

CHURCH OF SAINT MARGARET

24 Academy Street Madison, CT 06443

Sunday, September 13, 2026

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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Holy Rosary: 7:15 AM

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

Holy Day Masses: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM.

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

Parish Registration

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

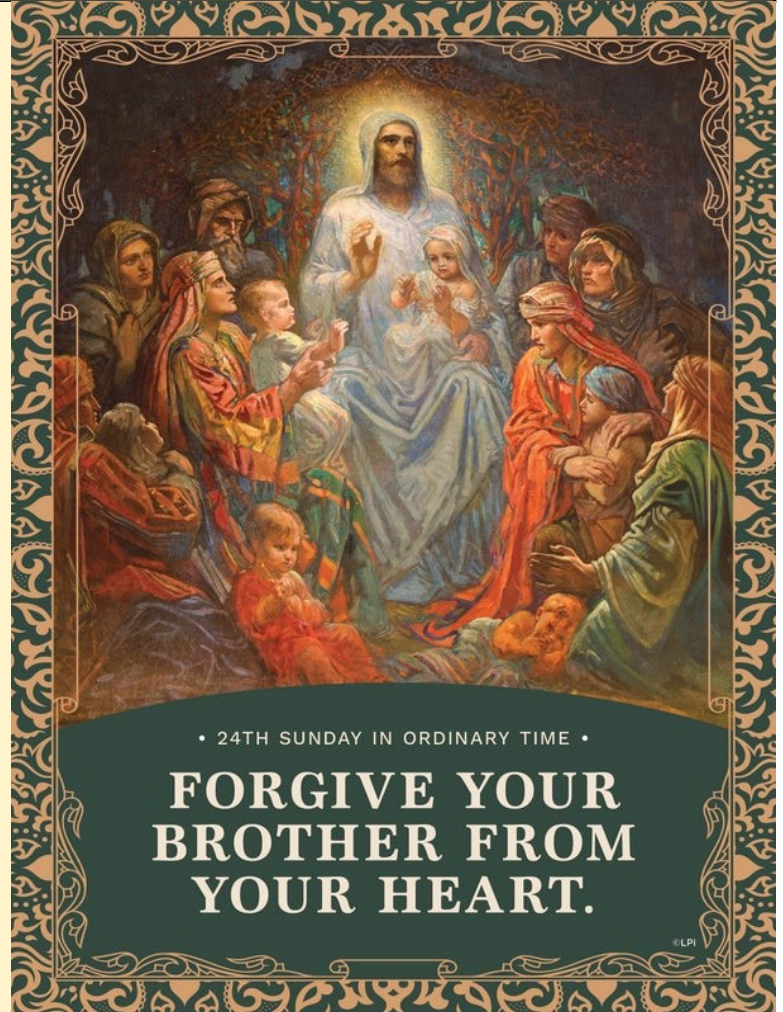
Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are held on Sundays after the 10:30am Mass.
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.



East Shoreline Catholic Academy

*The inter-parish school of
St. Margaret in Madison, St. George in Guilford,
and St. John Bosco in Branford*

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Rev. George S. Mukuka
Rev. Kevin Dillon
Rev. Ryan M. Lerner

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS *Intentions*

Saturday	September 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary † <i>Annamae Parisi</i> , requested by her loving husband Peter Parisi.
5:00 PM	
Sunday	September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	† <i>Dorothy Colanton</i> , requested by John Andrin.
8:30 AM	† <i>Mary Jane McSparran</i> , requested by Kathy and Richard DelVecchio.
8:30 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Alexandre Munro</i> , requested by Maria and Paul Prete
10:30 AM	† <i>Ruth and Alton Hopkins</i> , requested by the Hopkins Family.
Monday	September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:00 AM	† <i>Thomas G. Cama</i> requested by his family.
Tuesday	September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
8:00 AM	† <i>Ronald A. Puglia</i> , requested by Deb Garre.
Wednesday	September 16, SS. Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday	September 17, SS. Bellarmine and Hildegard of Bingen
8:00 AM	† <i>Joseph Terrazzano</i> , <i>birthday remembrance</i> , requested by the staff of St. Margaret Church
Friday	September 18
8:00 AM	† <i>Brendan Dunn</i> , <i>3rd anniversary</i> , requested by his family.
Saturday	September 19, St. Januarius
5:00 PM	† <i>Carol Setten</i> , requested by Adele Setten and family.
Sunday	September 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	† <i>William Tamborlane</i> , requested by Karen and Florian Steffen.
8:30 AM	† <i>Kevin Stratton</i> , <i>birthday remembrance</i> requested by Nancy and Geoff Andrew.
8:30 AM	† <i>Patricia Lincoln</i> , requested by Bettina Braisted.
10:30 AM	† <i>Joseph Mauro</i> , requested by Arlene Boyce.



***The Sanctuary Candle will burn from
September 13 through September 19
in loving memory of Kathy Patone,
requested by Cathie Cukar.***



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:

US Army:

CW3 Jennifer Dowler,
LTC Michael Braun,
MAJ Robert Herrin,
SGT Terrence Romano,
CAPT Matthew Wivell, US Army Ranger
CAPT Kristen Griest
SFC Mayra Rolón Rivera
SGT Joseph Starkey

US Navy:

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

US Marine Corps:

LCPL, Benjamin Fauzio,
SGT Max Tuccero
LCPL Brendan Smith

US Air Force:

SSGT. Anthony Malvin-Cox,
SRA Michael V. Davis-Penta
CPT Joseph P. Vitali
ILT Jamie Gorman
CPT Christian Amplo
1st Lt. Alison Lord

US Coast Guard:

LCDR Bobby McKenna
LTJG Roisin Beirne
LTJG Jack McKenna

US Air National Guard

SrA Jack F. Sandora

- Vocations -

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

Reflect:

Mercy is at the center of the Christian life. Priests,
religious, and families all reflect God's mercy when they
forgive and serve others with compassion.

Discuss:

What are simple ways you can show mercy
to others in daily life?

Pray:

Pray for all who show God's mercy through their voca-
tion and for those learning to forgive as Christ forgives .

GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:21-35

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "**Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?**" Jesus responds, "**I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.**" In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

Father John Muir ©LPi

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE

Saturday	September 12
4:15 PM	Confessions, Church
Sunday	September 13
10:30AM	Mass on the Madison Surf Club Deck
11:30AM	Picnic at the Madison Surf Club
Monday	September 14
Tuesday	September 15
1:00 PM	Weekly Bridge Group, Parish Center
1:00 PM	Spiritual Book Club, Parish Center, Room 105
6:30 PM	Women's Fellowship Homecoming Meeting, Church Hall
Wednesday	September 16
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Monthly Rosary, Church, reception to follow in the Church Hall
Thursday	September 17
8:30 AM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	September 18
Saturday	September 19
4:15 PM	Confessions, Church
Sunday	September 20

September 5 & 6

Offertory Collection:	\$ 6,103.00
Donations by mail:	\$ 1,660.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,795.00
TOTAL:	\$10,558.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

*September 12 and 13 Monthly Collection.
September 19 and 20 Catholic Schools Support.*

Peer Leadership Ministry Team

The East Shoreline Catholic Peer Ministry Team is a group of teens who serve as positive role models and witnesses to the faith among their peers and to younger children across St. Margaret, St. John Bosco, and St. George, parishes.

These teens are supported as they grow in their own faith and are coached to reach out and minister to others by helping to lead retreats, faith formation classes, and other parish events.

Contact Kim at: kreinwald@saintjohnboscobranford.org.



Confirmation PLACE for High School Students

Orientation is this Sunday, September 13 in the Church. All students and at least one parent are to attend:

6:00 pm for 1st-year students
7:30 pm for 2nd-year students

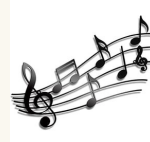
Upcoming sessions:

ALL students and at least one parent
Faith Passing Candle Mass - Sept 26 or Sept 27

1st-year students
Why Be Confirmed? - Sept 20 or 27
Loaves and Fishes - Sept 26

2nd-year students
Retreat with Sponsor - Sept 19, Oct 3, or Oct 18
Confession review - Sept 20
Confessions - Sept 22, 28, or 30
Ceremony of Confirmation - Oct 24 at 10 am at
The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford
Celebration with your parish (Mass + refreshments) - Oct 25 at 10 am

Visit: www.ConfirmationPlace.org to sign up for the various sessions and for more information.



Love to sing? Make new friends?
Just have some fun?

Come join the **St. Margaret Youth Choir**
All are welcome!

When: Thursday afternoons (weekly)
Time: 4:30pm-5:00pm
Where: Upper Church

The Youth Choir sings at the 10:30am Family Mass once a month and helps with the Christmas Pageant as well as the Christmas and Easter Masses.

The first rehearsal begins
Thursday, October 8th.

Questions?

Contact Beth Stone,

St. Margaret Music Director

Elizabeth.Stone@stmargarechurch.com

Saturday, September 19th

6:00 PM - Dinner

6:45 PM - Game Starts

St. Mary
Church Hall
731 Main St.
Branford

The
NOT SO

Newlywed

**GAME
DATE NIGHT**

FREE EVENT!

Join us for a hilarious twist on the once popular TV game show and see how well you actually know your spouse! Do you and your spouse have what it takes to win the prize?

Dinner and Child Care
Provided
Please Bring a Dessert
to Share

Please RSVP via email: abarsci@gmail.com (Let us know if child care will be needed)

SAINT MARGARET PARISH MASS AND PICNIC

The Annual Saint Margaret Parish Mass and Picnic will be held at the Madison Surf Club Deck on *Sunday, September 13, 2026*, commencing with Mass at 10:30am.



Greetings From the Women of St. Margaret Parish!

You are cordially invited to meet in the Church Hall Tuesday, **September 15, 6:30pm** for a **Homecoming Get-Together**

Mix and mingle with friends and learn what the "Women's Fellowship" has done in past years. We are eager to hear your ideas for the '26-'27 programs and beyond.

If you are new to the parish, just retired, or suddenly have some free time for some faith and fun, this is an especially good way to meet talented women and get involved in a parish ministry for whatever time you can devote to it.

There are no dues or monthly meetings, and you can be involved as much or as little as your time permits. Share your talents. Oh, on a final note: All the treats for the evening are non-caloric.

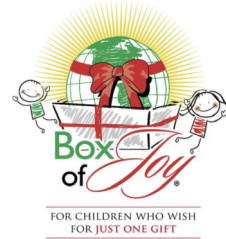


The Knights of Columbus Monthly Rosary

All are invited to attend our Monthly Rosary on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 7:00pm in the church.** Free rosaries and guides to praying the rosary will be available.

There will be coffee and refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall.

For additional information, contact the Chairman of the Monthly Rosary ministry, Dr. Robert Tafuri at rtsr7591@gmail.com.



The **Box of Joy** program is back at our parish this year, and we're excited to once again come together to bring Christmas joy to children in need!

Our goal is to fill 300 shoebox-sized boxes with fun and useful gifts for children ages 2–14.

The boxes are on their way and will be due back in early November, so now is the perfect time to start shopping!

Keep an eye out for small toys, school supplies, and warm-weather clothing on sale. Every item you choose can help make Christmas a little brighter for a child who may otherwise have very little to celebrate.

Let's fill all 300 boxes, and fill them with joy!

Perfect for Ages 12 & Up!

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY. It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.

Tickets Are Limited!

<https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/2139439>

Wednesday, January 13, 2027
7:00-9:30 PM
St. Margaret Catholic Church
24 Academy Street, Madison, CT 06443

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for **Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point** as we explore the fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Opening Your Heart, our foundational study, is perfect for a woman new to WWP (with or without Bible study experience). We invite you to be amazed at how Scripture applies to your everyday life and from the comfort of your own home.

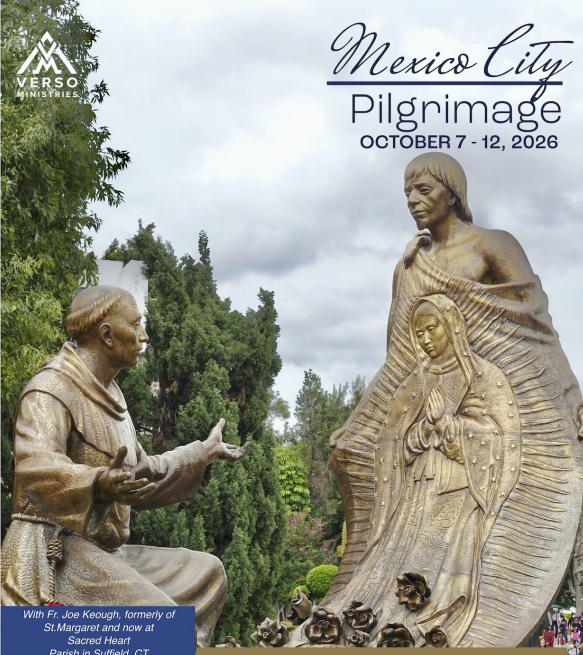
VIRTUAL Study on Zoom
Begins Thursday, October 15th
6:30-8:00 pm

To register: Use the link or QR code
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rMZm-B5nE8KhgrnMOok352bDLY3to_y3lNTzrULZN6s/edit

Questions? Contact Marian Montano
(203) 918-1260 or marianmontano@gmail.com




Mexico City Pilgrimage
OCTOBER 7 - 12, 2026



With Fr. Joe Keough, formerly of St. Margaret and now at Sacred Heart Parish in Suffield, CT

For details, visit VersoMinistries.com/sacred-heart-mexico

Join Sacred Heart Parish on pilgrimage to Mexico City. From prayer in front of the Tilma and climbing Tepeyac, to visits to Santa Maria Tlalpetlac and the Pyramids of Teotihuacan, to dinner at Xochimilco, we will immerse ourselves in the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the rich spiritual heritage of Mexico.

Live Vocationally

Walk the path God has planned for you with courage, faith, & hope



How to live vocationally?

- Learn about the different vocations
- Pray
- Seek the sacraments
- Cultivate quiet
- Open our hearts to hear God's voice

Why does this matter?

- Seeing life choices through the lenses of vocation clarifies our path on a good journey with God
- Instead of stumbling blindly, we live with focus, faith, & purpose

OUR UNIVERSAL CALL: We are all called through baptism to know, love, & serve God with joy & purpose

Which vocation am I called to?

- **Marriage:** call to serve spouse and family, helping them reach Heaven
- **Priesthood or Religious:** call to serve God's Church with love
- **Single Life:** call to witness and dedicate oneself to service & prayer without taking vows



East Shoreline Catholic Vocations Committee

Serving the communities of St. John Bosco, St. Geroge, and St. Margaret
Education, resources, and events to help grow & support vocations