

# *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

## **TELEPHONE**

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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.

**PRAYER LINE:** [stmmprayers@yahoo.com](mailto:stmmprayers@yahoo.com)

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

**PASTOR**-Rev. Christopher J. Coyne  
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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.”**

## Homework

My six year old niece came home from kindergarten the other day with homework. Nothing too strenuous, just a “shapes and colors” exercise. It didn’t take her very long to do and she was soon able to turn her attention to more important things like using her Uncle Chris as her personal exercise apparatus. At one point, when I had her all wrapped up in my arms I said, “So, how often do you have homework?” “Every Monday and Wednesday,” she replied. “Wow,” I started to think, “homework in kindergarten.” I mean, Molly is still at the age where before she heads out anywhere you have to make sure the buttons are lined up correctly on the coat, everything that needs to be zipped up is zipped, and she is wearing socks that are the same color. I suppose her school is trying early on to get the children used to the idea of homework and to involve the parents in the classroom work but I still can’t get my head around the idea of homework in kindergarten. Aside from a project or two that we had to do at home, I don’t remember getting homework in school until I was in middle school. Maybe we did, I just don’t remember it.

A few weeks ago, one of the students in my sixth grade religion class came in carrying a knapsack that would have brought a Klondike mule to its knees. She was so bowed down with this bag she looked like a slave extra from the “Ten Commandments” movie. “What are you going to do with all those rocks?” I said to her. “What rocks?” “The ones in your knapsack,” I replied. She gave me that sixth-grade girl look, you know the one where she thinks you’re a complete moron and said, “Hello, they’re my homework.” “What, are you studying to be a librarian and you have to catalogue a bunch of books or something?” I asked. “No,” she said, “It’s just my homework.” I turned to one of the other students who was bag-less and said, “What? No homework?” He told me that he had left his knapsack in his mom’s car. Further conversation with the kids revealed that they all had a bag full of books waiting for them when they got home about an hour and a half to two hours of work. As it turns out, we were doing the chapter on Exodus and the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt that day so I got to have a little fun with the image of backpacks, slave baskets and burdens. The kids just kept rolling their eyes and telling me they got it. Later on I

started thinking once again about how my experience of school and school work was so different from theirs. There is a lot more pressure on children today than there was when I was growing up. It’s not just the obvious increase in homework but other things as well: peer pressure and bullying, the internet, sports leagues and travel teams, the increase in divorce and single parent households, parents who work longer and longer hours and are absent from home more and more, and many other factors all place a lot of stress on our kids. All this makes it that much harder for parents to nurture and raise their children to be happy, healthy and successful adults. Yet, many still do and doing it well.

Now, I’m not about to stick my nose into an issue like “how much homework is too much?” I’ll leave that to others elsewhere. But I would offer that there is another type of homework that may help our children and families not only cope with the stresses of the day but also grow in their love for each other and for God. This ‘home-work’ we call prayer. In my religion class, we always begin with prayer. Not only does it kind of calm and center the class, but it also offers an opportunity for the kids to meditate a bit on what’s going on in their lives. After we pray the “Our Father” together, I always ask, “Does anyone have someone or something they want us to pray for?” Sometimes the responses are a bit silly - “for tomorrow’s test, for my goldfish who died” - but often, the prayers are heartfelt - “for the kid in our school who has cancer, for my grandpa who’s sick, for the soldiers in Iraq.” You get the idea. We end with a prayer that recalls God’s love and care for us all, asking Him to grant all this through Christ our Lord. I’m sure there are many families in our parish who pray together around the dining room table (that is when you can find the time to sit down together as a family to eat) and pray with their children when they tuck them in at night (although this gets a bit difficult as the kids get older). But, as in all things of God, there is always an opportunity to do more. Maybe when we say grace at meals, we might simply ask, “anyone else we should pray for or any special prayer of thanks today?” and pause for a few moments of silence or petition or voice a simple reminder to our older children, “Don’t forget to say your prayers” as they go to bed. This little bit of “home-work” may not get rid of life’s pressures, but it sure makes them easier to bear. Fr. Chris

## St. Margaret Mary Church

### Masses for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/14</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	William Reissfelder
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/15</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	For the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/15</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Frank Rizzo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/15</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Paul Leonard
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Deborah Kerrigan
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Victoria Egovia Sy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/21</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/21</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	Anna & Fred Leonard
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/22</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	For the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/22</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Joseph & Gladys McCleary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/22</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Florence Fox

### Hymns for the Weekend of November 14/15

Gathering: #549 Glory and Praise to our God  
Responsorial Psalm Ps16 #751 The Path of Life  
Preparation: #438 We Will Rise Again  
Communion: #621 Stand by Me  
Meditation: #514 Center of Life  
Closing: #28 Now Thank We All

#### The hymns for the 6:00 p.m. Mass:

Gathering #14 Gather the People  
Psalm: Ps16 The Path of Life  
Preparation: #51 Prayer of St. Francis  
Communion: #79 Through the Eyes  
Meditation #77 There is a Well  
Closing #50 Peace I Leave

**Concert Series:** Thanks to all who came out to hear the Stratus Ensemble this past Sunday—they presented a great program and we hope to have them back next season. Please keep watching the bulletin for the date of our next event. Anne Marie David's CD launch concert coming this winter!

### Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11- 16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

## Westwood, MA

**Offertory Collection for the week of  
November 7/8 \$8788  
Second Collection (CCHD) \$2464.**

**Grand Annual**—received to date \$25,690. If you have not received the mailing, envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

**Bereavement Support Group** will meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 10:00 a.m.

**Westwood Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** will take place here at St. Margaret Mary Church on Sunday, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Christopher Dodge, Pastor of First Parish Church of Westwood will deliver the sermon for this service. Please come to enjoy an inspiring evening of interfaith, worship, choral music and fellowship. The entire interfaith community is welcome and refreshments will be served following the service.

**Thanksgiving Day Celebration**—Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.

**Pietà**—Pietà a bereavement support group for parents who have suffered the loss of a child of any age will be holding their 26th Annual Lighting Service on Sunday, November 29th at 1:00 p.m. here at St. Margaret Mary Church. Parents who have lost a child come together in prayer, song and support as we light a candle in memory of each child. Everyone is welcome. For further information call Barbara Waters 508-384-6663 or Jo Collari at 508-668-3105.

**New Parishioners**—Please welcome to the parish Stephen and Mary Ellen LaRose and their son William.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thirty –third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Timothy Parish Employment Watch Ministry**—is pleased to offer an interactive presentation for anyone in a job search. “Standing out from the crowd-what employers are really looking for...really”. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 18th from 7:00—8:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Parish Ruocco Center, 650 Nichols Street, Norwood. Mr. Ed Spadoni, a VP of Operations and General Manager with 30 years experience as a hiring manager will be presenting. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required by calling 781-762-2522, providing your name, phone number and position being sought.

**Women Affirming Life** cordially invites you to an Advent Mass and Breakfast Forum with Seán Cardinal O’Malley, OFM Cap. Celebrant and Homilist, Saturday, December 5th at the Four Points by Sheraton, Norwood, 1125 Boston-Providence Highway (Route 1), Norwood. Concluding Prayer Service will be conducted by our Pastor, Father Coyne. Cost before November 18th \$25/\$15 for students. After November 18th all tickets are \$30. No tickets will be sold at the door. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call Mary Hood at 781-329-0943 or email [ProLifeOffice@rcab.org](mailto:ProLifeOffice@rcab.org).

**Advent Penance Service**—for the cluster will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood.

**The Catholic Alumni Club (CAC)** is a social and religious for single Catholics over 45 years of age. We sponsor various group events in the Boston area. Friday, November 20th from 6:00—9:00 p.m. there is a hospitality party for potential new members at the Westin Hotel in Waltham. The CAC will supply hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Tom Litrenta at 781-665-5920 or [t\\_litrenta@yahoo.com](mailto:t_litrenta@yahoo.com).

Help support our concert season by placing an ad in our programs in memory of a deceased loved one or to honor someone special.

Lines are \$10 each. Make checks payable to St. Margaret Mary Parish.

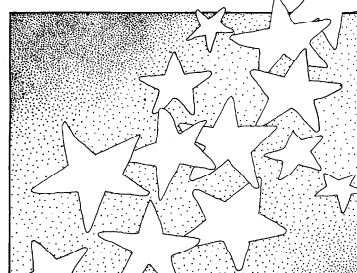
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

November 14/15, 2009

**Rosie’s Place**—The November meal for Rosie’s Place will be prepared this Tuesday, November 17th and served at Rosie’s on Wednesday, November 18th. We need volunteers to deliver and serve the meal this month. Donations of elbow macaroni and pasta sauce can be dropped off in the basket by the kitchen marked “Rosie’s Place” at any time. Dessert items for this month’s meal can be dropped off in the kitchen anytime on Tuesday, November 17th or by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18th. If you are able to donate perishable supplies needed to prepare the meal, such as hamburger meat or salad ingredients, or can volunteer this month or in a future month, please contact Lori Adjami at [Adjami@comcast.net](mailto:Adjami@comcast.net) or at 781-255-0337.

*The just shall shine  
like the stars*



### Ministers Schedule

<b>November 21</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Coyne
<b>Lector</b>	Kathleen McGill
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Marylee Hanley
<b>Principals</b>	Ann Joyce, Patricia MacDonald
<b>Handicap</b>	Robert Hanley
<b>Altar Server</b>	Samantha Mulligan, Paul Sinno Jonathan Dullea
<b>November 22</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Coyne
<b>Lector</b>	Robert Reissfelder
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joseph Holderried
<b>Principals</b>	Chris Kremer, Jeannine Kremer
<b>Altar Server</b>	Lauren Reissfelder Brian Reissfelder, Caroline Kremer Marney Barrett, Bill McDonough
<b>CLOW</b>	
<b>November 22</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Coyne
<b>Lector</b>	Fred Meagher
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pamela Adams
<b>Principals</b>	Carole Winslow, Joseph Dowd
<b>Handicap</b>	Ellen Molloy
<b>Altar Server</b>	Olivia Powers, Kaitlin Murphy
<b>November 22</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Father Coyne
<b>Lector</b>	Karlene Duffy
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Colleen Lentz, Cara Henderson
<b>Principal</b>	David Zapcic
<b>Altar Server</b>	Gabrielle Giroux, Nick Giroux

## Religious Education

### Depend On God

**Grades K through 6 & 8 meet this week.**

**Heads up!** Our Sunday morning and Conf. Prep. Year II students have class Sunday, Nov. 22. No classes will be held Monday through Sunday (Nov. 23-29). No classes Nov. 30; classes take place Dec. 1 & 3.

**Gr. 7 sessions 2009-2010 (6:30-8 p.m.):** Nov. 9, Dec. 7 & 21, Jan. 11, Feb. 1 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 5

**Gr. 8 sessions 2009-2010 (6:30-8 p.m.):** Nov. 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 are asked to be present at one entire class each year. 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 Feb. of Grade10.

**I'm missing** several baptism certificates as well as service logs from our 2nd Year Confirmation candidates... Parents, make sure your child's paperwork is in order. At the next class I'll be reminding the candidates who are missing baptism certificates, service logs, or have classes to make up of the requirements they are missing.

#### **Year 1 (Gr. 9):**

*4-8 p.m. in the lower church (Mass & dinner included)*  
October 4 God the Father                      February 7 Scripture  
November 1 God the Son                      March 7 The Church  
December 6 God the Holy Spirit              April 11 The Mass  
January 3 Prayer & Spirituality              May 2 Reconciliation

#### **Year 2 (Gr. 10):**

*4-8 p.m. in the lower church (Mass & dinner included)*  
Oct. 25 Catholic Church Teaching (Part 1)  
Nov. 22 Catholic Church Teaching (Part 2)  
Jan. 24 Catholic Morality & The Call to Holiness  
Feb. 28 Initiation and The Rite of Confirmation  
March 28 Bearing Witness to Christ: Mary & the Saints

#### **Important dates:**

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

\*Students must attend and be accompanied by a parent/grandparent or godparent. The retreat lasts about an hour.

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

\*\*First Penitents will each be asked to choose an adult "penance partner" (a parent, grandparent or godparent) to receive the wonderful Sacrament of Forgiveness them.

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

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

**Confirmation 2010:** Saturday, May1 at 6:00 p.m.

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

\*Students must attend and be accompanied by a parent/

grandparent or godparent. The retreat lasts about an hour.

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

**May Procession & reception for Confirmandi & First**

**Communicants:** May 9 after the 11 a.m. Mass

## YOUth Ministry

**Our 3rd Annual Parents' Night Out** will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, 5:30 -9:30 p.m. We'll provide dinner, games, movies, Christmas crafts, nail polishing and more. Donations will go toward Project Hope & Compassion 2010. Adults, middle & high school students interested in helping and parents interested in having their young ones participate can complete and return registration forms found at the doors of the church and in the lower church.

**\*A Project Hope & Compassion 2010 meeting** will take place November 15 @ 7 p.m. in the lower church. All perspective 2010 participants and a parent/guardian should attend. Participants need to come to the meetings to be part of Project Hope & Compassion 2010. We'll discuss costs, fundraising and set some meeting dates.

\*A gathering of Confirmed High Schoolers. Food, faith and whatever YOU need/want.

\*An "up all night" fast in 2010 for middle and high schoolers complete with prayer, service & social and ending with Mass and a meal!

\* World YOUth Day in Madrid, yes, Spain!! in the summer of 2011. I'll be getting more details in Nov. and let you know ASAP. World YOUth Day is a pilgrimage for Catholic high schoolers from around the world. It was started more than 25 years ago by Pope John Paul II and each WYD gathers around one million young (and young at heart) Catholics. Did I mention the Pope will be there, too? Just for YOU!!!

**Too much of a good thing??** We're collecting leftover Halloween candy. It can be left in the lower church near the large wooden cross and will be brought to a Boston shelter for birthday parties for its temporary residents. **Did you know that there are approximately 450,000 veterans living in Massachusetts? Did you know that around 7,000 veterans in Massachusetts are homeless?** When's the last time you said thanks to a vet? Wrote a card to a vet? Donated time to a vet? Gave a new pair of white socks to a vet? A home-made card can brighten a vet's day. A new pair of white socks is a warm and heartwarming way to show you care; especially those who are homeless. So make some cards, gather new pairs of white socks or email the NE Shelter for Homeless Veterans to help. Donations and cards can be left in the lower church (look for our "peace table") and patriotic paper can be found in the lower church, too.

**Oops, I did it, again!** I was remiss in not mentioning a lovely young lady who worked so hard to make Holy-ween successful. She is kind and generous and full of the (Holy) Spirit! Mary Kate Comer, thank you!