

CHURCH OF SAINT MARGARET

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Sunday, November 1, 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.



ALL SAINTS DAY

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them." Matthew 5:1-2

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Rev. Kevin Dillon
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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



Saturday October 31
5:00 PM †*Michael "Ned" Berky*, requested by Terry Birch.

Sunday November 1 Solemnity of All Saints
8:30 AM †*Patricia Corcoran*, 1st anniversary, requested by the Hoban Family.
8:30 AM †*Deacon Joseph Regan*, requested by the Guidone and Cama Families.
8:30 AM †*Lucille Rita Tucker*, requested by Anne Marie and Steve Straka.
10:30 AM †*Ruth and Alton Hopkins*, requested by the Hopkins Family.

Monday November 2 All Souls' Day
8:00 AM †*For the Souls of the Faithful Departed*
5:30 PM †*For the Souls of the Faithful Departed*

Tuesday November 3 St. Martin de Porres
Wednesday November 4 St. Charles Borromeo
Thursday November 5
Friday November 6
8:00 AM †*Helene and Phil Ammirato*, requested by the Ammirato Family.

Saturday November 7
5:00 PM †*Joseph Terrazzano*, requested by Peggy Mouco.

Sunday November 8
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM †*Rev. Robert B. Vargo*, 7th anniversary.
8:30 AM †*William Tamborlane*, requested by Karen and Florian Steffen
8:30 AM *For the intentions of the family of Dorothy Colanton*, requested by Angela and Robert Fratangelo.
10:30 AM †*Nathan Santos*, birthday remembrance, requested by Mom and Dad.



***The Sanctuary Candle will burn from
November 1 through November 7 in
loving memory of
Frank Shortt and Brian Shortt
requested by their family.***



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
LTJG Robert Hayden
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

OLM Prep School Mass – First Fridays

We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, has granted permission for Saint Margaret Parish to celebrate a separate monthly Mass for OLM Prep School during the current academic year.

The school Mass will ordinarily be celebrated on the first Friday of each month, subject to adjustments when necessary due to the parish's liturgical calendar.

The first Mass is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

This special celebration will provide students, teachers, and families with an opportunity to participate more fully in the Eucharist and deepen their Catholic faith.

Our regular 8:00 AM weekday Mass will continue as scheduled.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

ALL SOULS' DAY

The month of November is traditionally dedicated to remembering and praying for the faithful departed. On All Souls' Day, November 2, the Church invites us to remember in a special way our deceased family members, friends, and all those who have gone before us in faith.

As Catholics, we believe that praying for the deceased, especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, is a beautiful expression of our enduring love and our hope in the promise of eternal life.

All Souls' Remembrance envelopes have been included in your parish envelope packets, and additional envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. Kindly return your envelopes in any collection. Your departed loved ones will be remembered in prayer at Saint Margaret Parish on All Souls' Day and throughout the month of November.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

On **Monday, November 2**, Saint Margaret Parish will observe the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) with two Masses celebrated at **8:00 AM** and **5:30 PM**.

At the **5:30 PM Mass**, we will remember in a special way those whose funerals have been celebrated at Saint Margaret Church during the past year. As their names are reverently read, a candle will be lit in their honor, symbolizing the light of Christ and our hope in the resurrection.

We warmly invite the families and friends of our beloved deceased, together with all parishioners, to join us for this special Mass of Remembrance, prayer, and Christian hope. Following Mass, families are welcome to take their loved one's candle home as a cherished reminder of their enduring love and the promise of eternal life.

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE

Saturday	October 31
4:15 PM	Confessions, Church
Sunday	November 1
Monday	November 2
4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center
5:30 PM	Substance Abuse Parents Meeting, Parish Center
6:30 PM	Middle School Confirmation, Church Hall
Tuesday	November 3
1:00 PM	Weekly Bridge Group, Parish Center
1:00 PM	Spiritual Book Club, Parish Center, Room 105
4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center
6:30 PM	Middle School Confirmation, Church Hall
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Church
Wednesday	November 4
4:30 PM	OCIA, Parish Center
4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center
Thursday	November 5
8:00 AM	Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction
9:30 AM	Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study, Parish Center
6:00 PM	Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study, Parish Center
7:00 PM	Women's Fellowship Serene Escapes Presentation, Church Hall
Friday	November 6
Saturday	November 7
2:30 PM	Box of Joy Drop Off, Church Hall
and after Mass	
Sunday	November 8
4:15 PM	Confessions, Church

October 24 & 25

Offertory Collection:	\$ 5,791.00
Donations by mail:	\$ 670.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,893.00
TOTAL:	\$ 9,354.00

Priests' Convocation 2026 – Mass Schedule Changes

The priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford will attend their annual convocation **from Tuesday, November 3, through Thursday, November 5, 2026.**

Consequently, the 8:00 AM Masses on Tuesday, November 3, and Thursday, November 5, are canceled.

However, Deacon Bob will lead Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, November 5, at 8:00 AM**, in place of the regularly scheduled Mass.

Thank you for your understanding, and please keep our priests in your prayers during this time of fellowship, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Throughout November, the **Book of the Names of the Dead** will be placed in the sanctuary of Saint Margaret Church as a visible reminder of our prayerful remembrance of the faithful departed. The book contains the names of deceased members of our parish recorded in previous years, together with those added this year. All those whose names are inscribed in the book will be remembered in our parish prayers throughout the month.

As we remember our departed loved ones, may we find comfort in the assurance that death does not have the final word. Through Christ's victory over death, we live in the hope of being reunited with those we love in the joy of eternal life. **"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."**



Confirmation PLACE for High School Students

Please sign up for all events with date and time options at www.ConfirmationPlace.org using the links to SignUp Genius.

Upcoming sessions

1st-Year Students:

Upcoming workshop dates: November 1. Check your journal and SignUp Genius emails to see which workshops and dates that you signed up for.

Workshops begin at 6:00 PM and end at 7:30 PM.

Thank you to our workshop leaders (Theresa Fachini, Chas Wira, and John Dusza) who presented various workshops last weekend, including The Lord's Perfect Prayer and Faith and Medicine to our Confirmation students.

Loaves and Fishes - Option 4 - November 7

Speaker on November 8 at 6:00 PM in the Church: Veronica Sommers - Restoring Moral Clarity in the Digital Age. All 1st-year students and at least one parent are to attend.

Heart-to-Heart with Jesus (Adoration) - Option 3 - November 12 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Parents, high school students, and parishioners also are invited to spend some time with our Lord.

Your Confirmation date is now scheduled. It will be on **Saturday, April 24, 2027 at 10:00 AM** at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. A celebration with your parish will be at the 10:30 AM Family Mass on Sunday, April 25, 2027 followed by light refreshments in the Church Hall.

Tickets for Chris Stefanick (1 student and 1 parent) will be sent to the email that was used to register for the Confirmation Program. Tickets will come from TicketTaylor.com/RealLifeCatholic.

2nd-Year Students and Parents:

You are welcome to attend sessions of Heart-to-Heart with Jesus (Adoration), workshops, Loaves and Fishes, speakers (Veronica Sommer and Chris Stefanick).

Questions? Email

confirmation@stmargarechurch.com

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

Thanks to your generosity, the Madison Food Pantry, now has more than 2000 pounds of food (in items and monetary donations) to stock their shelves in time for the upcoming holidays! We and the Pantry are so appreciative of your open hearts and willingness to support your neighbors. And thank you to our Confirmation student volunteers: Abby H, Charlotte L, Addison O, and Kate S, and who unpacked, sorted, and repacked all these donations (in three short hours)!





THANK YOU STUDENTS!!

Confirmation students continue to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes in New Haven, where they help distribute food and clothing to more than 300 individuals who visit Loaves and Fishes each week.

Thank you Mikka H, Sofia C, Sam K, Addison O, Jane K, Jack P, Chase P, and Darcy G, led by Deb French, who volunteered on Oct 17



SACRED STEWARDSHIP

Restoring moral clarity in the digital age

VERONICA SOMMER

Founder and author of Sacred Stewardship

Learn to navigate the digital world with a Christ-centered approach.

NOVEMBER 8 - 6:00 pm

St. Margaret Church, Madison



Our kids are spending an average of 8 hrs a day on screens that are robbing them of childhood, shaping their worldview, and forming their values—often in ways that don't match our own.

The mission of Sacred Stewardship is to nurture spiritual awareness and promote digital balance in an age of distraction.

St. Margaret Church has a Funeral Reception Committee dedicated to assisting families with coordinating a luncheon or coffee reception in the Church Hall following a funeral.

Committee volunteers graciously set up, serve, and clean up after the reception. If you would like assistance from this ministry, please contact Judy Keane at 203.980.4626.



*A sunny, crisp fall day set the back drop for our monthly Family Mass.
Thank you to all who participated to make this morning a beautiful celebration of our faith!*



The **Women's Fellowship** invites all women of the parish to our next event, to be held on **Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 PM.**

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!



Operation American Soldier

Veterans Day 2026 is November 11th and marks Operation American Soldier's 17th anniversary of helping Connecticut veterans.

We are working with Columbus House in New Haven and the Veterans Administration in Connecticut to identify specific needs of veterans who are struggling and need our support.

During this past year we have helped over 150 different veterans in need of assistance, ranging from gift cards so our vets can buy groceries, appliances like air conditioners, refrigerators and stoves for Columbus House Harkness apartments and housing starter kits, e.g., bedding, pots and pans, linens, kitchen items. Together, we have donated more than \$25,000 in support of our veterans.

The Knights will be collecting monetary donations outside each Mass on **Saturday November 7 and Sunday November 8.**

For check donations please use the following information:

- Payable to: "Knights of Columbus/Sacred Heart Council #5780"
- Memo reference: "Operation American Soldier Drive"
- Mail to: John Warfel, Co Chairman, 59 Quail Run, Madison CT 06443

Thank you for your past generosity and continued support.



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Family-to-Family Partnership with St. Martin de Porres in New Haven

For 48 years, our parish has partnered with St. Martin de Porres to provide much-needed Christmas gifts to families who may not otherwise be able to provide gifts for their loved ones. These families represent a variety of circumstances, including traditional families, single-parent households, grandparents raising grandchildren, and elderly individuals celebrating the holidays alone.

You can help by adopting a family! Select a family online using Google Forms by visiting the following link: <https://qrco.de/FamilyToFamily2026> or scan the QR code below.

Online family selection will remain open through November 14. If families remain available, we will offer in-person family selection after Masses on November 14–15 and November 21–22.

Gift drop-off will take place in early December. Additional details will be provided.

Thank you for your continued kindness and support!



National Vocation Awareness Week Begins

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

Reflect:

The saints remind us that holiness is possible for everyone — in every vocation and every walk of life. They show us how responding to God's call leads to joy and eternal life.

Discuss:

Which saint inspires you most, and how does their life encourage you to say "yes" to God?

Pray:

Pray for the courage to live your vocation as the saints did — with faith, hope, and love.



Our First **Youth Group** meeting was a wonderful success!

The kids had a great time making meatballs and pasta, sharing laughs and enjoying fellowship together.

Please join us for our next meeting.
Tuesday, November 17th in the church hall.

For information, questions, and to sign up for the next meeting go to:
eastshorelinecatholicyouthministry.com



It's that time...get ready to shop!

St. Margaret Knights of Columbus **'Tis the Season Artisan Market**

22 years of providing quality handmade works, in a variety of media, to the public for the holiday season!

Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 to 3:00

St. Margaret Church,
24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut

