

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.”**

On being a “good” Catholic

Now that the primary election for nominees to replace Senator Kennedy is over, I feel I can offer my ‘two cents’ on the matter of what it means to be a “good” Catholic.

During the past senatorial primary campaign, one of the candidates said that he considered himself to be a “good” Catholic when asked to comment on the role of religion in his life. He said that while he offered due “deference” to what his bishop had to say on matters of faith and morals, he reserved the right to make his own choices on what he felt was right or wrong especially when it came to matters of public policy. In one newspaper article, it was stated that the candidate disagreed with the Church’s stand on abortion, same-sex marriage, women’s ordination, and married clergy, among many things. In light of this, I think it is also fair to say that the candidate disagrees with the teaching authority of the pope, bishops, and his local bishop (but at least he ‘defers’ to them, whatever that means.) But he still sees himself as a “good” Catholic.

Now, I know that there are many of us who live and worship in the Catholic Church who struggle with some of the Church’s teachings. It may be around the issues of woman’s ordination or married clergy or the church’s teaching on homosexuality - any number of issues. The reasons for this may often be very personal – a woman who feels she has a vocation, or parents who have a gay son or daughter, or someone who is gay him or herself, for example. The fact that one struggles to understand and live the fullness of the Church’s teaching does not make one a ‘good’ or a ‘bad’ Catholic. It means that one is human. As such, we live in imperfection, trying to live the Catholic faith as best we can, in our own situation and circumstances. The fact that we often struggle with the Church’s teaching does not make that teaching any less true. It just points to the reality of how difficult it is to live the fullness of Christian Catholic faith.

That is why I think it is safe to say that the Church is made up of both sinners and saints with most of us falling somewhere in the middle. The vast majority of us are not yet saintly, not yet perfect, not yet completely “good.” But we are trying to be “good.” To be a Catholic means that we have freely taken on the call to try and live the Church’s teaching in its fullness even when we may find it difficult to do so. Sometimes we succeed, sometimes we fail. It’s not

easy. Yet when faced with this very reality, we need to be reminded of God’s love, mercy and patience for each of us. The sacraments that Christ gave to us are concrete signs of that love. When we fail and sin, we can know God’s actual true forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. When we come to Mass, we can receive the true body and blood of Christ, our food for the journey. At our best and at our worst, we are still members of the Body of Christ.

If you were asked tomorrow if you consider yourself to be a “good” Catholic, I think most of us would say, “I hope so” or “well, I try” and leave it at that. If we were asked to make that judgment on someone else – “Is ‘so and so’ a good Catholic?” – I think most of us would say, “Oh that’s not for me to judge” and leave it at that. So, here’s where I have a problem with Catholic politicians who identify themselves as “good” Catholics even while they not only hold public positions that are contrary to the teaching of the Church but also actively promote policies contrary to the teaching of their faith. I don’t think they call themselves “good” Catholics because they see themselves as “good.” If one would not normally identify oneself as a “good” Catholic, why do it within the political arena? It could be because some have said they are “bad” Catholics but I also think they do so in order to say that there is nothing wrong with what they are doing. Because they believe their personal opinions and choices are right, they are fine within their Catholic faith because they are only following their conscience, doing what they believe is right. Yet, it is not. The Church’s teaching is clear, especially when it comes to abortion, and it is not a matter of personal opinion. While one is free to dissent from that teaching, one is not free to simply ignore the meaning and import of that dissent when one does so publically.

I am not of the opinion that Catholic politicians who publically dissent from the Church’s teaching on matters of faith and morals should be thrown out of the church’s communion. I agree with Cardinal O’Malley when he says the communion line is not a place to decide who does and who does not receive communion. But that does not mean that the actions of dissenting Catholic politicians are to go unchallenged. In as much as they have made it a public matter, the Church has the right and the duty to respond. I would hope that we would never do so by saying that “such and such is a bad Catholic.” Still, I think it would be right to say that what they doing is not for the “good.”

St. Margaret Mary Church

Masses for the Week

Saturday	12/12	4:30 PM	Leroy LeBert
Sunday	12/13	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	12/13	11:00 AM	Ralph Capuzzo
Sunday	12/13	6:00 PM	Mercedes Monge
Monday	12/14	9:00 AM	Mary P. Petreyko
Tuesday	12/15	9:00 AM	Mass
Thursday	12/17	9:00 AM	Frances M. Meagher
Friday	12/18	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday	12/19	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday	12/19	4:30 PM	Mary & Patrick Fennessy
Sunday	12/20	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	12/20	11:00 AM	Lucy Brennan
Sunday	12/20	6:00 PM	Mary Flynn

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

Hymns for the Weekend of December 12/13

Gathering: #57 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Responsorial Psalm: #832 We Shall Draw Water

Preparation: #44 Ready the Way

Communion: #641 Canticle of Zachary

Meditation: #81 Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming

Closing: #19 O Come Emmanuel vs 1-3

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

Gathering #8 Come Lord Maranatha, week 3

Psalm: Magnificat

Preparation: #37 Isaiah 61

Communion: #28 Holy is Your Name

Meditation #84 With All I Am

Closing #73 The King Shall Come

Concert Coming!

This Sunday, December 13th we will host local vocalist and composer Anne Marie David with an ensemble of guest musicians playing music from her newly-released CD of inspirational music, Turning Home. Concert is at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free followed by a light reception.

Christmas Music Updates:

The Parish Choir will be singing festive holiday tunes at Dedham Savings Banks, (main branch) Elm St., Dedham on Tuesday, December 15th from 3:00—4:00 p.m. All are welcome to stop in and sing along.

The Kid's Chorus will be singing a prelude program for the downstairs 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve as well as helping with the music throughout Mass. Everyone is welcome to listen or sing along with these well known Christmas Carols.

The Parish Choir will be offering their annual prelude concert at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. If you are planning on attending the 7:30 p.m. Mass, come early to hear the beautiful Christmas music.

Westwood, MA

Offertory Collection for the week of December 5/6 \$8481.

Grand Annual—received to date \$57,227.49. 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.

Rosie's Place—We will be preparing and serving this 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass Main and Lower Church

7:00 PM Choral Prelude Concert

7:30 PM Mass

Christmas Day

8:45 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

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 _____

Third Sunday of Advent

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.

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.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



Catholic TV—Christmas Programming

It's that time of year again! CatholicTV will intersperse Advent and Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December and especially from Monday, December 21 until New Year's Eve. Then all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, CatholicTV will become ChristmasTV for 72 hours of non-stop specials. You can always watch all the fine Catholic TV programming live and on-demand at our easy to navigate website: www.CatholicTV.com. Join Father Reed, Jay Fadden and the whole Catholic TV staff for the best in Christmas programming.

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 12/13, 2009

Ministers Schedule

December 19	4:30 PM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Catherine Stickley
Eucharistic Ministers	Meghan Harrington
Principals	Gus Stickley, Peter Meade
Handicap	Bill Brooks
Altar Server	Matthew Dalton
December 20	8:45 AM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Robert Reissfelder
Eucharistic Ministers	Joseph Holderried
Principals	Tom Daly, Craig Foscaldo
Altar Server	Lauren and Brian Reissfelder
CLOW	John Kiley—Karen Gerrior-Mariani
December 20	11:00 AM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Jan Lent
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Delaney-Lendrum
Principals	Lee Kouri, Ellen Molloy
Handicap	Dylan Walsh
Altar Server	Jacqueline Kouri, Kaitlin Murphy
December 20	6:00 PM
Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Karlene Duffy
Eucharistic Minister	Cara Henderson, Colleen Lentz
Principal	Rory Laughna
Altar Server	Nick and Gabrielle Giroux

Christmas Flowers

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

Offering \$ _____

Religious Education

Depend On God

Grades K -6 & 8 meet this week.

Classes end for CHRISTmas break on Monday,
Dec. 21 and resume Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010.

Gr. 7 sessions 2009-2010 (6:30-8 p.m.): Dec. 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. I'm still looking for baptism certificates, service logs and classes to be made up...The clock's ticking...

Students attending Catholic high schools students begin their Confirmation Prep. in Feb. of Grade10.

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:

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 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 meeting is tonight, 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 Zapcic 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: Holy-ween 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!

Relay for Life of Greater Norwood is Friday, June 18 - Saturday, June 19 at Turco Field, Walpole High School; that's about 188 days from now. Why is this important? Because, at the request of POWER, our middle school YOUth group, we're signed up to have a team. It is a lot of work and many hours but what a great gift to see our middle schoolers so enthused about helping others and so willing to give so much. Stay tuned to more info on how you can help in the fight against cancer.

Act F.A.S.T. (Fasting and Serving Together) The USCCB has designated January as "**Poverty Awareness in America**" month. Over 39.8 million people in American live below the poverty line. *Between 2000 and 2008 the number of poor Americans grew by more than 9 million; The number of people living in extreme poverty, that is those with incomes below half the poverty line, rose to over 17 million and there were over half a million more children in poverty in 2008 than 2007 (that's one in six children). Throughout January our parishioners will be learning about poverty as well as how to make a difference in the lives of the poor.*

F.A.S.T. is an "overnight" event including fasting, service, learning, playing and resting. It will take place in the lower church Saturday, Jan. 9 (beginning with the 4:30 p.m. Mass and ending Sunday morning, Jan. 10. While POWER, our middle school YOUth group has come up with this great idea, it is open to all students Grades 7 and up. Interested in *understanding* better what it's like to be hungry, come, F.A.S.T. with us. Adults are needed and welcome. Contact Ms. Duffy if interested.