

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.”**

Christmas Overload

It started back around Columbus Day. I went into the Home Depot in Portland, Maine to buy some materials for a repair project I was taking care of on the family cottage. As I entered the door and walked by the nice greeter, I saw it, just off to the right, where I could have sworn there had been a huge display of outdoor grills just the week before – Christmas trees, Christmas decorations, Christmas greens, inflated Santas, Frostys, Rudophs, and mangers, candles, sleighs, and angels. I almost turned around and walked right back out. I mean, the foliage hadn't even finished turning! We hadn't even celebrated Halloween, never mind Thanksgiving! We hadn't had a first frost! We're not talking the "Christmas Tree Shop" here. We're talking the Home Depot. At least the greeter didn't wish me a politically correct "Happy Holidays!" (By the way, how come when we celebrate Halloween, we don't say "Happy Holiday?" Do we say "Happy Holiday" when we celebrate the 4th of July? I know it's all about P.C. stuff but can't we be adult enough to politely acknowledge religious diversity among us and leave it at that?)

Now it's not just stores like the Home Depot that keep pushing the Christmas calendar earlier and earlier. Do you remember when your mailbox didn't get filled with Christmas catalogues until at least the middle of the fall. Now, we get them before Labor Day. I subscribe to XM Radio on my truck radio mainly because I like the all "Bruce Springsteen all the time" station. However there are times when I listen to other channels like "contemporary" or "sounds of the 70s." The problem is that these channels started playing "holiday carols" just after Halloween. (By the way, I just got my first "Happy Holidays" card from a local business, not "Merry Christmas" mind you even though it was sent to Fr. Coyne at St. Margaret Mary Parish. This was obviously a sincerely intended greeting card.)

Okay, maybe it's just me. Maybe I'm just being a bit cranky here and need to lighten' up a bit. Maybe I've seen too much of Andy Rooney on "Sixty Minutes" and have now reached the 'curmudgeon' stage of my life. Maybe I have turned into a pre-heart transplant Grinch Nah! There is way too much Christmas, oops, excuse me, "holidays" way too soon! We no longer celebrate the twelve

days of Christmas, but something like the 72 days of Christmas with additional verses, "On the 53th day of Christmas my true love gave to me, 53 ipods playing" Sadly, by the time we get to Christmas Day itself, we are really at a point that is beyond celebrating – been there, done that.

So what do we do about this? Consider if you will the paradox that really exists here. We live in a society that is more and more opposed to the idea of a revealed religion like Christianity, that deems religion to be a private matter that should not infringe on public policy, that sees diversity and tolerance of all opinions and beliefs as holding equal value and merit, that no longer holds to moral or ethical certainties, that says one's behavior and choices are a private and personal matter, save that no one else is being hurt by your choice, and that no one has the right to tell you how to believe or not believe. Given this, how does one interpret the promotion of the celebration of a religious holiday by retailers and manufacturers as anything other than just business. When it comes to Christmas, companies do not do what they do because they want to promote Christianity or Christmas but because they want to promote Christmas shopping and buying. So when it comes to any annoyance about how Christmas seems to come earlier and earlier each year, I think I need to rely on some of my sister's favorite sayings - "It is what it is. Nothing I can do about it. Let it go."

Since all this is out of my control, I have decided to start wearing spiritual blinders. Wherever I go before at least Thanksgiving, if it has anything to do with Christmas, I'm ignoring it. If I get any Christmas cards, they go unopened in a pile for at least a few weeks. If I get a fruitcake in the mail, I won't re-gift it until at least mid-December. I will absolutely boycott any radio station that is now in the "Christmas all the time" mode, except if they play Bruce's version of "Santa Claus is coming to town" every fifth song. I will tivo "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" for later and when someone wishes me "Happy Holidays" I'll say, "Yes, it is a fine day, isn't it." But, most especially, I plan on keeping the holy season of Advent in all its fullness and glory in my prayer, my celebration of the Mass, and in the rhythms of my daily life. That after all is the best cure for "early Christmas-itis."

Fr. Chris

St. Margaret Mary Church

Masses for the Week

Saturday	11/28	4:30 PM	Julie Kwasniak
Sunday	11/29	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	11/29	11:00 AM	Louis & Doris Qualtieri
Sunday	11/29	6:00 PM	Mass
Monday	11/30	9:00 AM	Helen Jones
Tuesday	12/01	9:00 AM	Margaret & Philip McArdle
Thursday	12/03	9:00 AM	Mass
Friday	12/04	9:00 AM	Frank Walsh
Saturday	12/05	9:00 AM	Faustina Iarrobino
Saturday	12/05	4:30 PM	Robert & Anne Mealey
Sunday	12/06	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	12/06	11:00 AM	Margaret & Philip McArdle
Sunday	12/06	6:00 PM	Mass.

Prayers are requested for Anna Mancinelli who was buried from St. Margaret Mary Church this past week.

Hymns for the Weekend of November 28/29

Gathering: #48 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Preparation: #727 Come Now Almighty King

Communion: #546 Christ Be Our Light

Meditation: #37 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Closing: #49 O Come Divine Messiah

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

Gathering #8 Come Lord Maranatha

Psalm: Ps80 Vineyard of the Lord

Preparation: #1 A Voice Cries Out

Communion: #7 Bread of Life

Meditation #48 Open My Eyes

Closing #40 Let the Valleys be Raised

Concert News—Save the date!!!

The next concert on our season's program, featuring local vocalist and composer Anne Marie David, has been scheduled for Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 p.m. Come for a free show of uplifting music from Ann Marie's new CD release and join us for cookies afterward. A heartwarming holiday event.

Boston Archdiocesan Choir School—The Boston Boy Choir will perform its 47th Annual Christmas Concert a Festival of Carols on December 13th and 20th at 3:00 p.m. in St. Paul Church, corner of Bow and Arrow St., Cambridge. There will be selected carols for audience participation, choir, organ and handbells. For more information call 617-868-8658.

Baptism—Please welcome to our Christian Community, Lucas John Ramsdell, son of Joshua and Leah.

Westwood, MA

Offertory Collection for the week of November 21/22 \$7814.

Grand Annual—received to date \$46,075. If you have not received the mailing, envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Wreath—is a gift from the Qualtieri Family in memory of their parents Louis and Doris Qualtieri

Partners in Prayer and Justice Group will meet on Monday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Advent Bible Retreat will be held here at St. Margaret Mary Church on Tuesday, December 1st—3rd in the Church Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with David Thorpe.

First Friday Devotion—this Friday, December 4th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:30 a.m.

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.

A Note of Thanks—A sincere THANKYOU to each one of you who prayed for the Arise Small Christian Communities over the past six weeks. Your prayers were greatly appreciated. A special word of gratitude goes also to the Arise Team members, the leaders and to those who so graciously hosted the groups in their homes.

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 _____

First Sunday of Advent

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 this 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.

Giving Tree—Each family to receive a gift has a designated color ornament. This ornament should be securely attached to the outside of the gift to eliminate problems when the presents are distributed to the families at the Mission Grammar School in Roxbury. All gifts must be returned by **noon on Sunday, December 20th**. As a parish we are privileged to help those in need. This year we have increased the number of families and gifts placed on our Giving Tree. We also have a list of supplies requested by Mission School. Many inner city schools do not have the funds to purchase these supplies. There are baskets placed around the Giving Tree, if you would like to purchase any of these items just drop them off in the baskets.

Items Requested: crayons, elmers glue, dry eraser markers, colored markers, pencils, small paint boxes, and reams of white copy paper.

CYO Basketball—Father Chris has invited all the coaches, players and families to Mass on Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. to begin our season. Players should wear their uniform shirts (no uniform shorts) to Mass. Please “save the date” on your calendars. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Mass.

Christmas Flowers—If you are interested in contributing to the altar decorations, please complete the form found in the bulletin or use the envelopes that are at the doors of the Church and return to the Parish Office.

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.

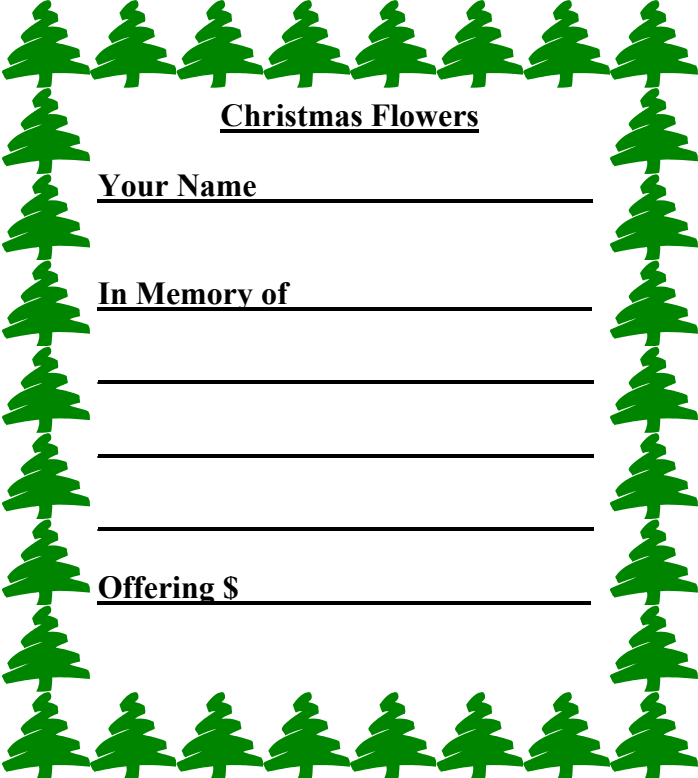
FOR: _____

FROM: _____

November 28/29, 2009

Ministers Schedule

December 5	4:30 PM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Charles Spiegel
Eucharistic Ministers	William Reissfelder
Principals	Jeannine Kremer, Chris Kremer
Handicap	Peter Meade
Altar Server	Joseph Reissfelder, John Reissfelder
December 6	8:45 AM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Kathleen McGill
Eucharistic Ministers	John Kiley
Principals	Millie Reissfelder, Isabel Brodsky
Altar Server	Brendan Kiley, Matthew O'Connor
CLOW	Caroline Kremer Marcia Stankard—Sue Foscaldo
December 6	11:00 AM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Jan Lent
Eucharistic Ministers	Erica Nangeroni
Principals	Carole Winslow, Rory Laughna
Handicap	Mark Donovan
Altar Server	Peter Nangeroni, Grace Stillwell, Kaitlin Murphy
December 6	6:00 PM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Ashley Riordan
Eucharistic Minister	Joseph Holderried
Principal	Karlene Duffy, Colleen Lentz
Altar Server	Brian Foley



Christmas Flowers

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

Offering \$ _____

Religious Education

Depend On God

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.): Dec. 7 & 21, Jan. 11, Feb. 1 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 5

Gr. 8 sessions 2009-2010 (6:30-8 p.m.): 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 Prep. 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 Grade 10.

I'm missing several baptism certificates as well as service logs from our 2nd Year Confirmation candidates... Parents, please make sure your son/daughters paperwork is in order. At the next class I'll be reminding the candidates who's missing baptism certificates, service logs, and who has 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, May 1 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.

Changes ahead for Project Hope & Compassion.

First major change, to participate in Project Hope & Compassion 2010, participants must attend monthly meetings in the lower church, 2nd Sunday of each month after the 6 p.m. Mass. (Meetings last about 45 minutes.) All participants must be part of these initial meetings (whether you have or have participated before). Parents/guardians are invited to attend. Also, Mr. David Zapic will be doing most of the administrative work and Ms. Pam Adams will handle the financial aspects. A non refundable \$100 deposit for each participant will be due by January 3. The approximate cost of this Catholic service mission is \$825.

Also, all monies will be due by June 1. Airfare will be booked no later than this and only for those whose payments have been received.

We've already held one fundraiser: Holyween and the next is Parents Night Out, December 5, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Flyers to participate and volunteer are available in the lower church across from the kitchen. We'll also be selling "reusable Christmas shopping bags" after Masses in December. Project Hope & Compassion participants are asked to sign up to sell these holiday bags after a Mass (or two). More fundraising ideas? See Ms. Duffy. 'Tis a worthy cause; living the Beatitudes.

All Night Ski Trip The Archdiocese of Boston's Office for the New Evangelization of YOUth (a mouthful!) will be holding it's 2nd annual All Night Ski Trip for Middle and High Schoolers Friday, February 5, 11 p.m. - 6 a.m. at Wachusett Mountain. The cost of the trip (excluding transportation) is \$65 and includes skiing, games, breakfast, Mass and more! Rentals and lesson are available for \$10 each. I'm game if any of you are! And we will need one or two other adults. So, come on, let's hit the bunny hill together!

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!!!