CHURCH OF SAINT MARGARET

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Sunday, November 8, 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

203-488-8386 62 Cedar St., Branford, CT
eastshorelinecatholicacademy.org

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS Intentions

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.

Monday **November 9**
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday **November 10 St. Leo the Great**
8:00 AM *For the intentions of Phil Ammirato,* requested by Mom and Dad.

Wednesday **November 11 St. Martin of Tours**

Thursday **November 12 St. Josaphat**
† *Annamae Parisi,* requested by her loving husband Peter Parisi.

Friday **November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**
8:00 AM †*Silvio Suppa*, requested by the his wife Vittoria and children.

Saturday **November 14**
5:00 PM †*Elizabeth Betsy Heevy,* requested by Peggy Mouco.

Sunday **November 15**
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM †*Alan Ouimet, 1st anniversary,* requested by Erin and David Archer.
8:30 AM †*Josephine and Michael O'Callaghan*, requested by Catherine McCarthy.
8:30 AM † *Nicholas Guerra,* requested by Ted Koppy.
10:30 AM †*Myron "Van" Gould*, requested by St. Margaret's Women's Fellowship.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn from November 8 through November 14 in loving memory of Anthony Rubinich and Cathie Cukar requested by the 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

Vocations

"Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:13)

Reflect:
Being watchful means living with purpose and readiness to meet the Lord. Those discerning vocations learn to trust His timing and direction.

Discuss:
What does “being ready” look like in your spiritual life right now?

Pray:
Pray for discerners to remain attentive to God’s call and to respond promptly when they hear His voice.

God will bring forth with him from the dead those who have fallen asleep believing in him.



All are welcome to pray
the Divine Mercy Chaplet
followed by the Rosary on
Friday, November 13th, 3:00 PM
in the church



November 11, 2026

THIS WEEK at a GLANCE

Saturday **November 7**
2:30 - 5:00 PM *Box of Joy* Drop Off, Church Hall
4:15 PM Confessions, Church
Sunday **November 8**
Monday **November 9**
8:00 AM No Mass, Prayer Service Only
Tuesday **November 10**
1:00 PM Weekly Bridge Group, Parish Center
1:00 PM Spiritual Book Club, Parish Center, Room 105
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Church
Wednesday **November 11**
4:30 PM OCIA, Parish Center
Thursday **November 12**
9:30 AM Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study, Parish Center
6:00 PM Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study, Parish Center
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting, Church Hall
Friday **November 13**
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church
Saturday **November 14**
9:00 AM Knights of Columbus, *Tis the Season* Artisan Market, Church Hall
4:15 PM Confessions, Church
Sunday **November 15**
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Box of Joy* Drop Off, Church Hall

October 31 & November 1

Offertory Collection:	$ 6,423.00
Donations by mail:	$ 4,815.00
Online Giving	$ 3,016.00
TOTAL:	$14,254.00

Upcoming Second Collections
November 7 & 8, Monthly Collection
November 14 & 15, Campaign for Human Development

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.

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Upcoming sessions

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1st-Year Students:
Upcoming workshop dates: December 6. 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 (John Dusza, Christina King, and Danielle Wilson who presented various workshops last weekend, including *You've Got a Friend in Jesus* and *Be Still and Know that I Am God* to our Confirmation students.

Loaves and Fishes - Option 5 - Nov 21
(ADDITIONAL NEW DATE)

Speaker on November 8 at 6:00 PM in the Church:
Veronica Sommers - Who's Shaping You? SEE clearly. ROOT deeply. STAND firmly. All 1st-year students and at least one parent are to attend. This event is part of the Confirmation program.

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

Saint and Sponsor Assignments + signed Sponsor Affirmation form are due December 1. Forms are available at www.ConfirmationPLACE.org under "Assignments."

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/Real Life Catholic when it gets closer to the event.

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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). Your faith journey does not end with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Rather, it marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the gifts you received through Confirmation.

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Questions? Email confirmation@stmargaretchurch.com

Thank you for your support of the **Box of Joy** program! Because of your generosity, we are going to make a wonderful impact together.

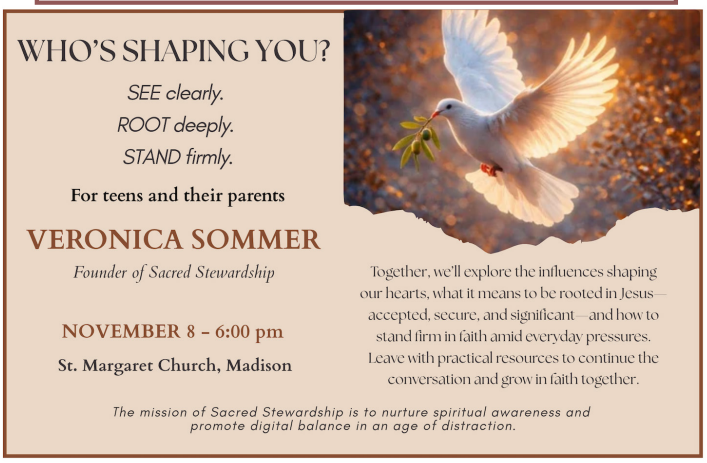
It is now time to bring back your filled boxes. We will be hosting two collection windows:

- **Saturday, November 7th | 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday, November 15th | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Please bring your boxes to the Church Hall during either of these times. If you cannot make either of these times, please bring your filled box to the *Parish Center at 39 Academy Street before November 15th*.

Thank you again for your incredible support and for changing lives with your donations!

SAVE THE DATE!
November 8 - 6 PM at St. Margaret Church
SACRED STEWARDSHIP: Who's Shaping You?
SEE clearly. ROOT deeply. STAND firmly.
Open to all parishioners, parents, and teens.





Operation American Soldier

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November 11, 2026 is Veteran's Day,
the 17th anniversary of Operation American Soldier
helping Connecticut veterans.

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

In the 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 the doors of the church after each Mass on **Saturday, November 7** and on **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.

All are invited to attend our Monthly Rosary on **Wednesday, November 18th,** in the church, at **7:00 PM**.

Free rosaries and guides to pray the rosary available.

There will be coffee and pastry afterwards in the church hall.

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

Join Us for a

Sacred Heart Holy Hour

PRAYER • ADORATION • BENEDICTION



Experience the love of Christ in a special evening of prayer and reflection, featuring the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Friday, November 20
7:00 PM
ST. GEORGE CHURCH

The Sacred Heart Holy Hour will include readings from Sacred Scripture, reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for silent prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will also be included.

All are welcome!

Please join us for this special opportunity to grow in faith and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Knights of Columbus
St. George Council #3928
FAITH • FAMILY • COMMUNITY

GOSPEL MEDITATION
November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:1-13

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour**”** (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else’s readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?

-- Father John Muir ©LPi

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!

You may select a family online using Google Forms by visiting the following link:
https://qrco.de/FamilyToFamily2026

You may also scan the QR code below.

Online family selection will remain open through November 14, as long as families are still available. 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!



In a world that's louder, busier, and more distracted than ever, one event is cutting through the noise and reigniting faith in the hearts of everyday people.

REBOOT with internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker, Chris Stefanick,
is coming to St. Margaret Church on **January 13, 2027**.

It's more than just a night of inspiration. It's a powerful, high-energy experience designed to be a catalyst for real transformation. Chris combines laughter, heartfelt stories, and the timeless power of the Gospel to launch people into the life they were made for.
A life of purpose. A life of passion. A life of JOY.

Scan the QR code above for tickets.
More than 50% of tickets have already been sold, and we expect to sell out.