



Reverend Thomas L. Keenan

March 14, 1938 – September 4, 2017

Ordained a Priest~June 29, 1963

Appointed Pastor

Saint Margaret Church~June 30, 1991

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**Saint Margaret Church
Rumford, Rhode Island**

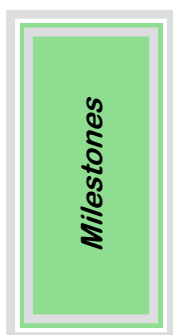


September 9-15

SATURDAY	5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass for Margaret Kelley, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for victims of Hurricane Harvey
	10:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Dr. Joseph Karas, by family
	12:00 Noon	Memorial Mass for James Mello, by Mother and family
MONDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for the Healey Family
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all parishioners
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M.	Mass for all the Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for John and Bette Hunt
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Lawrence Picard

September 16-17

SATURDAY	11:00 A.M.	Healing Mass with Anointing
	5:00 P.M.	11th Anniversary for Nicholas Puhacz, by family 7th Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance for Benney Sawicki, by family
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Memorial Mass for Thomas and Kevin Pare, by family
	10:00 A.M.	Wedding Anniversary for Robert and Louise Capello
	12:00 Noon	9th Anniversary for Rene and Lucille Richard, by children



Rest In Peace

Please Remember in your prayers

Reverend Thomas L. Keenan, Pastor Emeritus of St. Margaret Parish
whose funeral was celebrated this week.

Announcements

- ◆ **September 16th at 11 a.m.,** we will celebrate a **Mass of Healing** for our sick and elderly parishioners.
- ◆ **The Next Baptism Preparation Session** will be held on Monday, October 2, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Parents should be registered parish members and committed to sharing their Catholic faith and its practices with their growing family.
- ◆ **Outreach Ministry:** If you have a homebound family member or parishioner friend who cannot make it to church, please call the parish office; we can arrange to have cards sent to our homebound parishioners to let them know we are thinking and praying for them, and we can arrange for a priest or deacon, or religious to visit and bring communion. Please also let us know of any parishioners who may be hospitalized or recovering from surgery in a rehab facility and would like a visit. Hospitals have a priest and Eucharistic ministers available on request at the reception desks.
- ◆ **Second Collection** this weekend is for Hurricane Harvey Relief, as requested by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Tobin.



St. Margaret Parish Ministries

2017 – 2018 Faith Formation information



Ms. Jessica Walters and Mr. Charlie Moreira have prepared the new calendars for Faith Formation Faith formation calendars and registration forms for Gr. 1-6 and Gr. 7- 11 can be found on the website.

Confirmation II candidates, accompanied by a parent or sponsor, are to meet with Mr. Moreira in the school library, before or after any Mass this weekend. If a candidate has not yet submitted a baptismal or sponsor certificate, it can be handed in at that time.

Confirmation I the first Semester Program outline will be available near the Mass Sign-In sheets this weekend. Please pick up your copy when signing in.

Grades 1 –6 and 7th and 8th Grade Faith Formation Classes will meet Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 9:45 A.M. beginning **September 17**. If you are not yet registered, you can find the form on-line.



2017 Annual Collection for the Senior Priest Retirement Fund

Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

Sr. Priest Retirement Fund. Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next weekend's second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the senior priest retirement fund, or to make a donation online, please visit www.srpriestri.org.

Healing Mass with Anointing

Saturday, September 16, at 11:00 A.M.

All are welcome, especially the frail, aged, those in poor health or preparing for major surgery, the terminally ill, those awaiting test results and all seeking the Lord's healing and protection. Greeters, helpers and ushers will be available. A light collation will follow the Mass. Plan now to bring a family member.



Vendors & Crafters Wanted!

Breakfast with St. Nicholas &

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 3, 2017

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

McCaffrey Hall at St. Margaret School

Vendor/Crafter tables can be reserved with a

\$20 donation

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For any questions or interest in having a table at the Bazaar, please contact Kristen Schott at keschott03@gmail.com or 401-529-8148

Hurricane Harvey Relief

At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Tobin has requested that parishes consider an emergency special collection to assist the victims of the *Hurricane Harvey*. Our prayers and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. Our parish will support this endeavor and take up a special collection at weekend Masses. Thank you for your support in helping those in desperate need.



The Bread of Life Food Pantry

Garden vegetables: During the summer months, the Pantry appreciates donations of vegetables from your home gardens. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry on the day of the Pantry openings (September 12 and 26) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They can only accept produce on the day of the Pantry openings due to limited storage and to assure the produce is at its freshest. Refrigeration will be available for items that require it.



<u>Wknd of September 2-3</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
# of budgets used	238	218
Checks, envelopes	\$5,885.00	\$4,994.00
Loose	351.00	301.00
Children's envelopes		
# EFT participants	131	134
Faith Direct—EFT	\$2,753.37	\$2,574.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$8,989.37	\$7,869.00

Sincere thanks to all who continue regular financial support for St. Margaret Parish.

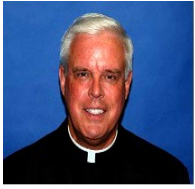
Automate your Giving!

Would you like to simplify your life? Join the many parishioners who have automated their giving using Faith Direct. Enroll online today at www.faithdirect.net. Our church code is RI118. Don't have access to the internet? Pick up paper enrollment form at the church entrance or stop by the parish office during office hours.

Eucharistic Gifts—If you schedule a weekend Mass and would like to bring the gifts up to the altar, please speak to the sacristan or one of the ushers as you enter the church.

The Parish Mission Statement

"Under the patronage of Saint Margaret, we are called to be a welcoming, faith sharing community of persons nourished by God's love. Attentive to the Word of God and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to follow Jesus Christ and to develop vibrant parish life through worship and prayer, life-long Catholic faith formation and Christian fellowship. Enlivened by the Eucharist, we are stewards of God's love, sharing our gifts and talents with those in need."



The Pastor's Corner

Endings and beginnings might be a summary of this weekend. On Monday, September 4th, our former pastor, Father Thomas L. Keenan, died quietly in the Lord. Praying for him at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital with his sister, Kathy, made real the writing of St. Paul, "that in life and in death, we belong to the Lord" (Romans 14:8).

Bishop Gelineau appointed Father Keenan the Pastor of St. Margaret's on June 30, 1991. He served our parish for fifteen years with his quiet kindness, dignity and genuine pastoral care until his retirement for health reasons on June 30, 2006. Fr. Keenan had a profound respect for the liturgical life of the parish, and encouraged involvement in the pastoral life of the parish. On a personal note, I came to know the St. Margaret Community during my years at the Chancery with Bishop Mulvey. Fr. Keenan invited me to be of weekend assistance from 1999 until his retirement. Ever the gentleman, Fr. Keenan's quick wit, pastoral stories of his assignments as an assistant pastor, and knowledge of the diocese were the mainstays of his conversations. He enjoyed time with many of our now senior parishioners and celebrated important family moments with them. Your visits, cards, and thoughtfulness to him in retirement truly touched him. But a special word of thanks is extended to Deacon John Needham. His loyalty and assistance to Fr. Keenan was in a word, Christ-like. In so many ways, Deacon Needham manifested the virtues of diagonal service. May your kindness to Father Keenan be a blessing unto you, Deacon.

My thanks to our entire parish staff who were very involved with preparations for Fr. Keenan's funeral. I know he would be both touched and proud of the parishioners response to his farewell. Father Keenan will be remembered in our prayers and Masses here in the parish that he called his home.

Rest In Peace, dear servant and Priest of God; and pray for us on our own journey to the Kingdom of God.

~ Monsignor Darcy