

Pastor: Father Roy Roberts Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D. Timothy Dunlop P.D.

#### **MASSES**

### Weekday Masses:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am

### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am

& 11:30 am

#### **Confession:**

Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 pm

### Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office for a registration form, or visit our website for more information.

### MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and Marriage Course usually required

## ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

### **FAITH COMMUNITY**

Parish Secretary Juanita Wootton-Radko

Choirs Saturday 5:00 pm Adele Heins Sunday 9:00 am Adele Heins Sunday 11:30 am Diana Swift

Pauline Brabant **Finance Council** 

Floral Decorations

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### **GROUPS**

Catholic Women's League Lu Robitaille 705-209-0854 **Knights of Columbus** John Sweeney 705-529-9332 St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, donations, all inquiries 705-526-7585

### ST. MARGARET'S CEMETERY

Lyndsey Laurin email: stmargaretsmicemetery@archtoronto.org 705-526-6313 ext. 4 Burials, Plots, Niches, Monuments, Cleanings and all other services

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Patricia Stenton 705-956-0632

> **Conrad Stenton** 705-529-1403 Katie Heffernan

Children's Liturgy heffernankt@gmail.com

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Confirmation

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

Cory & Rae-Anne Rousseau Paula Butineau

### **OTHER SERVICES**

Catholic Family Services 705-726-2503

Huronia Right-to-Life

(Michael Vanden Heuvel) 705-533-3028

### **SCHOOLS**

Monsignor Castex School 705-526-2831 Sacred Heart School 705-526-0107 St. Theresa's High School 705-526-1311



Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>
Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
9:00am Private Intentions

**Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**9:00am Private Intention

Wednesday, Oct. 1st
St. Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor Of the Church
9:00am Special Intention

Thursday, Oct. 2nd
The Holy Guardian Angels
Oct. 2nd
Property Dynn Brusky

9:00am + Ryan Prusky Requested by The DiTomaso Family

### The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>
St. Francis of Assisi
1:00pm – 1:30pm Blessing of Animals

5:00 pm Mass for the People

Sunday, Oct. 5th

9:00 am + Claude Moreau Requested by Lorraine Moreau & family

11:00 am + Ron & Rita Robitaille Requested by the family



**Sanctuary Lamp** 

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Claude Moreau.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### **Wavelengths**

Every year towards the end of September, our baseball team would wind up the season with a year-end corn roast. We had a built-in advantage because we had a wonderful spacious park in Holland Landing. It's considered an agricultural township, but other than shocking ourselves on the electric fences as a rite of passage and daring into the cow pasture to lick the big blue block of salt, most of our 'farming' experiences were tame and limited.

At one time or another, I am sure every guy ventured into the fields for some haying work. With a farming reputation, I must confess we were pretty urban other than the fact that cows, corn, horses and barns were just a bike ride away. But it was definitely a small town. We had two stores, a gas station and a barber shop, what more would one need? There were no stop lights and only the main street was paved.

We also had a fire station run by local volunteers. The rule was that when the siren sounded, the first one there got to drive the truck. The fire hall was just a few lots down from us and we noticed a trend: when my neighbour's truck came whipping around the corner, a few seconds later the alarm signalling "All hands, on deck!" would sound. That pick-up truck belonged to the fire chief. It was a curious thing that the button to sound the alarm was at his house. We eventually found out that his wife had been instructed to give him a running head start before pushing the button, allowing him to arrive at the station first, and thus drive the big rig! It was just one of the quirks of small-town life.

When that red truck raced out, there was a fire somewhere. The chief's son played on our team, and it became a kind of tradition that every year our team would get to ride on the fire truck in a sort of one vehicle parade that toured the town with the siren blaring, and the team holding on for dear life! I can't imagine such a practice being permitted in this day and age, but no one was harmed, and no incidents ever took place. (I can't even think of a near miss!)

So, as the trees begin to change colour, and corn fields look grown, my mind takes me back to the firetruck parade,

though being so much older (and of course wiser), I would never want to attempt such a feat now, fond memories and no broken bones are enough.



Welcome, Autumn.



### **Choir Practice Returns**

Choir Practice for the Saturday 5 PM choir with Adele Heins will start on Wednesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please arrive early so rehearsal begins on time.

### CWL Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser

Pre-order your fresh fruit pies after Mass on Saturday, October 4 or Sunday, October 5. Cost is \$5 per 6" pie and \$15 per 9" pie. Fully cooked pies will be ready for pickup after Mass on October 11 & 12. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please contact Lu Robitaille: 705-209-0854

### **Blessing of the Pets**

Saturday, October 4, 2025 In 2015 Pope Francis declared September as the official month to celebrate the Season of Creation, ending on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. His feast day has



traditionally been an occasion of blessing our pets as gifts from God. On Saturday October 4th, from 1 PM until 1:30, feel free to bring your Pets for a blessing at the front of the Church. No appointment needed.

### There's More to See Online!

Our bulletin is sized extra-large this week, so please visit <u>stmargaretsmi.archtoronto.org</u> ->BULLETINS to read additional material and get the rest of the scoop!

### **LIFE CHAIN 2025**

Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 3pm Life Chain is a pro-life protest against abortion. Meet in the Canadian Tire parking lot. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early to receive your sign and join in the opening prayer. For more information, call Mike at 705-533-3028.

# Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



St. Margaret's Parish Life Committee invites you to enjoy an evening of good food, good music and great company in the Parish Hall. Guests are encouraged to bring a favourite dish for sharing. A free-will offering is appreciated to offset the cost of entertainment. Call Sharron at the Parish Office: 705-526-6313 ext. 1 or Rosemary: 705-937-0076 to Reserve a Spot!

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### **2025 Christmas Assistance Applications** – Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

St. Margaret's St. Vincent de Paul Society will be providing Christmas support to those in need in our community.

**NEW:** Applications must be completed <u>in-person</u> at the Parish Hall (please use Church Lane entrance). Those in need are invited to apply starting Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm. The final application day is November 26<sup>th</sup>. A St. Vincent volunteer will be there to review the application and assist in completion. Please provide ID for <u>each</u> person named on the application. If you are aware of any individual who could use Christmas assistance, please direct them to apply <u>in-person</u>.

If you have any questions, please call 705-526-7585 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

### Please remember the following people in your prayers: Lee-

Anne Sanderson, Bruce Latanville, Donna Conlin, Leanne Sanderson, Maria Curvas, Antonio Guerra, Alba King, Rachel, Jenna Charlebois, David Boyce, Jenny Brock, Garry Edwards, Jose Mendoza, Lauraine Marshall, Barb Ledoucer, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenaude

Fall Cemetery Cleanup: Sat. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm Thank you to the parishioners who helped to keep our cemetery beautiful this year. It is time to prepare for fall and winter while the weather is still warm. Water is off as we determine the best course of action to repair it. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the annual fall cleanup on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 2 pm before the winter closing of the gates in November. We ask that you kindly remove all your summer decorations as they do not last through the winter months.

Our Cemetery Operations Manager Ms. Lyndsey Laurin would be happy to assist you with plot and monument purchases throughout the winter, before the 2026 rates come into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>

Thank you from St. Margaret's Cemetery.

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### Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Givings Report for Sunday, September 21, 2025

Offertory \$4078.40

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### New Beginnings – Online Bereavement Introductory Program

October 8, 2025 7:00 pm

Register at: https://nbb1025.eventbrite.ca

New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.

The Online Bereavement Introductory Program offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psychoeducation, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint, and time will be allocated for group discussion. We welcome people from all ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds.

### <u>CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD</u> <u>SHEPHERD (CGS)</u> AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

The catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions take place in the "Atrium", a room prepared especially for the faith formation of children and youth as well as adults. The Atrium is directed by certified catechists who volunteer their time in service to the families of St. Margaret's parish.

Children will meet according to their age group and level after school. Sessions will be 1 1/2 to 2 hours long depending on the level. (The schedule still needs to be finalized.)

All Group Sessions will begin by the end of September or early October. Children new to the Atrium and their caregivers are welcomed to visit before joining a group.

The cost for the year (end of September to end of May) is \$60 per child, \$100 for 2 children, \$140 for 3+ children. For more information please contact Patricia Stenton at 705 956-0632

Completed registration forms can be sent to patricia.stenton@gmail.com





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