

# *Saint Margaret Mary Parish*

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Evenings: 4:30 P.M.  
Sundays: 8:45 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM  
Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9:00 AM

## **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:45 - 4:15 PM

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**OFFICE HOURS** - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Monday—Friday

**Website:** [www.saintmmparish.org](http://www.saintmmparish.org)

**BAPTISMS:** Second Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M.  
Baptism instruction required. Please contact the rectory for baptismal form.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family.  
Please contact the office.

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**MARRIAGES:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance to allow for adequate preparation.

**“We strive to be a faith filled community living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition.  
We are committed to loving God through participation in the sacramental life of the Church.  
We pray and grow together supporting and caring for all.”**

## Mary, the Mother of God

Traditionally, the month of May is devoted to Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. Growing up, I remember that the month always began with a May procession, usually on the first weekend of the month with all of the first communion students invited back to wear the white outfits once again and march in procession with the priests and altar boys and those older students who had been chosen to take part in the procession. Oftentimes, various girls were chosen to represent virtues like purity, chastity, charity, hope, etc. (As an aside, if you really want to get my maternal aunts going, just ask them about all the times they represented the virtues and how it all played out in their later lives – “Can you imagine, I was purity!”) The procession would wind all around the church grounds with everyone singing Marian hymns, until at last we arrived at the statue and then the Blessed Mother would be crowned by a young girl – “Oh Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.”

Recently, I found myself interested in how the practice of devoting the month of May to Mary actually began. There is some speculation that particular days and practices in honor of Mary during the spring may have begun as a Christian counter response to some of the pagan festivals in honor of goddesses of fertility and fecundity. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. Already in Greek culture, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In Roman culture, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of bloom, of blossoms. The Romans celebrated *ludi florales* (literally: floral games) at the end of April, asking the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. These were joyfully festivals that were quite popular with the people. One can well understand why the Church would have sought to Christianize the feasts by connecting them with the Blessed Mother and away from a pagan goddess. Later on, we find the medieval practice of expelling winter with the day, May 1, considered the beginning of growth celebrated with its various “May Day” customs.

But these were episodic practices, not yet the full blown devotional practice of a whole month. Interestingly enough, this is a fairly recent development within the Church’s history. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the May devotion to Mary in its present form originated in Rome at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century,

fostered by a Jesuit priest named Latomia. He was a teacher at the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, who was concerned about the temptations that the Jesuit students faced in Rome and sought to counteract infidelity and immorality among them by promoting a month-long devotion to Mary. He did so, with great success. As the Jesuits are an international order, the Roman practice quickly spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite. This practice is the oldest instance of a devotion extending over an entire month.

This weekend, we have invited our first communicants and those young people who recently received the sacrament of Confirmation to join in our crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother after the 11:00 AM Mass. Although, our procession will be nothing as elaborate as those of the past, we will still take the time to honor Mary and recall all that she has opened for us by her “yes” to the message of the angel at the Annunciation. All throughout the month of May, we will end our general intercessions at Mass with the “Hail Mary” prayer as we join with her and all the saints in seeking God’s continuous outpouring of mercy and love upon us.

Throughout the world, there are many churches, cathedrals, and basilicas dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The more ancient ones often have beautiful mosaics behind the altar in the dome of the apse depicting Mary, the Queen of Heaven, seated on a throne just below and next to her Son, Jesus Christ. Almost always, her right hand is pointing away from her and towards her Son. Mary, as the one who bore the Word Incarnate in her womb, continues to direct us towards her Son. Recall her words from John’s gospel at the wedding feast at Canaan when she speaks to the servants about Jesus: “Do whatever he tells you.” It seems to me that these words speak to us as well. She tells us to follow her Son, to listen to Him, as He is the way, the truth, and the life. This month, yes, we honor Mary, but in honoring her, we honor her Son, Jesus Christ the source of all salvation. Mary points the way and we seek to follow. “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.”

Peace, Fr. Chris

## St. Margaret Mary Church

Westwood, MA

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	05/09	4:30 PM	For all Mothers
Sunday	05/10	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	05/10	11:00 AM	For all Mothers
Sunday	05/10	6:00 PM	For all Mothers
Monday	05/11	9:00 AM	Helen Jones
Tuesday	05/12	9:00 AM	Paul Donovan
Thursday	05/14	9:00 AM	Mass
Friday	05/15	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday	05/16	9:00 AM	Paul Keating & Kathleen Keating
Saturday	05/16	4:30 PM	Harrison & Dorothy Brown
Sunday	05/17	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	05/17	11:00 AM	Renee Weeks
Sunday	05/17	6:00 PM	Sheila Pappis

*Please remember in your prayers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knox and Louis Raffio, longtime parishioners who were buried this past week.*

### Ministers Schedule

<b>May 16</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Coyne
<b>Lector</b>	Richard Toland
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jess Keating, Chris Kremer, Jeannine Kremer
<b>Principals</b>	Fred Meagher, Nancy Meagher
<b>Handicap</b>	Patricia MacDonald, Louise Toland
<b>Altar Server</b>	Paul Sinno, Shawna Caldwell, Samantha Mulligan, Caroline Kremer

<b>May 17</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Coyne
<b>Lector</b>	Margaret Rustrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joseph Holderried, Lois Foscaldo, Ken Foscaldo
<b>Principals</b>	Mary Hayes, Craig Foscaldo
<b>Altar Server</b>	Jonathan Dullea, Allison Beattie, Kaitlin Plecinoga

<b>May 17</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Coyne
<b>Lector</b>	Terry Earls
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joseph Dowd, Lee Kouri, Mildred Reissfelder
<b>Principals</b>	Mary Sethna, Paula McCoy
<b>Handicap</b>	Bill Reissfelder, Steve Whelan
<b>Altar Server</b>	Reginald Sethna, Jascqueline Kouri, Matthew Trosset

<b>May 17</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Coyne
<b>Lector</b>	Maura Curran
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Karlene Duffy
<b>Principals</b>	David Zapcic, Silvana Castano
<b>Altar Server</b>	Cara Henderson, Keelin Henderson
<b>CLOW</b>	Kathy Ready Marney Barrett

**Offertory Collection** for the week of May 2/3, \$8911.

**The Second Collection** taken up at all the Masses next weekend is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of the donations to this collection remain in the diocese and will fund local communication projects such as televised Masses, diocesan newspapers (The Pilot) and web sites. The other half provides funds for national projects.

**2009 Catholic Appeal - Responding to God's Grace, Renewing Our Church** Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$46,839 from 179 households, reaching 50.1 percent of our parish goal of \$93,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

**Crowning of the Blessed Mother**—this Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass. Reception to follow in the lower Church. All are welcome.

**The Rosary** is said every morning after the 9:00 AM Mass. May is the month of Mary, please take time to make an extra visit to Mary and pray for her guidance.

**Eucharistic Ministers for Clark House** will meet on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office Conference Room.

**6:00 PM Mass** will end for the summer after Memorial Day Weekend (no 6:00 PM Mass for June, July and August).

### New Parish Registration Update

If you are just beginning to worship with us in St. Margaret Mary Parish, WELCOME! We invite you to register as a member of our parish. Kindly complete this information form and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Please introduce yourself when you have a chance.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Rosie's Place**—For May we need donations of perishable supplies and desserts.

If you could donate:

Bags of Salad,  
Hamburg  
Peppers and Onions  
Salad Dressing

If you can help with perishable supplies please contact Rich Wade at [wadehome@comcast.net](mailto:wadehome@comcast.net). Desserts can be prepared and dropped off in the church kitchen anytime before 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 20th.

We are also looking for 2 or 3 people to help with the cooking on May 19th from 5:45—7:30 PM. If you are interested in joining us, please email Rich.

**St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball Awards Night**—will be held on Sunday, May 31st from 7:00—9:00 PM in the lower Church. Most Valuable Player, Unsung Hero and Coach's awards will be presented to each team. Every player from each of the St. Margaret Mary teams will receive a gift from the program in recognition of their participation this season.

All players, families and friends of the program are invited. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this evening should contact Ken Foscaldo ([kenfoss@aol.com](mailto:kenfoss@aol.com)) or one of the coaches.

**Recipe Book**—The Partners in Prayer and Justice Committee is creating a small recipe book from the delicious dishes that were prepared for the recent Lenten meals. We plan to sell the recipe book as a modest fundraiser. If you contributed a soup, macaroni dish, or Irish Bread (or if you have an excellent recipe for one of the proceeding!) please send the recipe to Ginny Messmore at [photoginny55@yahoo.com](mailto:photoginny55@yahoo.com) or Mary Jo Hood at [maryjohood@comcast.net](mailto:maryjohood@comcast.net). If it is easier for you, send the recipe to Mary Jo at 108 Sexton Avenue, Westwood.

**Help Needed —Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** takes place at the 8:45 & 11:00 Masses on Sunday morning. Currently presidors are assigned once each month. We are preparing for the 2009-2010 school year and need your help. Training is provided for everyone. Adults who might be interested in presiding, reading the gospel and preparing a homily for children, please contact Fr. Coyne or Ken Foscaldo (781-326-6858 or [kenfoss@aol.com](mailto:kenfoss@aol.com)).

I will praise you, Lord in the assembly of  
your people  
(psalm 22)

May 9/10, 2009

### Music Ministry

**The Adult Choir** will continue to sing through the end of June at the 11:00 AM Mass. In the weeks to come, we will be presenting short excerpts from the Vivaldi Gloria. We will perform the entire work at a concert on May 17th at 3:00 PM **The Contemporary Ensemble** would like to welcome Loretta and Mike Baumann, two new members who performed with us for the first time last weekend. The Contemporary Ensemble performed for the Confirmation Mass.



### Final Concert

Just a reminder, our final concert in 2008-2009 Music from St. Margaret Mary Concert Series will be next Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 PM. It is free and open to the public, so bring some friends. The program includes among other pieces, a world premiere by Music Director Patrick Valentino and the Vivaldi Gloria with the Parish Choir and orchestra.

In anticipation of this event, we will be performing selected excerpts from the Gloria at some of the 11:00 AM Masses. The choir has been working all year on presenting this masterpiece, so we hope you will come to hear the whole piece on May 17th. Reception to follow.

### Banns of Marriage

**I—Steven R. Legare and Pamela A. Brown**

**Catholic TV** will broadcast coverage of Pope Benedict's visit to the Holy Land from May 8th to the 15th. The week long coverage will include the Pope's travels from his arrival in Jordan, Mass in Bethlehem, meetings with prime ministers and his departure to Rome. Coverage will begin each night at 8:00 PM Eastern and will rebroadcast the following day at noon. If you have any questions regarding the coverage contact Catholic TRV at 617-923-0220 or e-mail Chris Pham, Public Relations Coordinator at [epham@catholicstv.org](mailto:epham@catholicstv.org).

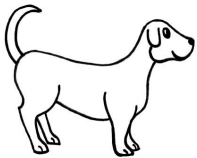


## Religious Education

### Faithful In Serving Him

Religious Ed. classes for this school year end today, May 10. (Yippee!) Have a fun and safe summer. Thanks and blessings to all our catechists and helpers. Stay tuned to this bulletin and our parish website for summer events and 2009-2010 calendar and class information.

**2009-2010 registration forms** will be mailed to all families currently enrolled in our program. Also, forms will be available inside the doors to the church.



**Depend**  
**On**  
**God**

**Please note...** Our Sunday morning Religious Education session for 2009-2010, will be open to students in Grade K-6 only. Due to the number of students wishing to participate in our Sunday morning Rel. Ed. Program, all Grade. 7& 8 students will meet on Monday evenings, every other week, 6:30-8 p.m.

**2009-2010 Sunday morning Rel Ed. classes** will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

**Congratulations** to all our First Communicants. Yesterday they received for the first time the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless them and keep them close to Him and may they be strengthened by His Awesome Gifts.

**Catechists manuals** should be dropped off in the lower church as soon as possible. We reuse these books because they are so costly. Thanks for everyone's cooperation.

## Youth Ministry

**All 2009 graduates** are invited to attend our annual Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 6. Please meet in the lower church in graduation gowns at 10:40 a.m.. You'll process into the 11 a.m. Mass, sit down from in reserved pews and Fr. Chris will offer a special blessing for you on your graduation. All public and private high school seniors are invited to attend. It's a great way to start the day for which you worked so hard.

*"O Lord my God... bestow upon me understanding to know You, zeal to seek You, wisdom to find You, a life that is pleasing to You, unshakable perseverance, and a hope that will one day take hold of You."* - Saint Thomas Aquinas

**LIFT** is an "uplifting" evening of prayer, adoration and community geared toward our teens. Try it once and you'll keep going. The next LIFT is Tuesday, June 9, 7-9 p.m. at Fontbonne Academy in Milton. Todd Lemieux, a youth minister, author, musician and national Catholic speaker is the special guest.

**Service hour logs** (Gr. 3 and up) are due by June 1st. Blank service logs can be found in the bin on the wall across from the kitchen in the lower church. Be sure to

complete the essay on the back of the form. Logs should NOT include chores and help given to our parents and grandparents; that's not service...it's being family! Parents should not be the ones signing the service opportunities.

Helping with Project Hope and Compassion 2008, Vacation Bible School 2008 and Camp Fatima 2008 count for all 2008-2009 service hours. Same deal this year...

### **Still need service hours?**

Students are needed to bake, set up, serve and clean up for:

**\*our reception for First Communicants and Confirmation** today, Sunday, May 10 after the 11 a.m. Mass, following the May Procession (12 noon - 1:15 p.m.)

and

**\*the reception following the Music Ministry's concert** here on Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m.

Baked goods for both events

can be left in the lower church that day or the day before.

**POWER**, our middle school YOUth group will meet Friday, June 5, 2009. Weather permitting, it will be an afternoon of outdoor games and snacks. Come and bring a friend or two!

**Vacation Bible School** will take place August 17-21. Middle & high schoolers and adults are needed to help. We'll need adults to help with daily lunch and the cookout on that Friday. Parents/adults should email Ms. Duffy. It's a great week of teaching our faith via music, skits, crafts, (water) games and more.

**Next Project Hope & Compassion meeting** will take place Sunday, May 17 @ 7 p.m. All perspective volunteers should attend. Worksheets handed out at the information meeting should be returned prior to this meeting.

**We need a few more (male) adults** to participate. Email Ms. Duffy if you are interested in participating but were not able to attend the last meeting. We have slots for 32 high schoolers and need 8 adults If you are over 25 and can give a week of service to our YOUth and the survivors of Hurricane Katrina, please email Ms. Duffy. No construction experience or super strength needed; just a faithfilled commitment to following Jesus' footsteps and (spiritually) mentoring our YOUth.

**Some important dates** for Project Hope & Compassion 2009 are Sunday, August 2 (crack of dawn we leave) through Saturday, August 8 (late afternoon/early evening we return). On Saturday, August 1, participants and their families will attend the 4:30 p.m. Mass where Fr. Chris will bless us and send us forth. Participants will need to attend a 3:30 meeting August 1. There will also be mandatory meetings scheduled between now and the date we leave.

Prayerful and financial contributions are needed and welcome. Please see Ms. Duffy.