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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Tuesday Mar. 12th

12:05pm + Harry Cox

Requested by Carmel Cox

Wednesday Mar.13th

12:05 pm + Alfred Sare

Requested by Joe & Elizabeth Attard

Thursday Mar 14th

12:05 pm + Simone Flaim

Requested by the Moscon family

12:30-5:00 pm **Lenten Reconciliation**

Friday March 15th

11 am – Holy Hour

12:05 pm + Diana Dey

Requested by Carmel Cox

7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 16th

10:00 am +Helena Musial

Requested by Christina Siemicki

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Saturday March 16th

5 pm + Gerard Lyons

Requested by Lana Lyons

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Sunday March 17th

9 am Mass for the People

11:30 am For the Intentions of the Families

Of St. Margaret's

Requested by Parish Life

**The Pope's Prayer Intention
for March**

For the new Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

God So Loved the World

It has become almost a cliché that when an individual loves another, one does everything hoping to please the beloved. There is a poem called "Ballad of a Mother's Heart" by Jose la Villa Tierra where an enamored boy promises to give his beloved whatever she wants. She asks for the heart of his mother and without any hesitation, the young lad runs home and rips away his mother's heart from her chest in order to give it to his beloved. In the midst of heavy rain, he slips and falls to the ground and then hears a voice asking him, "Were you hurt, my child?" The boy realizes that it is his mother's heart caring about him.

Some scholars say that John 3:16 is perhaps the most popular verse in the New Testament, if not in the whole Bible. And why not? For it summarizes who we are to God, and how God sees and deals with us. *God so loved the world – so loved us – He did not spare his own Son so that those who believe in Him may not die but have eternal life.* God did not spare his Son from the cross and death to show us the extent God's love goes for us.

But this extraordinary love of God must be received by embracing his Son in faith. For the path of eternal life is through believing in and following Jesus. Believing in Jesus also means being spared from eternal condemnation. God has not sent his Son into the world to condemn it, but that it might be saved through Him. Unfortunately, many prefer to ignore or reject Him. Some hate the light of Jesus for doing so means to live in truth, not in lies, mediocrity and superficiality.

God has created the human person gifted with freedom. One can choose to believe or not to believe in God, in Jesus. One can decide to live in truth or in falsehood, to do good or to do evil. But why would one choose something that one knows would lead to destruction?

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Let us pray, then, that we may realize the great love God has for us that he gave us his only Son so that we may not perish but may have eternal life.

Grace and Peace,
Father R C R A

Lenten Day of Grace & Reconciliation at St. Margaret's

Thu. March 14, 2024 12:30 – 5PM

Priests will be available after the noon Mass to hear individual confessions during this time.

Adult Faith Formation Series

St. Margaret's Parish Hall

Please bring a missal or a bible to follow along with the readings. A light lunch will be provided after each session—free-will offering gratefully accepted.

Celtic Spirituality

Sat. March 16 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Fr. Wayne Bolton covers monasteries, missionaries and the sacred spaces of the Emerald Isle.

Parish Hall Dishwasher

A dishwasher has been ordered for the Parish Hall kitchen. To help cover the cost of this purchase, each parish organization will be donating to the purchase price. Parishioners wishing to contribute can be drop off their donation at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket marked "Dishwasher".

Remember the Building Fund

In 2023, St. Margaret's Parish had several necessary repairs which depeleted the Building Fund. Please remember to give to St. Margaret's Building Fund to help cover future maintenance needs.

Sanctuary Lamp

March 10-16, 2024

This week the light burns for the intentions of

Dolores Maguire

Show your love through ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 17.

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate

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Stations of the Cross +

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on Friday, Feb. 16th.



Please remember the following people in your prayers; Marie Logan; Lisa Wright; Judy Martin; Mark Charlebois; Michael Pontze; Frank Whitkins; Dottie Whitkens; Bob Dorion; Carol Quesnelle; Barrett Smith; Alex Latondress; Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif; Lynda Stanek; Lloyd Leroux; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Brenda Bylow; Marshal Laurin; John Gunther; Marilyn Dalton

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends; Lisa Delvaille, Murray Tait, and Eleanor Reid

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