

CHURCH OF SAINT MARGARET

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Sunday, October 11, 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.

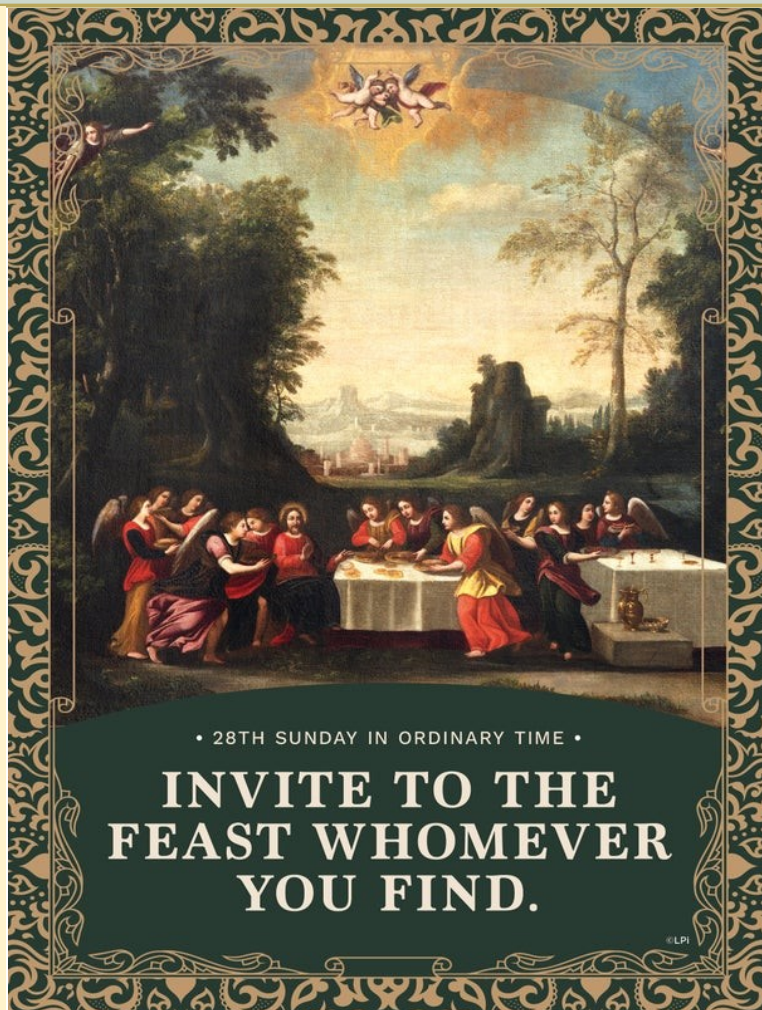
Sacrament of Baptism:

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.



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Rev. Kevin Dillon
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS *Intentions*

Saturday 5:00 PM	October 10 † <i>Beverly Anne Lentz</i> , requested by Peggy Mouco.
Sunday 8:30 AM	October 11, 28thth Sunday in Ordinary Time † <i>William Tamborlane</i> , requested by Karen and Florian Steffen.
8:30 AM	† <i>Rev. Roman Badiak</i> , requested by his brother-in-law Jerry Cap.
8:30 AM	† <i>Dorothy Colanton</i> , requested by Angela and Robert Fratangelo.
10:30 AM	† <i>Carolina Cristofalo</i> , requested by Maria Cristofalo
Monday 8:00 AM	October 12, Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day † <i>Annamae Parisi</i> , requested by her loving husband, Peter Parisi.
Tuesday 8:00 AM	October 13, † <i>Sidney T. McLearn</i> , <i>birthday</i> <i>remembrance.</i>
Wednesday Thursday 8:00 AM	October 14, St. Callistus I October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus † <i>Frank Shortt</i> , <i>birthday remembrance</i> , requested by his wife Diane and family.
Friday 8:00AM	October 16, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Hedwig † <i>Frank and James Whelan</i> , requested by Pat and Tom Riley.
Saturday 5:00 PM	October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch † <i>Jennifer Corcoran</i> , <i>birthday remembrance</i> , requested by her friends.
Sunday 8:30 AM	October 18, World Mission Sunday 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time † <i>Mary Richello</i> , requested by Frances Guidone.
8:30 AM	† <i>Jeffrey Michael Tafuto</i> , requested by Dawn and Richard Pelker.
8:30 AM	† <i>Joan Healey</i> , requested by Margaret and Pat Healy.
10:30 AM	† <i>Maryann Stanist-Kibbe</i> , requested by Elinor Parisi.



***The Sanctuary Candle will burn from
October 11 through October 17
in loving memory of
Eleanore and Leonard Yannielli
requested by their daughter, Elaine Jackson.***



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:

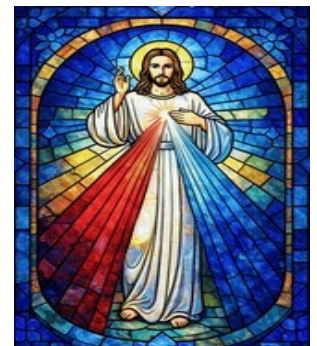
LCDR Bobby McKenna
LT Roisin Beirne-Tiano
LTJG Jack McKenna

US Air National Guard

SrA Jack F. Sandora

*If the Mass Intention is
for your loved one,
you are invited to bring
the gifts to the altar.*

*Kindly speak to the
usher upon arrival if
you wish to do so.*



Jesus, I Trust In You

In him who is the source of my strength I have strength for everything.

~ Vocations ~

"Many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)

Reflect:

Deacons embody humble service in the Church, proclaiming the Gospel and caring for those in need. Their witness reminds us that every vocation begins in service.

Discuss:

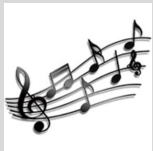
How can your parish celebrate and support the ministry of deacons and their families?

Pray:

Pray for all deacons and for those discerning a vocation of service in the Church.

THIS WEEK at GLANCE

Saturday	October 10
4:15 PM	Confessions, Church
6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner
Sunday	October 11
Monday	October 12
Tuesday	October 13
1:00 PM	Weekly Bridge Group, Parish Center
1:00 PM	Spiritual Book Club, Parish Center, Room 105
4:30 PM	OCIA, Parish Center
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Church
Wednesday	October 14
Thursday	October 15
8:30 AM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 AM	Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study, Parish Center
6:30 PM	Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study, Virtual
Friday	October 16
Saturday	October 17
4:15 PM	Confessions, Church
5:30 PM	Box of Joy, Box Distribution
Sunday	October 18
9:30 AM	Box of Joy, Box Distribution



There will be a brief meeting immediately after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, **October 11** in the church hall for confirmation and high school musicians interested in participating in the Music Ministry at St. Margaret Church.

October 3 & 4

Offertory Collection:	\$ 5,957.00
Donations by mail:	\$ 760.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,614.00
TOTAL:	\$ 9,331.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 10 and 11 Monthly Collection
October 17 and 18 World Mission Sunday



Please take a magnet with the name of a Confirmation student from one of the Boards at the entrance of the Church and pray for this individual as they prepare for Confirmation and receive this sacrament this year.

Thank you!

Holy Hour For Women's Vocations

Come pray for women's vocations with us!
All are welcome - men, women, and families.
Prayer will be followed by dinner.

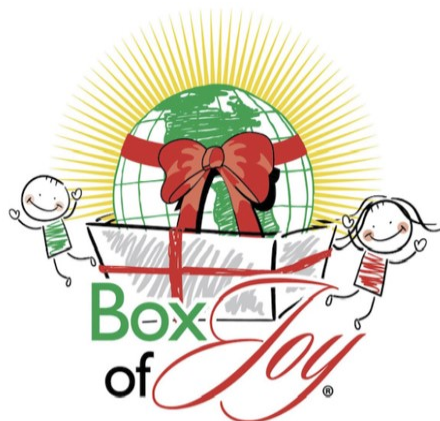
OCT **16** 5:30PM

Free Event

Mount Sacred Heart
Chapel, 295 Benham St.
Hamden, CT

Contact Carlene
cdemiany@ascjus.org
for questions!





FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH
FOR JUST ONE GIFT

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 will be available after all Masses, October 10 and 11**, as well as at the parish center. **Filled boxes can be dropped off at the Parish Hall after the 5 o'clock Mass on November 7th or after Masses on November 15th.**

Fill the boxes with small toys, school supplies, and warm-weather clothing. 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!



Confirmation PLACE for High School Students

Upcoming sessions:

1st-Year Students:

Workshops running this Sunday, Oct 11 include: Power of Music in Our Lives at the Church and You've Got a Friend in Jesus and Behind the Scenes with Jesus both at the Parish Center. Workshops begin at 6:00 and end at 7:30 pm. Next workshop date this month is on Oct 25. Check your journal and SignUp Genius emails to see which workshops and dates that you signed up for.

Thank you so much to our workshop leaders Chas Wira, Martina Lind, and Mary Izzo who presented workshops last Sunday.

Loaves and Fishes - Option 3 - Oct 17

Heart-to-Heart with Jesus (Adoration) - Option 2 - Oct 22 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Parents, high school students, and Parishioners also are invited to spend some time with our Lord.

2nd-Year Students:

Retreat with Sponsor - Option 3 (last remaining date) - Oct 18 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in the Church Hall.

If you haven't been to confession during our scheduled dates, please go on your own and let us know the date that you went, the priest, and the Church.

Confirmation Ceremony - Oct 24 at 10 am at The Cathedral of St. Joseph and celebration with your parish on Oct 25 at the 10:30 am Family Mass followed by light refreshments in the Church Hall.

Questions?

Email confirmation@stmargarechurch.com

GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 11, 2026

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. Everything is ready, and the invitations have been sent. Yet those invited are too busy to come. One goes to his farm, another to his business, and others simply refuse the invitation.

There is something very familiar about this story. Our lives are busy too. There is always somewhere to go, something to finish, someone to call, or another responsibility waiting for us. None of these things is necessarily bad. But sometimes, without realizing it, we can become so occupied with life that we leave very little room for the One who gave us life.

Every Sunday, God extends an invitation to us here at Saint Margaret Church. He invites us to step away from the busyness of the week and gather as a parish family. He speaks to us through His Word, strengthens us through one another, and most especially, welcomes us to His table in the Eucharist.

But the Gospel reminds us that accepting the invitation is only the beginning. The wedding garment represents the change that should take place within us. If we truly encounter Christ, something should gradually become different: we should become more patient at home, more forgiving toward those who hurt us, more attentive to someone who is lonely, and more generous toward those in need.

As we begin another week here at Saint Margaret, perhaps we can ask: Am I simply attending the banquet, or am I allowing the banquet to change me?

God has prepared a place for each one of us. May we never become too busy to accept His invitation—and having come to His table, may we carry His love with us into our hearts, our homes, our parish, and our community.

- Fr. George

ESC YOUTH MINISTRY

DINNER & DISCUSSION



TUESDAYS | 5:00-7:00PM | ST. MARGARET HALL IN MADISON

UPCOMING DATES:

OCTOBER 20

**THEME FOR THE NIGHT: HALLOWEEN,
ALL SAINTS DAY, AND ALL SOULS DAY**

**NOVEMBER 17
DECEMBER 15**

Come, make a simple dinner together in the kitchen, eat, and talk about faith and life.

SIGN UP FOR THE
DINNER BY
SCANNING
THE QR HERE



For questions & for more info on how to get involved in ESC
YM, reach out to Oliver at: ESCYouthMinistry@AOHCT.org

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 24 and 25

**FALL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Food Pantry
at Madison Community Services.**

**Food will be collected at all the weekend Masses.
Bags with a list of suggested items will be distributed
next weekend, October 17 and 18.**

St. Margaret Food Drive to Benefit The Madison Food Pantry

OCTOBER 24 AND 25

Drop off non-perishable food items and toiletries at the Church or Church Hall this weekend. **Please check expiration dates and return the bags.** Monetary gifts may be placed in the offertory basket marked Food Drive. Make checks payable to St. Margaret Food Drive.

Thank you for your continued support and God Bless!

LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED:

Tuna	Pasta and sauce	Peanut butter
Soup	Mac and Cheese	Jelly, jam
Chili	Boxed potatoes	Condiments
Canned beans and vegetables	Box rice	Kids snacks
Canned fruit	Cereal and bars	Juice boxes
Fruit packs	Pancake/waffle mix	Coffee
	Baking mixes	Tea
	Pudding	Toiletries

SEASON 6, EPISODE 1 SEE IT FIRST!

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest—and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

Join us for a special early access event to watch *The Chosen* Season 6 Episode 1.

WHEN

Thursday October 29th at 6:30 PM

WHERE

St. Margaret Church

Please sign up through the link on the website or through the Flocknote email to give us an approximate number of attendees. Thank you.

The Women's Fellowship invites all women of the parish to our next event, to be held on
Thursday, November 5th at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Come and enjoy light refreshments while being treated to a "Holiday Décor Demonstration" presented by Lisa Leonardi of SereneScapes.org.
Lisa will be creating two tablescapes for us just in time for the holidays!

Please come and join us for an evening of inspiration as we head into the holiday season!



What a wonderful celebration of FAITH and community this past weekend!

We were blessed with a joyful turnout for our *pet blessing* to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and for the opportunity to come together for our *Athletes Mass*. From beloved pets to our dedicated athletes, both celebrations remind us of the many ways God is present in our lives! We are grateful for our vibrant parish here at St. Margaret and we look forward to sharing more faith-filled celebrations together!

