

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

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

PRAYER LINE: stmmprayers@yahoo.com

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.”**

Concerning Prayer

Last week's Sunday New York Times magazine contained an article entitled, "The Right Way to Pray?" [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/20/magazine/20Prayer-t.html?_r=1] The author, Zeb Chafets, describes himself in this way: "I am and always have been a 'Sam Cooke' agnostic: "I don't know what's up there beyond the sky." And I have never been able to pray and mean it." From this rather skeptical starting point, he proceeds to travel among various mainline religions, meeting with rabbis, priests, ministers, spiritual directors, and believers, trying to come to some understanding of why and how one prays. In the end, he answers the question posed in the title by saying if he were to pray, it would be, at least for himself, like that of the Christian teenagers he met, "straight-up Gimme! on behalf of people who really need the help."

This article has prompted me to offer a series of bulletin columns over the next few weeks on the topic of 'prayer.' I think most of us who are serious Christians would like to become more 'prayerful' whatever that may mean - time? attitude? habit? – but struggle with the 'how' of prayer.

I would like to contemplate the teaching of Jesus on pray, the traditions of Christian prayer, and purpose of Christian prayer. I would also like to invite any of you via email to send me your own thoughts on prayer so that I may share them with the community. Towards this end, I thought you might find of interest some of the comments that Chafets' article provoked in the comment blog attached to the article:

* Praying reminds me of a poem by Rudyard Kipling. It goes like this.

Adam was the first gardener and the God who made him sees that half a gardener's work is done upon his knees. So when your work is finished you can wash your hands and pray for the glory of your garden that it may not pass away.

The point being that you pray whenever the opportunity presents itself.

*At the time of the beginning of war in Croatia I was agnostic: As a scientist I relied on knowledge and human rights, strongly on the West, especially United States. Yet they didn't take action to prevent war.

Faced with giving up peace making or ask for help from God, I surrendered to Christ, and begged for peace, for giving me strength to help people. I received help from "Wounded Christ," preventing genocide, helping refugees, entering prisoners of war, working with good people, to initiate and face „Challenge of Goodness.“ God is reality of my everyday life.

* Prayer is not something that you get an education in. Whenever you pray it can be as simple as "hey, God I need you today." This isn't a math class where you have a formula of how to pray since it is personal meaning between you and God.

* *Vocate atque non vocate deus aderit*: "invoked or not invoked the god is present."

* I like it best when God starts the conversation, not me, so I like to read scripture first. And then I like to just listen. I'll know when it's my turn and what the conversation is about soon enough. It's good to stay on speaking terms with God. Helps minimize awkwardness when a mess arises.

* Prayer can be many things: meditation, thanksgiving, supplication, wrestling with God, doubt, anger, submission, loud, quiet, testing God's existence, right way, wrong way, etc. But there is one thing I know for sure, God loves to hear from us. Pray away, right way or not. As we pray, there is a good chance we will sense His nearness, and even hear Him talking back to us.

*The idea of a single, "correct" way to pray is absurd. Prayer is what happens when we take the time to separate from our day to day lives and consciously recognize that there is something greater than ourselves - whether it's for reasons of "Wow," "Oops," "Thanks," or "Please" (which I prefer to "gimme").

*"Be Still and Know That I Am" - works for me.

* Prayer is talking. Meditation is listening. These are just a few of the more positive comments on the blog. You can well imagine negative ones from atheists and agnostics (aside: why are their comments always so nasty and condescending?). Anyway, more to follow, next week. Fr. Coyne

St. Margaret Mary Church

Masses for the Week

Saturday	09/26	4:30 PM	Robert S. Casto
Sunday	09/27	8:45 AM	For The Parish
Sunday	09/27	11:00 AM	Joanne Fitzpatrick
Sunday	09/27	6:00 PM	Mass
Monday	09/28	9:00 AM	McKay Family
Tuesday	09/29	9:00 AM	Robert & Barbara O'Connell
Thursday	10/01	9:00 AM	Mass
Friday	10/02	9:00 AM	Jack Hayes
Saturday	10/03	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday	10/03	4:30 PM	Bernhard Kohler
Sunday	10/04	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	10/04	11:00 AM	Mass
Sunday,	10/04	6:00 PM	Mass

Ministers Schedule

October 3	4:30 PM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Charles Spiegel
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Joyce, Patricia MacDonald, Polly Coleman
Principals	Karen Mason, Robert Naughton
Handicap	Bob Hanley, Marylee Hanley
Altar Server	Shawna Caldwell, Matthew Dalton, Tim Fitzgerald, Erin Fitzgerald
October 4	8:45 AM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Christine Grudinkas
Eucharistic Ministers	Ken Foscaldo, Lois Foscaldo, John Kiley
Principals	Tom Daly, Craig Foscaldo
Altar Server	Brendan Kiley, Matthew O'Connor Michael Moran
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October 4	11:00 AM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Jan Lent
Eucharistic Ministers	Joseph Holderried, Lee Kouri, John Barrett
Principals	Rory Laughna, Carole Winslow
Handicap	Mary Sethna, Reginald Sethna
Altar Server	Reginald Sethna, Peter Nangeroni, Jacqueline Kouri
October 4	6:00 PM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Maura Curran
Eucharistic Minister	David Zapcic, Karlene Duffy
Principal	Kathleen Elcock, Colleen Lentz
Altar Server	Lucy Somers, Kiernan Somers

Westwood, MA

Offertory Collections for the week of September 19/20 \$8536

ARISE PRAYER COMMITMENT

The ARISE Together in Christ team have organized the participants of the program in to small faith-sharing groups. As of the week of October 5th the groups will begin to meet once a week for a period of 6 weeks. For different reasons not all members of the parish are not able to take part in the program. However, the ARISE PRAYER COMMITMENT is an opportunity for all parishioners to be part of this ongoing spiritual renewal of the parish by participating through prayer. The ARISE prayer card has been inserted into the back cover of the missalettes and will be said after Mass for the 6 week period. You will also find it in the bulletin so that you may pray daily at home.

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart
(psalm 19)



New Parishioners—Please welcome to the parish:
Robert and Alexandra Trudo, and their children Cristina and Dante
Jack and Frances Phillips, and their children William, Jane and Annie
William and Katherine McCue and their children Courtney and Michael

New Parish Registration

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 _____

Twenty–Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gracious God and Father
we enter into your presence
realizing you know us
better than we know ourselves
You know the cares and sufferings
we carry in our hearts.
You call us to holiness
and we trust you to lead us together on our journey
to be a renewed Church, for with you all things are
possible.
create us anew
in Jesus Christ your Son.
liberate us
from all that keeps us from you.
Heal us
from every form of sin and violence.
Transform us
to live your Word more profoundly.
Awaken us to the sacred;
rebuild trust among us.
Enliven our parishes;
reunite our families.
May your Holy Spirit empower us
to live as a community of love,
freed to share in your work
of recreating our world
and restoring justice.
We believe you are
doing something new,
calling us to arise together in Christ
to celebrate the fullness of life.

Amen.

(RENEW INTERNATIONAL)

OPEN HOUSE

Fontbonne Academy—Fall Open House on Sunday,
October 4th at 1:00 PM. Contact Susan Morrissey,
Director of Admission with any questions at 617-615-
3014 or smorrissey@fontbonneacademy.org

Catholic Memorial School—Boys, Grade 7-12.
Admissions Open House on Sunday, October 18th from
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Contact John Mazza, Director of
Admission at 617-469-8019 or
www.catholicmemorial.org.

September 26/27, 2009

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers—the
new schedule for November and December will be
published the end of October. Please contact Donna
Burman at donna.burman@gmail.com or 781-762-4654
with your preference and availability by October 12th.
The schedule is for the weekend of November 1st
through February 28th. Please let Donna know if you are
available for the following dates:

Thanksgiving — **11/26/09** 8:30 AM Mass
Feast of the Immaculate Conception — **12/7/09** 4:30 PM
12/8/09 9:00 AM
Christmas Eve—**12/24/09** 4:00 PM (2 masses up and
downstairs) and 7:30 PM
Christmas Day—**12/25/09** 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—**12/31/09** 4:30 PM
01/01/10 9:00 AM
Ash Wednesday—**2/17/10** 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Music Notes



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Music Ministry Looking for New Members!

Are you looking for a creative way to be more active in
our Parish Community? Come sing or play with one of
our vibrant Music Ensembles!

Singers over 18 with some singing experience are
welcome to join the Parish Choir, which sings at the
11:00 AM Mass and rehearses on Thursday at 7:30 PM.
The Parish Choir sings each week for Holy Days and at a
grand choral concert in May.

The Contemporary Ensemble is a diverse group of voices
and instruments which performs at the 6:00 PM Mass.
Anyone interested in singing or with experience playing
an instrument is welcome. We are currently looking for
guitar, piano, woodwinds and high voices. Rehearsals are
Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

All children are welcome to sing with the Children's
Chorus, a group of energetic youngsters who sing about
once a month at the 8:45 AM Mass and for Holy Days.
This year, the Children's Chorus will be in the choral
concert in May as well. Rehearsals are on Wednesday at
6:00 PM.

Contact Patrick with any questions about these exciting
ensembles and thanks to our new members!

Concert Series

Posters advertising our new season of concerts will be
posted very shortly; the first event will be Silent Movie
Night in mid-October. Keep watching the bulletin boards
and this column for the full schedule.

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

D.O.G.

Depend On God

2009/2010 Class Schedule:

Grades K - 6 meet this week.

Yes, we **do** have classes this Sunday and Monday.

Catechists are still needed for the Tuesday and Thursday sessions as well as for Grade 7. If you are interested in teaching, please contact this office. High school students are invited to help.

Grade 7 sessions 2009-2010: October 5 & 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 7 & 21, Jan. 11, Feb. 1 & 22, March 8 & 22
April 5

Grade 8 sessions 2009-2010: October 19, Nov. 2 & 16, Dec. 14, Jan. 4 & 25, Feb. 8, March 1, 15 & 29, April 12

Confirmation Preparation:

A parent/ guardian of students in Year 1 & 2 Confirmation Preparation will be expected to be present at one entire class each year. Sign up for parents were done at the parent/candidate meeting last week.

Attendance for every class is mandatory and attendance for the WHOLE class is required.

Students entering Year 2 Confirmation Preparation must make up **all** missed sessions by joining the Year 1 session for the topic they missed. Candidates for Confirmation 2010 will not be confirmed without having made up missed sessions.

Students attending Catholic high schools students begin their Confirmation Prep. in Grade 10. Catholic HS students hoping to be confirmed in Spring 2010 (and having been in our program last year) will begin classes in Feb. 2010.

Year 1 (Gr. 9):

4-8 p.m. in the lower church (Mass & dinner included)

October 4	God the Father
November 1	God the Son
December 6	God the Holy Spirit
January 3	Prayer and Spirituality
February 7	Scripture
March 7	The Church
April 11	The Mass
May 2	Reconciliation

Year 2 (Gr. 10):

4-8 p.m. in the lower church (Mass & dinner included)

October 25	Catholic Church Teaching (Part 1)
November 22	Catholic Church Teaching (Part 2)
January 24	Catholic Morality and The Call to Holiness
February 28	Initiation and The Rite of Confirmation
March 28	Bearing Witness to Christ: Mary & the Saints

Please note:

1. All 2008-2009 service logs **were due** June 1. Completing service hours and handing in a service log are requirements of our Religious Education and Confirmation Preparation Programs.

2 Students entering our Religious Education program must provide a copy of his/her baptism certificate at the time of Registration to be enrolled in our program.

3. Students wishing to participate in our Confirmation Prep. Program must have completed **8** years of Rel. Ed. and provide a letter from that Rel. Ed. program verifying this.

If you "took a year off" you must make up/complete the year missed.

Students new to our Rel. Ed. Program and those not enrolled in our program last year (excluding Kindergarten and first grade students) must provide a letter from the pastor and/or DRE at the parish where you attended Religious Education stating that you did attend Religious Education classes.

4. Students wishing to enroll in our First Communion Program 2010 (Grade Two) must have completed at least one year of Religious Education.

5. Students in Gr. 7-10 have a "no absence" policy. Students must make up all missed sessions/classes.

Important dates:

1st Penance retreat: Dec. 6; 12 noon- 1p.m.

First Penance 2009: Friday, Dec. 11 @ 7 p.m.

Confirmation retreats: March 26 & April 9; 5-10 p.m.

Confirmation rehearsal: Sunday, April 25 @ 6 p.m.

****Confirmation 2010:** Saturday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

1st Communion retreat: Sunday, May 2; 12:30 p.m.

****First Communion 2010:** Saturday, May 8; 10 & 1

May Procession, reception for Confirmandi & 1st Communicants: May 9 after 11 a.m. Mass

Confirmed high schoolers wishing to serve as Eucharistic Ministers are asked to contact Ms. Duffy.

Confirmation Prep students and confirmed high schoolers wishing to be trained as lectors are asked to contact Ms. Duffy

POWER is our middle school ministry open to all in Grades 6, 7, and 8. We meet monthly on the First Friday of each month in the lower church right after school until 4:30 p.m. These gatherings are social and service oriented. Our first gathering for this school year will be October 2. See you there!

Hey, Middle Schoolers! This ONE's for YOU!!

**The New England Middle School Rally
will be held**

**Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
at Xaverian Brothers H.S.**

All students in Grades 6,7&8 are welcome!

There'll be hundreds of other middle schoolers from around The Archdiocese, carnival games, music (Righteous B, Ike Ndolo), food and more including a visit by Cardinal Seán, National guest speaker Lisa Epperson, and Mass. Get ALL your service hours done and have a great time!!! The cost is \$25 per student. I pray I'll see you there!