

# CHURCH OF SAINT MARGARET

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February 2, 2025

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#### Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Holy Rosary: 7:15 AM

**Daily Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00AM

Holy Day Masses: As announced

#### Parish Registration

We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners.  
Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the Parish Office.

#### Sacrament of Baptism:

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:15pm to 4:45pm.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony:

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

**Devotions:** Eucharistic Exposition: Thursdays - 8:30 - 9:15 AM

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

# A LIGHT FOR REVELATION.

LUKE 2:32



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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### MASS Intentions

Saturday	<b>February 1,</b> † <i>Frank Shortt</i> , requested by Andrea & Augie Puglia.
Sunday	<b>February 2,</b> <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> <b>World Day for Consecrated Life</b> 8:30 AM    † <i>Theresa Jeanne Contino</i> , requested by the Norris-Elfrey family. 10:30 AM    † <i>Gloria Bell</i> , requested by Maria & Pat Giannitti.
Monday	<b>February 3, St. Blaise, St. Ansgar</b> 8:00 AM    † <i>Julia Onofrio</i> , requested by Sylvia Baker.
Tuesday	<b>February 4,</b> 8:00 AM    † <i>John Vitale</i> , requested by the family.
Wednesday	<b>February 5, St. Agatha</b>
Thursday	<b>February 6, St. Paul Miki</b> 8:00 AM    † <i>Rose Riley</i> , requested by Pat & Tom Riley.
Friday	<b>February 7,</b> 8:00 AM    † <i>Eileen Regan</i> , requested by Catherine Judge and Mary & Terrence Murphy.
Saturday	<b>February 8, St. Jerome, St. Josephine Bakhita</b> 5:00 PM    † <i>Gloria Bell</i> , requested by Julie & Paul Sullivan.
Sunday	<b>February 9, World Marriage Day</b> <b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:30 AM    † <i>Annamae Parisi</i> , requested by her loving husband Peter Parisi. 10:30 AM    † <i>Gloria Bell</i> , requested by Friends of the Funeral Reception Committee



***The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
February 2 – February 8,  
in loving memory of  
David Pepitone and Simon Pepitone  
requested by the McCarthy-Pepitone family.***

*If you wish to schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.*

***We also offer Mass Intention Cards for the living.***

*To schedule the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.*



### 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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LTC Michael Braun, MAJ Robert Herrin,  
SGT Terrence Romano,  
CAPT Matthew Wivell, US Army Ranger  
CAPT Kristen Gries  
CAPT Shane Donohue  
SFC Mayra Rolón Rivera

#### US Navy:

Michael Bibeau,  
LTJG Peter Church  
LTN James Cutler  
ENS Robert Clayton Hayden, III  
CMDR Chip Crawley

#### US Marine Corps:

LCPL, Benjamin Fauzio,  
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LCPL Brendan Smith

#### US Air Force:

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CPT Christian Amplo  
2LT Alison Lord

#### US Coast Guard:

LT Bobby McKenna  
LTJG Róisín Beirne  
LTjg Jack McKenna

### Annual Collection 2024

#### Saint Margaret Parish, Madison

As of December 31, 2024

Parish Goal: \$150,000.00

Total Paid: \$122,193.15

Total Gifts: 291

Average Gift: \$419.91

Percent of Goal: 81.5%

Participation Rate: 14.24%

Total Families: 2,046

Simeon and Anna saw God's promise fulfilled in their lifetime. With them, we praise God's faithful goodness.

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2025

"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 860-761-7456 or via email: [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org).

## WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Today the Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life. Consecrated life is a blessed gift given by Jesus Christ, who chooses a person to answer his great call of love in a distinct and special way. He requests that people leave behind features of the world such as marriage and wealth to serve their brothers and sisters. In this vocation, men and women seek an intimate relationship with Christ, many living in convents and monasteries. These witnesses show the world that we are all ultimately called to unite with Christ. Please pray for all those living this radical life, following Jesus.

## CANDLEMAS DAY FEBRUARY 2, 2025

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, is celebrated each year on February the 2nd. This year it just happens to fall on a Sunday. As we bless the candles that will be used at our liturgies at church, I invite you to bring candles from your home that may be used by your family in the year to come. This blessing asks God to bless the candles as a sign of Christ' light and presence in our lives. The candles wax represents Christ's pure flesh, the wick represents Christ's soul, and the flame represents His divinity.



SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday March 4, 2025  
6:00PM in the Church Hall  
Mardi Gras Bingo Night!

All are welcome. Details and sign up to come.

## THIS WEEK AT GLANCE

Saturday	February 1, Confessions
	Monthly Food Drive
Sunday	February 2, Monthly Food Drive
After all Masses	Faith Formation Reconciliation Retreat for students and parents, Church Hall
11:30 AM	Confirmation Workshop, Parish Center
6:00 PM	
Monday, 6:00 PM	Substance Abuse Parents Support Group, Church Hall
Tuesday	February 3, Church Hall
1:00 PM	February 4, Weekly Bridge Group, Parish Center
1:00 PM	Spiritual Book Club, Parish Center
6:15 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church
Wednesday	February 5, Eucharistic Adoration, Church
Thursday	February 6, Walking With Purpose Bible Study, Parish Center
8:30 AM	Faith Formation Reconciliation Retreat for students and parents, Church Hall
9:30 AM	
6:30 PM	February 7, Parish Center
Friday	February 8, Faith Formation Reconciliation Retreat for students and parents, Church Hall
Saturday	February 9, Confessions
4:15 PM	Pre-K & Kindergarten Sunday School, Parish Center
Sunday	February 10:15 AM
	Parish Center

## January 25 & 26

Offertory Collection:	\$6,010.00
Donations by mail:	\$1,635.00
Online Giving	\$2,153.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$9,798.00

## Upcoming Second Collections February 8 & 9 Monthly

## Archdiocese of Hartford Anniversary Mass

Have you been blessed with the vocation of Marriage and celebrating a milestone anniversary?

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, will be honoring couples celebrating marriage anniversaries: first and five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years during 2024 – 2025.

The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Saturday, February 15th at 4:00 p.m. (Register by Jan. 28 by scanning the QR code or at <https://www.catholicedaohct.org/faith-formation/family-life-ministriescloses>)



## LITTLE MIRACLES SEARCHING FOR A NEW HOME

Little Miracles is a volunteer Christian ministry of both St. Margaret Church in Madison and St. George Church in Guilford. It was started at St. Margaret's in 1996 by a group of dedicated women who saw a need to help other women who, although financially or emotionally fragile, would choose life for their unborn child. We have continued this mission since then, helping countless families with baby needs. We provide diapers, wipes, clothing, car seats, baby beds, strollers, and many other items.

These items, used or new, have all been donated by our very generous parishioners or community members from all over. We, in turn, distribute these items to people living in towns from West Haven to Westbrook. We store all these items in a small warehouse space that has also been donated to us...until now.

**We need to move once again and are now looking for a space approximately 1,000 to 1,500 square feet that can be our 'forever home' as soon as possible.** If you can help us in any way, please contact Barbara Ciotti at 203-464-2644 or Valerie LeShane at 203-314-5677.

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How do they come together in the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery?

Retreat Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ.  
Offering asked, \$35.- Includes a continental breakfast and a Full lunch. Registration is necessary  
register online at- [www.sacredheartonthelake.org](http://www.sacredheartonthelake.org)



Oh sweetest and kindest Jesus, how great must be the reverence, the thanks and unending praise shown to you for this great gift of receiving your sacred Body, whose dignity no human can express in words! What should be my disposition as I approach you, my Lord, in this Holy Communion – You, Whom I long to receive devoutly, yet can never venerate sufficiently. ~ The Imitation of Christ Trust



The East Shoreline Catholic Academy cordially invites you to attend their Annual Auction, "Carnival Night," scheduled for Saturday, March 8th at the Silver Sands Beach Club in East Haven. An early bird special is offered at \$60.00 per person, and a couple's special is available for \$110.00 if purchased by February 1st. For more details please use the QR code in the photo or follow the link to purchase tickets and to consider exploring sponsorship opportunities.

<https://sites.google.com/view/esca-auction-2025/home>

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**ST. MARGARET'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
Offers A Retreat Day - Open To All Women Of The Parish  
Theme- HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT Romans 5:5  
Saturday, February 22, 2025 From 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
at Sacred Heart On The Lake Retreat Center,  
194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, Ct. 06441  
Retreat Presenter: Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ**

Offering asked, \$35.00, includes a continental breakfast and full lunch. Reservations are necessary.

Throughout Salvation history, in even darkest times, God always pulls us through. God never leaves us 'lost and alone'.

However, we must walk on in FAITH and live with LOVE as we await His promise in HOPE.

During this retreat day we will pray to understand how Faith, HOPE (especially) and Love, with God's loving grace, will always pull us through.

Website- [www.sacredheartonthelake.org](http://www.sacredheartonthelake.org)

Email- [info@sacredheartonthelake.org](mailto:info@sacredheartonthelake.org)

Phone- 203-606-9102

Register on our Website.

If you are not able to register online, please call Sr. Lany Jo. mail your check to:

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(Please make all checks payable to The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus).

## SAVE THE DATE

HOSTED BY THE VOCATION MINISTRIES OF ST JOHN BOSCO, ST GEORGE, & ST MARGARET PARISHES

# GOD CALLS. HOW WILL YOU ANSWER?

*Panel members will share their vocation calling in religious, married, and single life.*



### Featuring:

Fr. Anthony Federico  
Director of Vocations and Seminarians

### With:

Sr. Luisa Villegas, Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Hamden  
Deacon Ramon Guzman, Permanent Deacon, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Manchester  
Aaron Joseph, Consecrated Disciple

FEBRUARY 23

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Refreshments following

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## Confirmation Place

Thank you, workshop leaders Joyce Tucker for presenting "Hey! What Makes Us Catholic," and Beth Stone, Caryn Kennedy, Lynn Sasso, and Maureen Brown for presenting "The Power of Music in Our Lives" last weekend.

Students select four workshops for the year that interest them. Workshops are meant to enrich their faith lives through topics presented by parishioners who are passionate and knowledgeable about the subject.

Speaker Panel on February 23 at 6 pm at St Mary's Church, 731 Main St, Branford. All students and at least one parent are to attend.

### "God Calls. How Will You Answer?"

Panel members will share their vocation calling in religious, married, and single life.

Featuring: Fr. Anthony Federico, Director of Vocations and Seminarians

### With:

Sr. Luisa Villages, Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Hamden, Deacon Ramon Guzman, Permanent Deacon, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Manchester, Aaron Joseph, Consecrated Disciple. Refreshments following. St. Margaret Parishioners welcome.

## 1st-Year Students:

Retreat on March 30 from 4 to 7 pm at St. Margaret Church. Students only. **All students are to attend.** Please note date changed, as to not interrupt your spring break.

## ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Margaret's has joined forces with St. John Bosco to provide our middle and high school students with the opportunity to meet other students who share their Catholic faith. Youth Ministry groups are open to all 5th to 12th graders. Next gathering is Tuesday, February 4 from 6:30 to 8 pm at St. Mary Church Hall, 731 Main Street, Branford, CT for Adoration. Upcoming dates this month are February 11th, 18th, and 25th. For more information contact Kim at [youth@saintjohnbosco.com](mailto:youth@saintjohnbosco.com)

**THE 17TH EDITION OF THE NEW YORK ENCOUNTER WITH TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN,  
ROBERT PUTNAM, PHILIPPE VILLENEUVE, SEAN CARDINAL O'MALLEY, SISTER NORMA PIMENTEL,  
ANTONIA ACUTIS, CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE, AND MANY OTHERS**

**The 2025 NEW YORK ENCOUNTER**

"Here Begins a New Life," will take place Friday, February 14 - 16 in person and live streamed from the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan. The Encounter is a three-day cultural event organized by members of Communion and Liberation featuring panel discussions, artistic performances, and exhibits to witness the Catholic faith in the public square. The Encounter will open with a presentation by Philippe Villeneuve, Chief Architect of the RestOration of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, introduced by Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop Emeritus of Boston.

Some highlights from the program: a discussion on loneliness and malaise in today's society with Robert Putnam, Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University, and Sherry Turkle, Professor of the Social Studies at MIT; eyewitness accounts of Christians in the Holy Land; conversations on demographic decline with Nicholas Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute, and Brad Wilcox, Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia, and to know more about climate change with Kerry Emanuel, Professor of Atmospheric Science, MIT, and David Romps, Professor of Planetary Science, University of California; a presentation with theologian, John Milbank of *In Search of the Human Face*, the latest book by the Servant of God, Fr. Luigi Giussani, founder of Communion and Liberation; a discussion on the roots of the American political crisis with James Davison Hunter, Professor of Religion, Culture and Social Theory, University of Virginia, and Paul Kahn, Professor of Law and Humanities, Yale University; a dialogue on the need to renew goals and methods of education in the U.S. with David Steiner, Executive Director of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Education. The Encounter will end with the presentation of two young modern saints: Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, with Cardinal Pierre, Papal Nuncio to the U.S., Antonia Salzano, Carlo Acutis' mother, and Christine Wohar, Founder, Frassati USA, Inc. These events and many others can be found at <http://www.newyorkencounter.org>. All events are FREE and no registration is required. All are invited!"

**EAST SHORELINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE**

East Shoreline Catholic Academy invites families with children in grades PreK-3 through Grade 8 to attend their Open House this Sunday, February 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 62 Cedar St., Branford.

We are eager to discuss the advantages of our Project-Based Learning STREAM framework, which equips students with vital leadership skills and prepares them for successful careers in a competitive job market. Join us to discover our award-winning mock trial program, our robotics program, and the numerous enriching programs ESCA offers. Our school community looks forward to welcoming your family! Please note the snow date is Sunday, February 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Can't make our Open House? contact our admissions office: email address: [admissions@eastshorelinecatholicacademy.org](mailto:admissions@eastshorelinecatholicacademy.org) or call (203) 488-8386 to schedule an appointment and a shadow day.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. MARGARET CHURCH  
2024 TAX REQUEST FORM**

Parishioners who wish to receive a summary of their contributions made to St. Margaret Church for the 2024 year, are asked to fill out the form below and place it in the offertory basket, or mail to the parish office. Once the document is prepared, it will be mailed to the requester's home address.

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