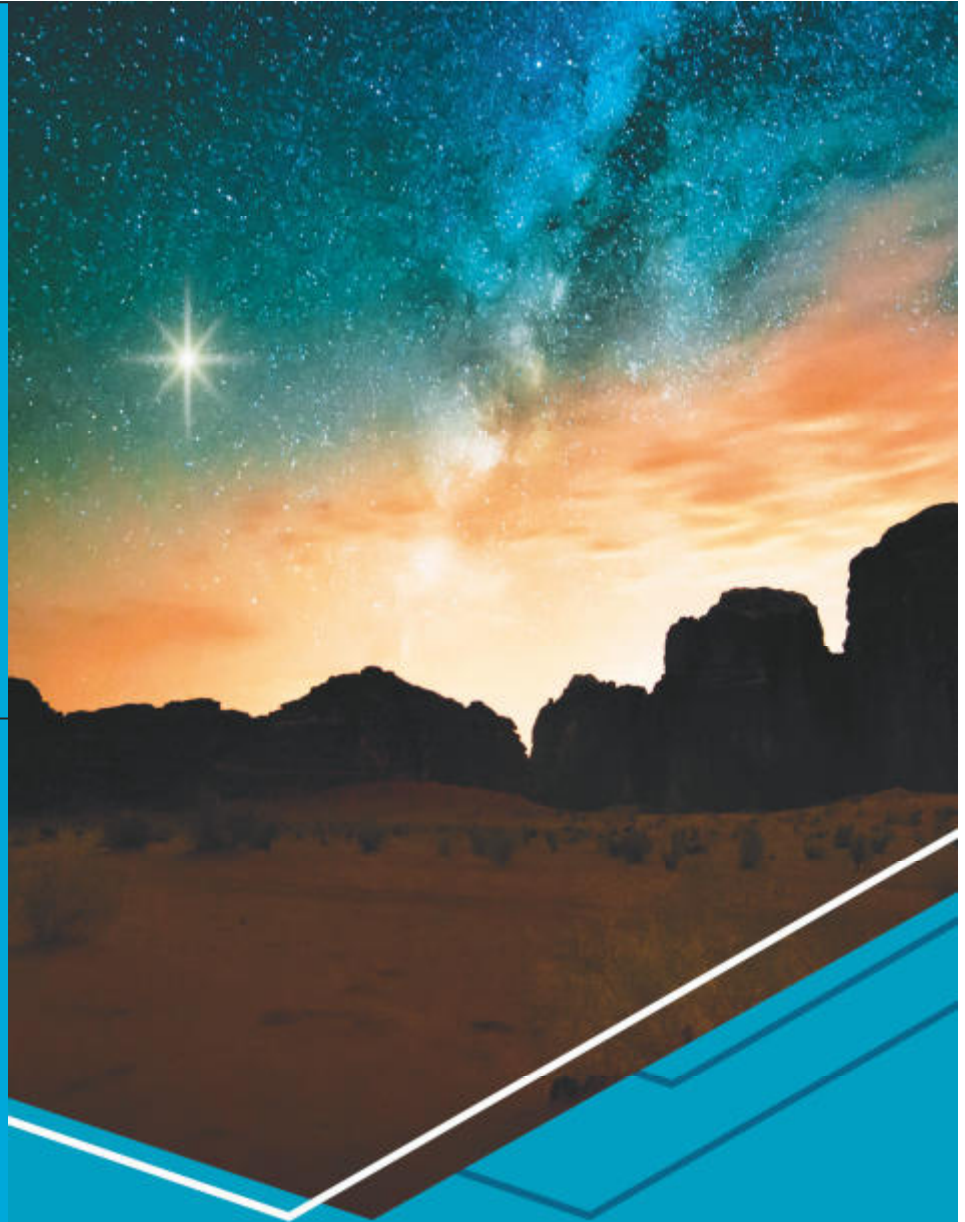
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS Intentions

Saturday	January 1, 2022: New Year's Day
7:30 AM	Rosary
9:30 AM	Prayer Service for 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
Monday	January 3,
7:45AM	Jack Goodhue, by Beverly Lentz
Tuesday	January 4,
7:45 AM	Joan O'Neill, by Bob & Heather Ciosek
Wednesday	January 5,
7:30 AM	Rosary
Thursday	January 6,
7:45AM	Theresa Megargee, by Dianne Coyle
Friday	January 7,
7:45 AM	Jane Sarno, by Vittoria Suppa
Saturday	January 8,
8:00AM	
4:00PM	Liz Feeney, by Peggy Mouco
Sunday	January 9,
8:00am	The Robert Hain Family, by the William Duggan family
9:30am	Irene Corrigan, by Ed & Kathleen Bennett
11:00am	Nate Etzel, by the Malone-Steer Family

Collections for week ending 12/19/21:

• Offertory	\$4917
• Mail	\$6840
• Online	\$3024
Total	\$14,781*

***Includes one \$5000 Christmas offering**



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:

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CWO2 Jennifer Dowler,
LT. COL. Michael Braun, MAJOR Robert Herrin,
Terrence Romano, SPEC. Aleksandar Migic
CAPT. Matthew Wivell, US ARMY Ranger
CAPT. Kristen Griest
PVT. Jason Gessaro

CT Army National Guard:

Specialist Marc (MJ) Dube, Jr.

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US Marine Corps:

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2nd LT. Christian Amplo

US Coast Guard:

LT. Bobby McKenna

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**

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



Charles Beckman & Elizabeth Tichy

To their family and friends, we offer



**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 resume at all Masses.
- Holy Water can again be available in each of the fonts within the church.
- Collection baskets will be passed again at the offertory.

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



With the recent Archdiocesan announcement that parishes can resume bringing up the gifts at Masses, we will soon be inviting parishioners to sign-up for a specific Mass of their choosing. Please stay tuned.



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 permanent St. Margaret history display will be in there also and should be designed in also. Please contact Lynn at the parish office if you would like to form this group and be a participant in putting it together.

SMWF Success

The Women's Fellowship Christmas Bake Sale and Raffle was a huge success thanks to our supportive, generous parishioners and local merchants. Our members baked an amazing array of goodies and worked hard to display them in a cheerful, enticing way...and YOU all came and bought them! Thanks a million...we hope we made your Christmas merrier!

The lucky winners of the SMWF In The Nick of Time Raffle were:

Gift Card Tree - Linda Amplo; Wine Basket - Flo Farrelly; Yankee Candle Baskets - Joanne Arrandale; Popcorn Basket - Mary Pat Lamberti; Stonewall Kitchen Breakfast Basket - Bill Reilly; Hot Chocolate Basket - John Dusza.

Congratulations! The Fellowship is very grateful to our generous local merchants who contributed cards and members who made baskets and, especially, to our wonderfully supportive parishioners that bought tickets! It was such fun, festive event!

Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized in the Church but never received your First Communion and Confirmation? A new group is forming for this year's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those adults who either have never been baptized and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition who would like to become Catholic, as well as for those who were baptized Catholic, but never made their First Communion or Confirmation.

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.

**“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.



Annual Tree Pick-up Fundraiser

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 490

Members of Madison Boy Scout Troop 490 will pick up tree and recycle it for a small tax-deductible donation of \$15.



Pick-ups can be scheduled for:

Sunday, January 9, 2022 or Saturday, January 15, 2022 starting at 9am.

To schedule your pickup, call 203-679-XMAS (9627) or email bsatrop490@yahoo.com.

Please include your name, address and phone number. Just leave the tree in the yard and the check in the mailbox (made out to BSA Troop 490) and the Boy Scouts will take care of it! This is a major fundraiser for the Troop.



Please visit our Christmas Tree at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center (KOC Museum) located in downtown New Haven. The tree was decorated by our fourth graders with beautiful hand-made ornaments designed and created by our fourth graders under the direction of Mrs. Muckle, Art Teacher!

The tree exhibit will run until February 6, 2022.

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Faith Formation

Thank you to all who helped put together our care packages for the residents at The Hearth. Check your phones for dates for upcoming meetings in January. See you all soon!!



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



We look forward to seeing the children back at the Parish center for in-person classes the week of **January 3rd, 4th and 5th.**

Faith Formation Sunday School Program for 4 & 5 years old



Our Sunday School Program will meet again on **Sunday, January 9th, 2022.**

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.



Many Many thanks to all the families who came and enjoyed a morning of food, music, Santa & shopping !! So many people helped to make this event a success!!
Joan Johnson and all of the Women's Fellowship volunteers who worked so hard to decorate the room so beautifully.



Mike & Donna Doras for their help,
Frank Connelly, Mike Piccione and Vinnie Dusick for providing live music. For all our kitchen help for making such delicious pancakes!!!



GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE Jan-
uary 2, 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord



In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Archbishop Annual Appeal Update
Thank you for your support !!

We are happy to report that thanks to the overwhelmingly generous support of our parishioners here at St. Margaret , we have successfully reached and surpassed our goal for this year’s Archbishop’s Annual Appeal;

A reminder that your support will go a long way in helping not only several organizations throughout the Archdiocese, but also the following local outreach organizations right here within our community.

Helping Hands of Madison: This is a volunteer driven ministry of the Knights of Columbus which provides free handyman services to those in need along the shoreline. While the labor is always free, funds from the AAA will be used to purchase needed materials for the various projects.
(www.facebook.com/MadisonHelpingHands/)

New Reach: Martha’s Place & Life Haven Shelters: These are transitional emergency shelters in New Haven that help women achieve independence. Women’s Fellowship volunteers from St. Margaret’s bring meals to these women throughout the year.
(www.newreach.org/programs/crisis-services)

Franciscan Life Center in Cheshire: Founded and operated by the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, the center provides a new sense of hope through counseling and education services to those in need. (www.flcenter.org)

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