

Saint Margaret Mary Parish

Church Address
845 High Street
Westwood, Ma 02090-0386

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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

TELEPHONE

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

Website: 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.”**

Repairs and Improvements

I'm sure you've noticed that we had to rope off most of the front steps of the church. Unfortunately, the steps have deteriorated so badly that they have become a safety hazard. Within just the past month, at least three people have tripped after catching their foot on the edge of one of the stones. Thank goodness, they were all caught before they went down hard but it is only a matter of time before someone really gets hurt in a fall. The steps have been breaking down for sometime but it seems to have really accelerated over the past winter. What has happened is that when water gets in between the mortar of the steps and freezes with the winter, it causes the mortar itself to fall out and the stones to settle and buckle. If you stand to the side of the steps and eyeball the line of the stairs themselves, you can see as well how the stairs are no longer straight. So the front steps have to be repaired sooner rather than later.

When I met with the parish finance committee (PFC) last month, we discussed some of the major property and building projects that we will have to undertake over the next few years – repainting the inside of the church, repointing the church façade, adding additional parking, etc. At that time, the members of the PFC felt that the most important things we needed to do were to repoint the front of the church and paint the inside. We currently have about \$230,000.00 in savings. In addition, we have more than \$25,000.00 in our checking accounts than we did at this time last year. The PFC felt it would be reasonable for us to use the money from our savings accounts to pay for the painting and repointing as long as we kept at least \$100,000.00 on hand. In this way, we wouldn't have to ask for any additional money from the parishioners. We have contracted with an architectural firm who is currently handling the bid packages for the painting and additional woodwork to cover the new wires in the upper church. We should know within the month how much this will cost us. We have also begun to accept bids for the repointing of the front of the church.

All this was before we realized we have to do something about the front steps. This past Monday night, I met with the PFC once again and we went outside so they could see the situation with the front steps. Because this is a safety issue, the

decision was made to move the repair of the steps ahead of all the other things we have to do. I have already begun the process of accepting bids from local contractors for the repair of the steps but still have no idea how much this is all going to cost. Basically, we'll just have to wait and see and then make a determination of what we can and cannot do.

We've already made a lot of improvements to the grounds and property over the past few years – new lights, carpeting, and sound system in the upper church, the finishing of the second floor of the parish office building for additional office space, and a new parking lot and sidewalks, to name the major projects. Most of this was paid for by generous donations from individual parishioners. As a matter of fact, much of the cost of the new awnings, fences, and flower beds that we have added over the past few months was paid for with a bequest from the estate of a long-time parishioner, Mary Ludovic. Please say a prayer for her. Hopefully, we will be able to cover the present necessary work with our existing funds. I thank you all once again for all that you do.

This Week's Pilgrimage

I'm going to be away this week through next weekend in Orlando Florida with my sister and five-year old niece, Molly, visiting the American holy shrines of Seaworld, Universal Studios, and Disneyland. Molly is really excited about all the time that she will be able to spend playing with Uncle Chris (Oh boy!). She says she can't wait to go on all the rides with me (can you say, 'dramamine'?). In the meantime, Fr. Raymond Van de Mortell will be covering for me at all the Masses and funerals. I'll send you all a postcard.

Neighbors in Need

Please remember that we have a "Neighbors in Need" program available to any parishioner or family to help pay for any bills or expenses that you can't meet at this time. If you or someone you know needs a hand, please let me or Dorothy Ruggiero know. We try and keep everything as confidential as possible for your privacy and help as best we can.

Peace, Fr. Chris

St. Margaret Mary Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| 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 |
| Monday | 05/18 | 9:00 AM | Dorothy Hilbrunner |
| Tuesday | 05/19 | 9:00 AM | The O'Connor Family |
| Thursday | 05/21 | 9:00 AM | Mass |
| Friday | 05/22 | 9:00 AM | Thomas Joyce |
| Saturday | 05/23 | 9:00 AM | Mass |
| Saturday | 05/23 | 4:30 PM | Mary Callahan |
| Sunday | 05/24 | 8:45 AM | For the Parish |
| Sunday | 05/24 | 11:00 AM | Jim McCoy |
| Sunday | 05/24 | 6:00 PM | Mass |

Please remember in your prayers, Randall Burr and Ann M. McSweeney who were buried from St. Margaret Mary Church this past week.

Ministers Schedule

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| May 23 | 4:30 PM |
| Celebrant | Father Raymond Van de Moortell |
| Lector | Kathleen McGill |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Bill Brooks, Marylee Hanley Robert Hanley |
| Principals | Meghan Harrington, Polly Coleman |
| Handicap | Joe Clancy, Joy Clancy |
| Altar Server | Matthew Dalton, Sarah Beggan Erin Fitzgerald, Tim Fitzgerald |

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| May 24 | 8:45 AM |
| Celebrant | Father Raymond Van de Moortell |
| Lector | Christine Grudinskas |
| Eucharistic Ministers | John Kiley, Lois Foscaldo Kenneth Foscaldo |
| Principals | Margaret and Raymundo Rustrian |
| Altar Server | Brendan Kiley, Matthew O'Connor Jonathan Dullea |

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| May 24 | 11:00 AM |
| Celebrant | Father Richard Rieman |
| Lector | Marney Barrett |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Joseph Holderried, Rory Laughna Gus Stickley |
| Principals | Carole Winslow, Lisa DeCamp |
| Handicap | Ellen Molloy, Mark Donovan |
| Altar Server | Graydon DeCamp, Kiernan Somers, Lucy Somers, Kaitlin Murphy |

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| May 24 | 6:00 PM |
| Celebrant | Father Raymond Van de Moortell |
| Lector | Maura Curran |
| Eucharistic Minister | Karlene Duffy, Colleen Lentz |
| Principals | Kathleen Elcock |
| Altar Server | Nick Giroux, Gabrielle Giroux |
| CLOW | Elaine Beattie Marcia Stankard |

Westwood, MA

Offertory Collection for the week of May 9/10, \$9741.

The Second Collection taken up at all the Masses this 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 \$49,354 from 194 households, reaching 52.8 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 or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

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.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord—a Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday, May 21st, Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 4:30 PM. Thursday, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Partners in Prayer and Justice—will meet on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office Conference Room.

6:00 PM Mass will end for the summer next 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Each year we are required to give 6% of our yearly collection to support Catholic Schools. As we are in the Norwood-Westwood Cluster, we send all our money to St. Catherine's School in Norwood. I have received the following note from Monsignor McRae:

Dear Chris,

What a blessing and boost it was to receive the great gift to our school, your check for \$24,590.00 from the people of St. Margaret Mary Parish. I am proud of the good things that your support encourages in our school. I am also proud and grateful for the connection between our parishes.

I look forward to thanking you personally and ask you to express my thanks to your parishioners.

Peace,
Connie

Crossroads Family Shelter—On behalf of the Crossroads Family Shelter thank you for your generous donation.

Father Tom Durant

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. 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) or one of the coaches.

May 16/17, 2009

Music Ministry



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The Adult Choir will continue to sing through the end of June at the 11:00 AM Mass. We will perform the Vivaldi Gloria at a concert on May 17th at 3:00 PM.

Final Concert

Just a reminder, our final concert in 2008-2009 Music from St. Margaret Mary Concert Series will be this 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. Reception to follow in the lower Church.

ARISE Together in Christ—The first meeting of the Arise Parish Team will take place on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. *Arise Together in Christ* is a parish centered process of spiritual renewal. Please keep the parish team in your prayers as they begin the initial steps to organize this process which will go into effect in September 2009. Please continue to watch the bulletin for updates.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power
(psalm 98).

Banns of Marriage

II—Steven R. Legare and Pamela A. Brown

Ministers Schedule The Ascension of the Lord

Wednesday—May 20—4:30 PM

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| Celebrant | Father Lewis |
| Lector | Christine Grudinskas |
| Eucharistic Minister | Joy Clancy, Joe Clancy |
| Principal | Karlene Duffy |
| Altar Server | Matthew Dalton |

Thursday—May 21—9:00 AM

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| Celebrant | Father Rieman |
| Lector | Unfilled |
| Eucharistic Minister | Joseph Holderried |
| Principal | Mildred Reissfelder, Ann Joyce |

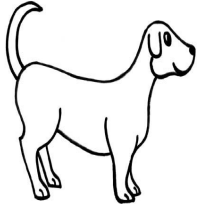
Thursday—May 21—7:00 PM

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| Celebrant | Father Van de Moortel |
| Lector | Margaret Rustrian |
| Eucharistic Minister | Unfilled |
| Principal | Patricia MacDonald, Raymundo Rustrian |
| Altar Server | Unfilled |

Religious Education

Faithful In Serving Him

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.

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

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 this 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.