



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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Office Hours: (Monday—Friday) 9:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Anticipated Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance 3:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

Parish Staff

<u>Pastor:</u>	Rev. Paul J. Alciati
<u>Faith Formation Director:</u>	Christine Williams
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<u>Music Director:</u>	Erika Linsdell
<u>Office Manager:</u>	Toni Williams
<u>Sacristan/Liturgy:</u>	AnnMarie Mooney
<u>Trustees:</u>	Kathryn Reynolds & Patrick Hayes
<u>Pastoral Council Chair:</u>	Mary McNeil

Baptisms - call the parish office for information on baptismal class and the scheduling of Baptism.

Marriages - arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana classes. Call the parish office for an appointment.

Sick and Home-bound - please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs, and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home or hospital for an extended length of time. Arrangements can be made for a Eucharistic Minister to take Communion to them at home, at the hospital, or at nursing home. When hospitalized please tell them you are a parishioner of St. Margaret's.

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Advent! Advent is a period of preparations and expectation for four Sundays before Christmas. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin advenio, meaning "to come to" and refers to the coming of Christ into our lives. The Advent liturgical color is dark blue with purple. Perhaps the best-known of the Advent symbols is the Advent wreath. The first Advent wreath was conceived by Johann Hinrich Wichern in 1839. He founded a home for poor children in Hamburg, Germany and during the weeks leading up to Christmas, he was constantly asked by the children when Christmas come. He constructed a wooden circle out of a cart wheel and topped it with four tall white candles. Each Sunday he would light an additional candle until the feast of Christmas arrived. The Advent wreath tradition didn't spread beyond Germany until the 1930's. Today, Advent wreaths are common in our parish churches and in the homes of Christians. As we enter into Advent, take time to pray, to read the Gospel of Luke and to come together in worship and praise at our weekend liturgies.

Congratulations to our children in second grade Faith Formation who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. Their names are listed in the bulletin. We look forward to their celebration of First Eucharist in May.

This coming Saturday is a Holy Day, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Masses will be offered at St. Anthony's church on Friday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. and at St. Mary's church on Saturday, December 8th at 12:10 p.m.

Daily Mass during Advent Mass is celebrated in our chapel Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. We also pray Evening Prayer before the Mass at 4:50 p.m. Make your Advent a time of spiritual enrichment and join us for Daily Mass.

Many thanks. God Bless You, Fr. Paul J. Alciati

This Week In The Parish (December 1—5)

Sat	11 a.m. First Reconciliation 4 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sun	9:15 a.m. Faith Formation Grades 1-5 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. Faith Formation Grades 6-10
Mon	5 p.m. Daily Mass
Tue	5 p.m. Daily Mass 7 p.m. St. Margaret's choir rehearsal
Wed	3 p.m. Mass @ Brewster House 5 p.m. Daily Mass (Note: New Time)

Next Week In The Parish (December 8—13)

Sat	4 p.m. Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m. Rectory Christmas w/Council & Staff
Sun	9:15 a.m. Faith Formation Grades 1-5 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Dave Peters Book Signing 11:45 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
Mon	12 p.m. Fun-Raisers meet in conf. rm. 5 p.m. Daily Mass
Tue	10 a.m. Mass @ Crown Center 5 p.m. Daily Mass 7 p.m. St. Margaret's choir rehearsal
Wed	5 p.m. Daily Mass (Note: New Time)
Thu	10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in conf. rm.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday **December 1**
 4:00 p.m. For Patricia Toncola—Don & Mickey McHugh

Sunday **December 2**
 10:30 a.m. For Francis Patience—Zech Family

Monday **December 3**
 5:00 p.m. For Mildred K. Saifs—Vic & Yvonne D’Amico
 For Col. & Mrs William Vinette—Joan Clifford

Tuesday **December 3**
 5:00 p.m. For Jack Cuddy—Gretchen—Lou DePaull
 For Irene Thorpe—Tom & Roberta Hennessey

Wednesday **December 3**
 5:00 p.m. For Marnie M. Bello—Rose Marie & George Surace
 For Katherine Filippi—Rose Marie & George Surace

Saturday **December 9**
 4:00 p.m. For Donald L. Barber—Barb Crandall & Mary & Michael Kopley

Sunday **December 10**
 10:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners and their Intentions

Readings for the week of December 2, 2018
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Observances for the week of December 2
 Monday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 Tuesday: St. John Damascene,
 Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
 Friday: St. Ambrose,
 Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS THIS WEEK

December 1-2	4:00 P.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector	Sandy Cardillo	Thomas Belton Andrew Hage
Eucharistic Ministers	Richelle Bloodgood Christine Williams Amy Bertini	Betsy Venum Bernadette Belton Mary Hartquist
Ushers	Patrick Hayes Mary Jo Helms	Colin Harrington Jorge Martinez
Altar Servers	Alison Compagni	Grace Esposito Jack Hartquist Isabelle Woodward

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

December 8-9	4:00 P.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector	Mary McNeil	Lori Burns Marilyn VanSlyke
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathleen Moore Eleanor Wrisley Kathy Jacobsen	Mary Ann Riker Dan Moore Betty Moore
Ushers	Walter Kasperek Shawn McMahan	Jeff Griswold Marcus Karam
Altar Servers	Riley Delage	Liam Burns Lucas VanSlyke Isabella Dallaire

Altar Care Next Saturday: (December 8) April Calale & Lori Burns

Sunday Total: \$ 3,010 E-Give: \$ 325 Grand Total: \$ 3,335
 Thank You, your generosity is a blessing to St. Margaret’s Parish.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are ill:
Calvin Griswold and Millie Horak



Bottles & Cans Quick Stop Beverage on Rt. 281 will be accepting our can/bottle deposits. You may combine cans and plastic bottles in plastic bags but please place glass into a separate box. **Empty Inkjet Cartridges**—bring all your empty inkjet cartridges to the drop box in the church hall. St. Margaret’s gets a donation per cartridge.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes for Grades 1-5 will be held this Sunday from 9:15-10:15. Grades 6-10 will meet from 11:30-1:00. Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place during the 10:30 Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Four of our young parishioners received the loving forgiveness of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday. Please keep the following children in your prayers as they move one step closer to their First Eucharist in May 2018: **Gavin Berthelot, Carter Compagni, Zachary Dotterer, and Lydia Gross.**

Finding the "Kingdom of God That Lies Within" (Luke 17:21)

Dave Peters, a parishioner of St. Margaret's Church, has authored a book based on his life experience of 84 years: *The 12 Steps to Joy and Happiness, "Finding the Kingdom of God Within"*. He will have the books available and will be signing them on Sunday, December 9 after the 10:30 Mass and Saturday December 15, after the 4:00 Mass. Joy is available in life, no matter what is going on, no matter how good or how hard, because heaven, God's Kingdom, lies within your soul. Uncovering that gold is the subject of the book.

Senior Lunch Bunch

We will meet on **Thursday, December 20th** noontime at the **Dasher's, in Homer**. Please call your reservation into the Parish Office 749-2542 by Wed. Dec. 19th.

HOPE APPEAL 2018 YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER IN FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

Thank You to those who have already contributed to our 2018 Hope Appeal! Our assessment this year is \$26,013. Pledges received to date \$20,479 with 81 families pledged. You may place your pledge in the collection basket or deliver your pledge to the parish center. You may also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Cortland #919 will meet on Wednesday, December 5th in St. Mary's Church Hall at 7:00 p.m. Monetary donations and gifts for our special family are requested. Also non perishable food item are needed for our local food pantries. We will have a \$5 gift exchange at our coffee hour and Christmas Carols. The short meeting is first. Please join us.



December Bake Sale

The December Bake Sale will be held the weekend of December 15 & 16th. Bakers, please sign up in Communication Center or call: Carole Harris: 315-696-8515. Remember to include ingredients on the label. Please return sauce jars that were purchased at the bake sales, so that they can be reused for future sales.



Sanctuary Candle Burning

In Loving Memory of:

Oriana Cincotta

Given By:

Kathy Moore

St. Margaret's Music

Singers are needed to assist the choir at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome and needed! (Adults and Teens included!) Please contact Erika at 607-227-2952 or dancingduo@hotmail.com. Children's Ensemble is needed for a special piece with the Adult Choir at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Children grades 3 and up, including teens are needed. This is separate from the children's choir needed for the Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass Please contact Erika at 607-227-2952 or dancingduo@hotmail.com.



The Christmas Giving Tree

Please return your gift-wrapped present with the tag on top NO later than Sunday, December 9th.

Christmas Flower Memorial Fund

Anyone wishing to contribute toward our Christmas Flower Memorial Fund in memory of a loved one, an envelope is included in your envelope packet, or you may use your own envelope marked "Flower Fund." Please place in the collection basket or call the office 749-2542. Our deadline is Mon. Dec. 17th. Thank You.



Christmas Masses & Holy Day Mass Sign-Up

The signup sheets are near the Communication Center for all Christmas Masses. We will need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers. Please consider serving in your chosen ministry to help make our Christmas celebrations outstanding. Thank you.

Mon. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.

Tue. Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Save The Date

Men's Spiritual Group & Women's Spiritual Group

Sat. Dec. 15 at 10 a.m.

All are welcome

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