



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Diocese of the Northeast, Anglican Church in America,
85 Pleasant Street, Conway, NH**

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ST. MARGARET'S TO HOLD TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS

St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church will hold the annual traditional blessing of animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday October 27th from 1PM to 3PM in front of the church in Conway. The blessing is open to all who want pets or other animals blessed in the traditional manner of the Christian Church, regardless of their denomination.

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) was an Italian Catholic friar and preacher. He founded the men's Franciscan Order, the women's Order of St. Clare, and the lay Third Order of Saint Francis and is one of the most venerated religious figures in history. In 1224, he received the stigmata making him the first person to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died in 1226 and on July 16, 1228, he was pronounced a saint by Pope Gregory IX. He is best known as the patron saint of animals, of the environment and one of the two patron saints of Italy along with Catherine of Siena. It is customary for Roman Catholic and Anglican parishes to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day.

St. Margaret of Scotland is a traditional Anglican parish community, part of the Anglican Church in America and worldwide Traditional Anglican Communion, which has members in 44 countries. The Church seeks to uphold the traditional catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship and Evangelical Witness in the Anglican tradition within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ. The Communion, one of the three branches of Catholic Christianity (along with the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches), holds Holy Scripture and the ancient Creeds of the Undivided Church as authentic and authoritative, and worships according to the traditional Liturgies of the Church.

St. Margaret of Scotland is located at 85 Pleasant St, Route 153, in Conway. Father Jeffrey Monroe is the Rector and the Rev. Mr. Harry Wellsman is the Deacon. For additional information please contact (603)447-2404. The parish worships Sundays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at noon in the Chapel.

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