

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

Office 781-326-1071
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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.”**

Of Images and Imagination

I remember a “Peanuts” cartoon from a long time ago in which Charlie Brown, Linus, and Schroeder are lying on the side of a hill looking up into the sky at clouds. It went something like this. Linus starts off by saying, “Those clouds over there look just like John-Trumbull’s painting of the *Declaration of Independence 1776* with Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, and Madison all front and center.” Schroeder says, “I can see the notes of the 2nd movement of Beethoven’s *Eroica* in those clouds over there. Pause. Then Linus asks, “What do you see, Charlie Brown?” “Well,” Charlie Brown replies, “I was going to say I saw a cloud that looked like butterfly over there but it seems somewhat insignificant now.” With a little imagination and time, one can often see many things in the natural patterns of the world around us: clouds that look like animals or plants or people or even ‘historic’ paintings, patterns in the sand on a beach that look like particular countries or rivers or images, the whorls on wood or lumber that resemble something else. With all the millions and patterns around us, it’s no wonder that every once in a while something that occurs naturally by chance is going to look like something else.

A few years ago when I was the spokesperson for the Archdiocese of Boston, a story broke in the media concerning the appearance of an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary on a window at Milton Hospital. At some point, someone had looked up at a third floor window on the side of the hospital and seen the image. They mentioned it to someone else who mentioned it to someone else and eventually it became a news story. Suddenly, hundreds of people were flocking to look at the window, a makeshift shrine was set up at the base of the wall, people were praying the rosary and everyone had an opinion on what the image was or wasn’t. Archbishop Sean wisely directed me to say that we had no comment on the image or say in the matter. Eventually, though, we were asked for some help and guidance from the hospital administration as to what to do. So early one morning before anyone else was there, myself and a few other ‘experts’ drove over to Milton Hospital

meet with a representative of the hospital and see the window. We all agreed that the image really did look like a somewhat out of focus image of the Blessed Mother, which one we weren’t sure. It was kind of a cross between Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Guadalupe but it was fairly distinct whatever. I asked the hospital representative if anyone had looked at the window from the inside or outside to see what may be going on. He said that it was pretty clear that a crack had developed at the top of the window frame and that moisture on the surrounding cement sill had percolated between the double panes and then condensed with some sediment from the cement. He pointed out a few other windows on the building where the same had happened, although none looked like the BVM or anything else. So, clearly there was a natural explanation for what had happened – a leak in the window frame that by happenstance formed the image, nothing miraculous. At the end of the day, the image of Mary on the hospital window was not a miracle, just an incident of nature. Today, the window is still there with the image of Mary visited by a few now and then and considered more a curiosity than anything else.

Recently there were a number of news stories about a woman in Methuen who saw an image of Jesus on the scorched bottom of her iron. If you look at pictures of the iron, it kind of looks like Jesus, but if you want to push it, it kind of looks like other things as well. Like gazing at clouds, it’s all in the eye of the beholder. The woman who owns the iron seems to have things in good perspective. She showed it to others because she thought they “might want to see an image that surprised and cheered her.” She makes no miraculous claims, has no intention of putting it on display and doesn’t plan on selling it on Ebay. The image made her smile. I can remember standing in the parking lot at Milton Hospital and looking at the image of Mary in the window and smiling too at nature and God’s whimsy. God has given us the gift of human imagination which allows us to perceive his hand in many things, both by happenstance and by human design. It is also allows us to be surprised and even cheered when we find those images in the strangest of places and things.

Fr. Chris.

St. Margaret Mary Church

Masses for the Week

Saturday	12/05	4:30 PM	Robert & Anne Mealey
Sunday	12/06	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	12/06	11:00 AM	Ralph Bogue
Sunday	12/06	6:00 PM	James Maloney
Monday	12/07	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday	12/08	9:00 AM	Joseph DiIanni
Thursday	12/10	9:00 AM	Mass
Friday	12/11	9:00 AM	Joseph M. Lydon
Saturday	12/12	9:00 AM	Mary Connolly
Saturday	12/12	4:30 PM	Leroy LeBert
Sunday	12/13	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	12/13	11:00 AM	Ralph W. Capuzzo
Sunday	12/13	6:00 PM	Mercedes Monge

Prayers are requested for A..Francis Hilbrunner who was buried from St. Margaret Mary Church this past week.

Hymns for the Weekend of December 5/6

Gathering: #30 People Look East
Responsorial Psalm: #821 Ps 122 Let Us Go Rejoicing
Preparation: #26 A Voice Cries Out
Communion: #21 On Jordan's Banks
Meditation: Is Your Heart Prepared for a King
Closing: #54 Every Valley
The hymns for the 6:00 p.m. Mass:
Gathering #8 Come Lord Maranatha
Psalm: Ps85 Show Us Your Kindness
Preparation: #1 A Voice Cries Out
Communion: #9 Come to the Feast
Meditation #48 Open My Eyes
Closing #54 Ready the Way

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Gathering #715 Sing of Mary
Responsorial Psalm: Ps98 #807 All The Ends
Preparation: #714 Gentle Women
Communion: #39 The Angel Gabriel
Meditation: Ave Maria
Closing: #138 Immaculate Mary

Rosie's Place—We will be preparing and serving on Tuesday, December 15th and Wednesday, December 16th. Pasta Sauce and Elbow Macaroni are needed and can be placed in the basket labeled "Rosie's Place" outside of the church kitchen at anytime. Desserts are needed and can be left on Tuesday, December 15th or Wednesday, December 16th by 3:00 p.m. If you would like to contribute salad supplies or hamburger meat for the December meal or would like to volunteer to cook or serve for December or future months, please contact Lori Adjami at Adjami@comcast.net or 781-255-0337.

Westwood, MA

Offertory Collection for the week of November 28/29 \$7787.

Grand Annual—received to date \$52,897.49. If you have not received the mailing, envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Collection—The upcoming Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We encourage you to please give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serving God and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Magnificat Advent Prayer Companion Books were given in memory of the deceased members of the Smith and Hiatt Families. Please remember them in your prayers.

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

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.

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 _____

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8th Holyday Schedule

St. Margaret Mary Church
12/8 @ 9:00 a.m.

St. Timothy Church, Norwood
12/8 @ 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

St. Catherine Church, Norwood
12/7 @ 5:15 p.m.
12/8 @ 6:45 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

St. Denis Church, Westwood
12/8 @ 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

We are unable to offer the regular 4:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, December 7th here at St. Margaret Mary as Religious Education class are meeting from 4:00—5:00 p.m. and it would just be too chaotic.

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.

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.

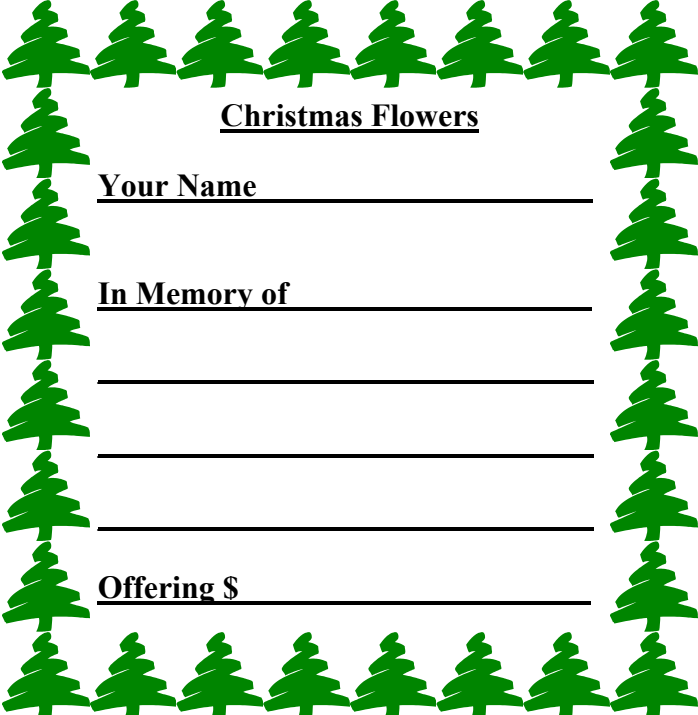
FOR: _____

FROM: _____

December 5/6, 2009

Ministers Schedule

December 8	9:00 AM
Lector	Fred Meagher
Eucharistic Minister	Richard Toland
Principal	Nancy Meagher, Mil Reissfelder
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December 12	4:30 PM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Richard Toland
Eucharistic Ministers	Joseph Holderried
Principals	Denise Raftery, Polly Coleman
Handicap	Louise Toland
Altar Server	Matthew Dalton, Tim Fitzgerald, Erin Fitzgerald
December 13	8:45 AM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Marney Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	Isabel Brodsky
Principals	Karen Mason, Robert Naughton
Altar Server	Erica Wilson, Samantha Mulligan
CLOW	Catherine Marvel—Sue Foscaldo
December 13	11:00 AM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Terry Earls
Eucharistic Ministers	William Reissfelder
Principals	Steve Whelan, Dylan Walsh
Handicap	Taylor Peck
Altar Server	John Reissfelder, Cyrus Sethna Joseph Reissfelder
December 13	6:00 PM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Maura Curran
Eucharistic Minister	Colleen Lentz, Silvana Castano
Principal	David Zapcic
Altar Server	Matthew McMahon



Christmas Flowers

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

Offering \$ _____

Religious Education

Depend On God

Grades K -7 & 1st Year Confirmation Prep.
classes meet this week.

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

2nd Year Confirmation Prep. students were reminded who's missed a class, baptism certificate and service logs. Parents, students will not be confirmed without having made up all classes and handing in required paperwork. The clock's ticking...

Students attending Catholic high schools students begin their Confirmation Prep. in Feb. of Grade 10.

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

Today, Sunday, December 6 @ 12 noon, is the

***1st Penance retreat** in the lower church. All students must attend and be accompanied by a parent/grandparent or godparent. If you still have not handed in a copy of your child's baptism certificate, you need do so before Each 2nd Grader has been asked to pick a "penance prayer partner". For those who may forget, here's the (latest) Act of Contrition and a gentle reminder that Confessions are heard in our Church on Saturdays from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Act of Contrition My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ Suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Important dates:

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

****Each First Penitent and his/her (adult) "penance partner"** should be in the main church. no later than 6:40 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.

*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

(More) Service Opportunities: Middle and high school students are needed to help at the First Penance Retreat today as well as at First Penance Friday night. Please see or email Ms. Duffy if you can help. Heads up, we'll need help, too, at the First Communion Retreat and at the 2 sessions for First Communion. We'll also need 1st Year Confirmation Prep. students and parents to help at the Confirmation rehearsal dinner and to set up for the 2 Confirmation retreats.

YOUTH Ministry

Our next Project Hope & Compassion 2010 meet-

ing is Sunday, December 13 in the lower church after the 6 p.m. Mass. Note the changes ahead for Project Hope & Compassion 201. They include required attendance at monthly meetings by all participants (2nd Sunday of each month after the 6 p.m. Mass; parents/guardians are invited to attend). Also, Mr. "super organized" David Zapicic will be doing most of the administrative work and Ms. "money guru" 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. Total fees will be due by June 1. Airfare will be booked no later than this date (so we all get on the same flight!) and only for those whose payments have been received. We've already held two fundraisers: Holyween and Parents Night Out. Thanks to all who helped and supported us with these two events. 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.

All Night Ski Trip The Archdiocese of Boston's Office for the New Evangelization of YOUTH will be holding it's 2nd annual All Night Ski Trip for Middle and High Schoolers Friday, Feb. 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. And we will need one or two other adults. So, come on, let's hit the bunny hill together!

"the Eucharist is the fullest expression of thanksgiving. At every holy Mass, we bless the Lord... and present to Him the bread and the wine, fruits "which earth has given and human hands have made". Christ bound to these simple foods the sacrificial offering of Himself. United with Him, believers too are called to offer to God their lives and their daily work"(Pope John Paul II, 11/14/07). Thank you to all who do so by teaching, helping and supporting the faith education of our children and teens. God bless!