# CHURCH OF SAINT MARGARET

## 24 Academy Street Madison, CT 06443

## Sunday, November 22, 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

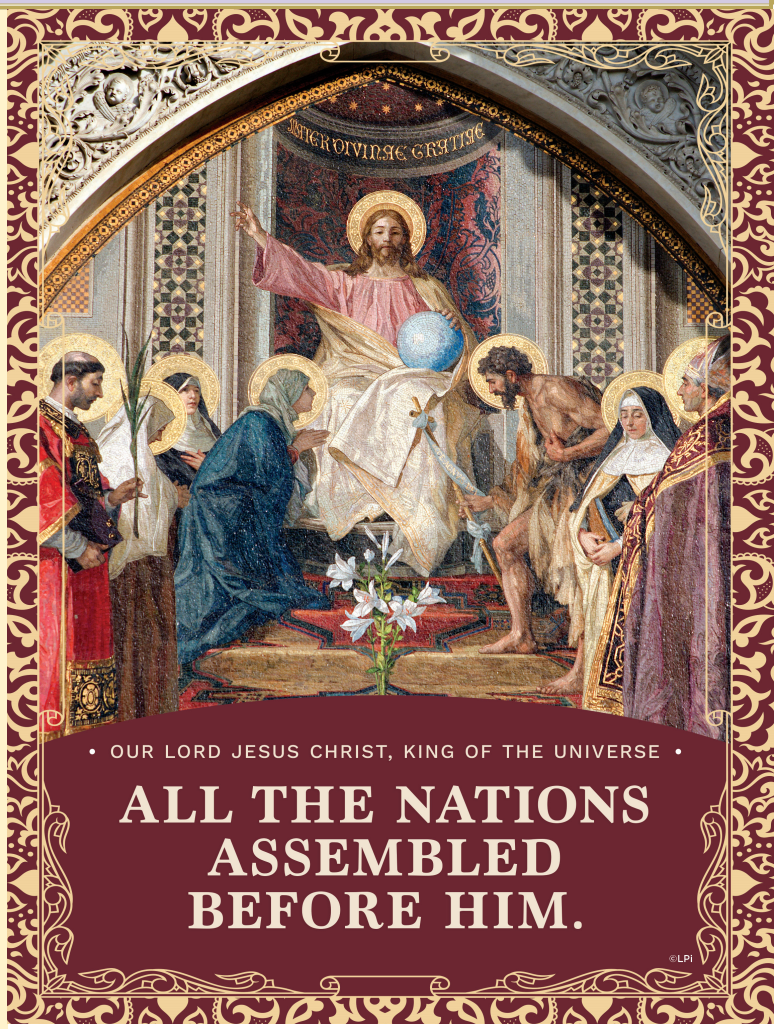
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM.
**Eucharistic Exposition:** Thursdays - 8:30 - 9:15 AM

**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. Kevin Dillon
Rev. Ryan M. Lerner

## *OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*

### MASS *Intentions*

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| **Saturday** | **November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** |
| **5:00 PM** | †*Julia Onofrio*, requested by Sylvia Baker. |
| **Sunday** | **November 22, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** |
| **8:30 AM** | †*Donald Roman*, requested by Gary Jacobs. |
| **8:30 AM** | *For the intentions of Henry Munro*, requested by Nonni and Pappi. |
| **8:30 AM** | †*David Michael Sullivan*, requested by the Kuck Family. |
| **10:30 AM** | †*Paul P. Parisi*, *birthday remembrance*, and Elinor Parisi, requested by the family. |
| **Monday** | **November 23, Sts. Clement, Columban, and Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro** |
| **8:00 AM** | †*For the People of the Parish* |
| **Tuesday** | **November 24, St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions** |
| **8:00 AM** | †*Gil Garre*, requested by Deb Garre. |
| **Wednesday** | **November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria** |
| **Thursday** | **November 26, Thanksgiving Day** |
| **9:00 AM** | †*Louis Esposito*, requested by the Bambrick Family. |
| **Friday** | **November 27** |
| **8:00 AM** | †*Lucy Nuñez*, requested by Deb Garre. |
| **Saturday** | **November 28** |
| **5:00 PM** | †*Eileen Regan, 1st anniversary*, requested by the family. |
| **Sunday** | **November 29, First Sunday of Advent** |
| **8:30 AM** | †*James Joyce*, requested by Margaret Healey. |
| **8:30 AM** | †*Francis Elfrey, 11th anniversary*, requested by the Norris-Elfrey Family. |
| **8:30 AM** | †*Alfred Robert Vigorito,* requested by the Norris-Elfrey Family. |
| **10:30 AM** | †*Brigitte Lord*, requested by France Galerneau. |

***The morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 26 will be at 9:00 AM.***




***The Sanctuary Candle will burn from November 22 through November 28 in loving memory of Eileen Regan, 1st anniversary, 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 ~**

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Reflect:
Christ reigns not through power, but through love and mercy. When we serve others, we honor Him as our King.

Discuss:
How can you bring
Christ's love to someone in need this week?

Pray:
Pray for the grace to live under Christ's reign with mercy and humility and to build His kingdom through your vocation.

*The king will answer them: "... as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**November 22, 2026**
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
**Matthew 25:31-46**

I remember middle school baseball tryouts. A friend of mine, Robert, was trying to make the team to please his father, but his heart wasn't in it. He was lackadaisical and unenergetic. When the final cut-list was announced, and his name wasn't on it, he was relieved. He realized the coach was not insulting him but essentially telling him, "Bobby, this only works if you actually want to play ball." I was saddened he'd miss out on the fun, but I knew it was best. Putting Robert onto the team would not have been kindness. It would have made him miserable.

Jesus speaks to us today about his identity as our King and Judge. He separates those who inherit the kingdom from those who do not. The King explains, "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). His judgment hinges on willingness to participate in love. Heaven is not a prize imposed at the end of life. It is a life freely chosen and engaged. Hell is not a destination prepared for human beings, but a terrible and sad acknowledgment of an opting out which God never intends for us.

Jesus' role as judge proclaims to us: "Heaven only works if you actually want to love." How do we know if we want it? How we serve the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. These acts of mercy are not arbitrary tests. They are the very shape of divine life. There is no better game to play than this. We ought to begin playing it right now. The King will come to judge us.

-- Father John Muir ©LPi

## THIS WEEK at a GLANCE

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| **Saturday** | **November 21** |
| **4:15 PM** | Confessions, Church |
| **Sunday** | **November 22** |
| **10:30 AM** | Monthly Family Mass, followed by Advent Wreath Making, Church Hall |
| **Monday** | **November 23** |
| **Tuesday** | **November 24** |
| **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 25** |
| **4:30 PM** | OCIA, Parish Center |
| **Thursday** | **November 26, Thanksgiving** Parish Offices Closed |
| **Friday** | **November 27** Parish Offices Closed |
| **Saturday** | **November 28** |
| **4:15 PM** | Confessions, Church |
| **Sunday** | **November 29** |




*In observance of Thanksgiving, the Parish Offices will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.*

*Regular office hours will resume on Monday, November 30.*

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**November 14 & 15**

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| Offertory Collection: | $ 6,097.00 |
| Donations by Mail: | $ 705.00 |
| Online Giving: | $ 3,050.00 |
| TOTAL: | $ 9,852.00 |

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*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.*

*If you would like the candle that was lit in remembrance of your loved one on All Souls' Day but did not have a chance to take it home, please feel free to stop by the Parish Center to pick it up.*

*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.

Loaves and Fishes - Options 5 and 6
November 21 (ADDITIONAL NEW DATE) and December 5.

Heart-to-Heart with Jesus (Adoration) - Option 4:
December 10 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
This month's topic: God' Love for the World. 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, REBOOT with Chris Stefanick (student ticket included with Confirmation registration).

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

***TO ALL OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, PRESENT AND PAST:***







Knights of Columbus
Sacred Heart Council 5780
**Kevin Dolan - Grand Knight**

We at **Operation American Soldier** would like to thank all the parishioners who contributed this past weekend to our very successful fundraiser.

Your very generous contributions, amounting to almost $5,000, will help us continue to support our Connecticut veterans in need. As you may know, we have helped over 150 veterans over the past year working through Columbus House and the VA administration, and your contributions will allow us to expand our efforts.

If you did not have a chance to contribute, please consider sending a check, made out to ***Knights of Columbus, Chapter 5780***, with *Operation American Soldier* on the memo line and mail to:
John Warfel, 59 Quail Run, Madison, CT 06443

Thank you again for your support.

Operation American Soldier
John Warfel, Peter Regan, Michael Piccione




**East Shoreline Catholic Academy** is pleased to announce our annual Christmas tree and wreath pre-order sale.

We are offering reserved trees, wreaths, poinsettias, cemetery pieces, and other festive items. Pre-orders are open until **November 23**, with pickup scheduled for **Saturday, November 28, from 1:00–4:00 PM** at 62 Cedar Street, Branford.

For inquiries, please contact **ESCAtreesale@esca.eduk12.net**.

Beginning November 28, our tree lot will be open for additional purchases. Every purchase helps to support our students and school programs—thank you for helping us SOAR! Order here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/esca-christmas-tree-and-wreath-sale-pre-orders

**Saint Margaret's Women's Fellowship**
**Holiday Carry-In Supper**
**"Jingle & Mingle"**

**Wednesday, December 9th, at 5:30 PM**

All the women of the parish are invited to attend our annual Carry-In Supper. This is always an enjoyable evening filled with holiday cheer and delicious food!

Please call Kathy Delvecchio at 203-927-7368 to sign up and let her know what dish you will be making. The deadline for reservations is **Monday, December 7th**.

This event is BYOB if you wish to bring your own. We will provide water, coffee and tea.




WE INVITE YOU TO **REBOOT**

It's an evening that's designed for everyday people who are trying to balance work, relationships, family, and faith.

The speaker, Chris Stefanick, is known for speaking honestly about life's challenges while offering practical encouragement and hope. You don't have to know anything about him to benefit from the evening.

People appreciate his sense of humor, relatable stories, and practical insights that can help strengthen your relationship with God and bring a renewed sense of purpose.

MARK **January 13, 2027 at 6 pm** at St. Margaret Church in your calendar to begin the new year with renewed joy.

Buy tickets using the QR code before we sell out.



***Our Remembrance Tree is Back!***

*As we enter the holy season of hope and reflection, we invite you to take part in our Remembrance Tree again this year.*

*The holiday season is unfortunately not always a joyous time for everyone. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one you may feel overwhelmed by his or her absence. You may be searching for a way to remember the one you have loved in a special way. Hopefully our parish of St. Margaret can provide you with just such an opportunity.*

*Our Tree of Remembrance will stand in the sanctuary as a tribute to those we hold dear who have passed on. Family members and friends are invited to hang a small ornament on this special tree, in memory of your deceased loved one(s).*

*The ornament can be a keepsake, or something personalized for the one you have lost---whatever you choose. If hanging a photo, please let it be not bigger than 3"x5".*

*The ornaments will remain on the tree throughout Advent and the Christmas season and can be picked up any day through Sunday,* ***January 10, 2027****, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.*

## Kings and Peace

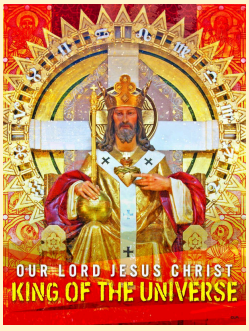
It's a little ironic that, when Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King, he did so in a world that was growing awfully weary of kings.

The year was 1925. World War I had ended only seven years before. Most of Europe's monarchies were torn asunder in the conflict, yielding to other forms of government more deferential to popular opinion.

But there was a problem. The kings were gone, but still the world did not know peace — and it certainly didn't know justice. The Pope was unflinching in his words: "discord," "rivalries," "insatiable greed," "selfishness," "neglect (of) duty…society in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin," he lamented in his encyclical Quas primas, describing the state of the world.

Americans are very proud that we've never bent the knee to a monarch, and I, for one, am a big fan of democratic republics like ours. But I don't think tyranny is inherent to — or prevented by — any particular form of government. I think any human can become an oppressor if they make the choice to.

The question was never what prevented tyranny. The question was who. And the answer is: only a king who "demands of (his) subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness," wrote Pope Pius XI. A king whose subjects "hunger and thirst after justice" and who "deny themselves and carry the cross."




There has only ever been one such king. There has only ever been one such kingdom.

Today, we bend the knee.

---Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
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