



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
<u>Maintenance:</u>	DaQuon Franklin
<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,

Today, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent which is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete in Latin means, "Rejoice." We are joyful because Christmas draws near. St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing."

LITURGICAL MINISTERS... please sign up to serve during our Christmas liturgies. Many thanks. Plan ahead...Our Masses for Christmas will be at 4:00 p.m. (usually quite crowded!), 6:00 p.m. (a quieter Mass) and Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.

Did you know that our church hall can be used by parishioners for family gatherings such as baptismal parties, wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, etc. Please call the church office if you are interested.

Now that we are in the last month of the calendar year, please consider your parish, St. Margaret's, as your end of the year donation that is tax deductible. Your parish counts on your support 52 weeks out of the year!

"The Light Is On" I will be available for the Sacrament of Penance on MONDAY, DEC. 17th from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.. You may also call me at the church office to make an appointment for a private confession. Come and prepare for Christmas by asking for God's mercy and forgiveness!

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

This Week In The Parish (December 15—20)

Bake Sale Weekend

Sat	4 p.m. Vigil Mass 10 a.m. Men's & Women's groups meet
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 11:30 a.m. Christmas food basket pickup 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
Mon	4-5 "Light Is On" - Sacrament of Penance 5 p.m. Daily Mass 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. "Light Is On" - continued
Tue	9:15 a.m. Mass @ Walden Place 5 p.m. Daily Mass 7 p.m. St. Margaret's choir rehearsal
Wed	10 a.m. Mass @ Cortland Park 5 p.m. Daily Mass
Thu	12 p.m. Sr. Lunch @ Dashers

Next Week In The Parish (December 22—27)

Sat	4 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sun	No Faith Formation or Children's Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
Mon	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
Tue	10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
Wed	Parish Office is closed
Thu	9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Parish office hours
Fri	9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Parish office hours



Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m. **December 15**
For Susie Morgan—Bob & Jeanne Bowker

Sunday 10:30 a.m. **December 16**
For Joseph Bacigalupi—Bob & Lynn Korsan

Monday 5:00 p.m. **December 17**
For Cathy Niehus—Fundraising Committee

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. **December 18**
For Jim Vaber—Angela Griffin & Mary Jo Helms

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. **December 19**
For Lucy Panzino—June, Don & Al Panzino
For Margaret Saunders—Bob & Sally Manning

Saturday 4:00 p.m. **December 22**
For Charles Sheridan—Zech Family

Sunday 10:30 a.m. **December 23**
For Anthony Minielli—Family

Readings for the week of December 16, 2018

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Observances for the week of December 16, 2018

Friday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS THIS WEEK

December 15-16	4:00 P.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector	Teresa Pristash	David Alexander Connie Powers
Eucharistic Ministers	Arlene Gower Peggy Strauf Paul Gower	Frances Bonarti Carol Alexander Beth Mercer
Ushers	Dick Crawford David Finn	Jorge Martinez Adam Smith
Altar Servers	Alison Compagni	Nicholas Powers Anthony & Ayden Smith

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

December 22-23	4:00 P.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector	Sandy Cardillo	Luke Biondi Elaine Kozub
Eucharistic Ministers	Susan Barnes Dorothy Stevens Amy Bertini	Sharon Beerman Evelyn Martinez Karen McLaughlin
Ushers	Harry Bellardini Michael Havington	Jorge Martinez Rusty McLaughlin
Altar Servers	Olivia Andreas	Becky Jones Keira Luzum Sarah Luzum

Altar Care Next Saturday: (December 22) Peggy Strauf & Dorothy Stevens

Sunday Total: \$ 5,171 E-Give: \$ 973 Grand Total: \$ 5,844
 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

Grades 1-5 will meet this Sunday at 9:15 and Grades 6-10 will meet at 11:30. Children's Liturgy will take place at the 10:30 Mass. This Sunday will be last Sunday of Faith Formation classes and CLOW for December. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6th. Have a Blessed Holiday, Christine, Tricia, and the Catechists.

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 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.

MUSICAL HAPPENINGS

Saturday December 15, 7 p.m. - Let the Heavens Be Glad Cantata McGrawville Baptist Church, 16 East Main St. McGraw, Admission is free.

Sunday December 16, 7 p.m. - Cortland Camerata St. Mary's Church, 46 N. Main St. Cortland, A free will offering will be accepted.

"Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift," www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

Senior Lunch Bunch

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

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 26th, 2019

JazzHappens Band will be performing here at St. Margaret's Church in our Parish Hall. Please join us for an evening of wonderful music and fellowship! Tickets will go on sale the weekend of January 5th. Tickets will be available after all the Masses, at the door, and in our parish office. We will also have Coffee, Soda, Water, Pizza, and Baked Goods.

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 \$20,604 with 82 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

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:

Jim Vaber

Given By:

Josephine Ryan & Family

Ministry Schedules for Spring

Attention...Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers and Lectors. New schedules are in the process of being made up. The next schedule will cover Saturday, January 12, 2019 thru Sunday, May 26, 2019.

Please e-mail Christine.williams@stmargaret-homer.org or call the parish office at 749-2542 with any changes or dates that might affect your ministry, by Mon. Dec. 17, 2018.

Christmas Masses 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.

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.



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.

