

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.”**

Praying with Icons

You may have noticed some recent additions to the walls of our church over the past few weeks. Continuing the effort to enhance our worship space, I recently purchased a number of icons to hang on the walls of the church. The design and color scheme of these icons add beauty to the interior of our church while surrounding us with the images of the saints. Facing the altar, the icons to the left are of the twelve apostles in alphabetical order with the four Gospel writers or “Evangelists” on the back wall. The icons to the right are a mixture of saints of the Americas such as St. Martine de Porres and St. Katherine Drexel, modern saints like St. Padre Pio and Maximilian Kolbe, women doctors of the Church such as St. Catherine of Siena and Therese of Lisieux, and traditional saints such as St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Anthony of Padua.

In adorning our worship space with these images of the saints we are reminded that the celebration of the liturgy is not just an earthly event but also a heavenly reality. In the liturgy, especially the Mass, we join with all of the angels and saints as they offer the song of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father through the great high priest, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The tradition of creating icons was established within Eastern Rite and Orthodox Christianity. Early in the Church’s history these communities encountered a Greek culture that both glorified the human person and worshipped pagan gods through the creation of three dimensional statuary. This ran counter to Christianity which sought to distance itself from paganism and any sort of “craven images. The icon became the means by which these Greek Christians could create beautiful images of Jesus and the saints while avoiding idolatry. The icon is intentionally two-dimensional and stylized so as to accent the “holy” or the “heavenly” sense of the figure with the inclusion of halos or auras around the saint as well as the formalized posture and gesture of the saint.

The artist in creating the icon sees it as an action of prayer and devotion as well as one of creativity. Thus the icon can serve as a vehicle for our personal prayer. How to do this is not all that difficult and there is a lot of good information out there to help one get started. One source I have found helpful is the website “upperroom.com” sponsored by an interdenominational, global Christian ministry that is dedicated to supporting all who want to know and

experience God more fully, helping them move to a deeper level of faith and service. The website offers some wonderful suggestions for praying with icons. Rather than reinvent the wheel, I thought I would simply share some of the insights offered by Upper Room Ministries.

***Icons: prayer with eyes wide open.** Many of us were taught to close our eyes when we pray. Praying with icons is an ancient prayer practice that involves keeping our eyes wide open, taking into our heart what the image visually communicates. We focus not on what is seen in the icon, but rather on what is seen through it -- the love of God expressed through God's creatures. This is prayer without words, with a focus on being in God's presence rather than performing in God's presence. It is a right-brain experience of touching and feeling what is holy -- a divine mystery. Icons are not simply art; they are a way into contemplative prayer, and are therefore one way to let God speak to us. They are doorways into stillness, into closeness with God. If we sit with them long enough, we too can enter into the stillness, into the communion. And if we listen to them closely enough, with our hearts, we just may discern the voice of God.*

Choose an icon and look at it as you pray. See it as a point of connection with Jesus and the community of saints. Try extending your hands and turning your palms upward, a gesture both of openness to God's grace and the gift of your hands to God.

Even though you may feel pressured by the demands of the day, try not to pray in a hurry. Better to pray for a short time with quiet attention to each word and each breath than to rush through many prayers. Be aware of your breathing. You are breathing in life itself, breathing in God's peace. You are breathing out praise and gratitude, breathing out your appeals for help.

As you pray, cultivate an inner attitude of listening. God is not an idea and praying is not an exercise to improve our idea of God. Prayer is the cultivation of the awareness of God's actual presence. We may speak words to God or just look attentively at the icon and let God speak to us.

By the way: Some have asked about the purple hangings on the walls in the sanctuary. They are simply intended to bring color and texture to the liturgical space and are not “representational” art – just a little decoration for Lent.

Fr. Chris

St. Margaret Mary Church

Masses for the Week

Saturday	02/27	4:30 PM	Barbara and Terry Maguire
Sunday	02/28	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	02/28	11:00 AM	Stephen Planeta
Sunday	02/28	6:00 PM	Mass
Monday	03/01	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday	03/02	9:00 AM	Christine O'Brien
Thursday	03/04	9:00 AM	Edith Simons
Friday	03/05	9:00 AM	Benevolent Society
Saturday	03/06	9:00 AM	Marion L. Tucker
Saturday	03/07	4:30 PM	Mass
Sunday	03/07	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	03/07	11:00 AM	Joseph and Anna Skehill
Sunday	03/07	6:00 PM	Mass

Prayers are requested for Ralph Morante, Jr. and George Bero who were buried from St. Margaret Mary Parish this past week, may they rest in peace.

Hymns for the Weekend of February 27/28

Psalm: Ps 692 The Lord is My Light
Shepherd Me O God

Preparation: #101 Transfigure Us O Lord

Communion: #434 You Are Near

Meditation #482 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Closing: #120 The Glory of These 40 Days

Music for the 6:00 p.m. Mass:

Gathering: #6 Beyond the Days

Psalm: The Lord is My Light

Preparation: #57 Save Your People

Communion: #48 Open My Eyes

Meditation #10 Come to the Lord

Closing: #19 Glory in the Cross

Concert News

Our Spring concerts' dates have been announced— the next concert is the Brass Bash on March 14th at 3:00 p.m. and the Sirene Flute and Harp Duo returns on April 11th at 3:00 p.m. Our choir concert will be on May 16th at 3:00 p.m.

Children's Chorus News

On Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. rehearsals for the Children's Choir will recommence. In the months of March, April and May, the children will continue to sing one Mass a month and also sing on the other weeks for the CLOW service downstairs. New members are welcome and if you were thinking of joining, now is the time to contact Patrick at Patrick.C.Valentino@gmail.com or 781-326-1071, X111.

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Offertory Collection for the week of February 20/21, \$8000.

Grand Annual—received to date \$135,117.49. If you have not received the mailing, envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Journey Together in Faith Our Collaborative Parish Mission

The parishes of St. Catherine and St. Timothy in Norwood, and St. Denis and St. Margaret Mary in Westwood, will once again sponsor a Collaborative Parish Mission. We are pleased to welcome our featured speaker, Rev. Thomas McElroy, SS.CC. a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

The four-day Lenten Mission will be held from Sunday, March 7th thru Wednesday, March 10th.

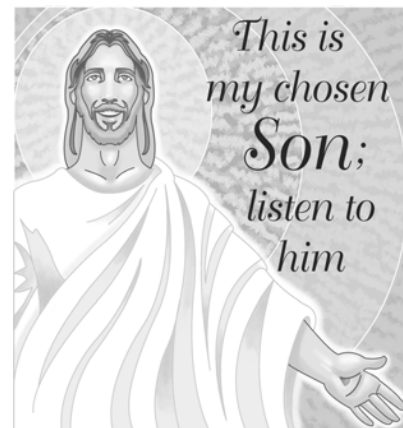
Sunday, March 7th, at St. Timothy Parish
Monday, March 8th, at St. Denis Parish
Tuesday, March 9th, at St. Margaret Mary Parish
Wednesday, March 10th, at St. Catherine Parish

Please join your fellow parishioners and members of our neighboring parishes as we Journey Together in Faith. Come for all four sessions or for any portion of the Mission you are able to attend. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

First Friday Holy Hour—The First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will take place, March 5th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

New Parishioners—Welcome to our Parish Family
Frederick and Helena Burrill

The Lord is My Light and My Salvation; Whom Should I Fear



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Second Sunday in Lent



Lenten Suppers—will take place on the following Friday nights: March 5, 12 and 19 at 6:00 p.m. The evening consists of a prayer, a brief talk and a wonderful Lenten meal. Free-will offerings each week

will be made for Haiti relief, Fr. William Joy, Pastor of St. Angela Church in Mattapan will be the speaker on March 5th. For each meal, volunteers are needed to help with set up/clean up as well as to make the following: soup (several varieties needed) Macaroni and cheese, bread (homemade or purchased) and desserts. For March 5th. Please contact Mary Hood (781-329-0943) or Joy Clancy (781-762-6362).

Banns of Marriage

- I— Alison Arruda and James Gibbons
- II— Stacey Gardner and Nathan Bazinet

Presentation of Gifts at Mass—If you are having a special Mass intention this weekend, please see Dorothy Ruggiero, the Pastoral Associate ten minutes before Mass if you wish to bring up the gifts during the Offertory.

Evening of Contemporary Christian Inspiration

Music with Anne DiSanto on Sunday, March 7th from 7:00—8:30 p.m. at Father Peyton Center 518 Washington St., North Easton. Free and Open to the Public. For more information call Holy Cross Ministries 508-238-4095.

Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston and Women Affirming Life will be hosting a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Daughters of St. Paul Convent in Jamaica Plain. The guest speaker will be Sister Margaret Edward Moran, FSP. Her topic is *At the Foot of the Cross: A Marian Reflection*. Please call 508-651-1900 or email ProLifeOffice at rcab.org for more information.

Bethany House Ministries—will hold an auction on Saturday, April 10th at St. Thomas Parish Hall in Millis. All proceeds from the auction support Bethany House Ministries, our non-profit charitable organization. All donations can be dropped off at our Bethany House Hope Chest at 1134 Main Street, Millis. Pick ups can be arranged by calling Gary or Vy at 508-376-0824.

Norwood Hospital—The Spiritual Care Services Department at Norwood Hospital is seeking Commissioned Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer at the hospital. A commitment of 2-4 hours each month is needed. This is a wonderful opportunity for Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to those who are hospitalized. For more information, please contact the Spiritual Care Department, at 781-278-6046.

February 27/28, 2010

Ministers Schedule

March 6

4:30 PM

Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Charles Spiegel
Eucharistic Minister	Marylee Hanley
Principals	Peter Meade, Patricia MacDonald
Handicap	Robert Harrington
Altar Server	Matthew Dalton, Timothy Dalton Will McDonough

March 7

8:45 AM

Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Jan Lent
Eucharistic Minister	Joseph Holderried, Ken Foscaldo
Principals	Mary Hayes, Craig Foscaldo
Altar Server	Allison Beattie, Owen Doherty Emily Foscaldo, Meghan McIntyre Marcia Stankard, Sue Foscaldo

CLOW

March 7

11:00 AM

Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Steve Whelan
Eucharistic Minister	Michael Curtin
Principals	Mary Sethna, Reginald Sethna
Handicap	Ann Delaney Lendrum
Altar Server	Cyrus Sethna, Robert Maughn, Catherine Maughn, Catherine Lendrum

March 7

6:00 PM

Celebrant	Father Raschmidt, OFM
Lector	Karlene Duffy
Eucharistic Minister	Silvana Castano
Principal	Lee Kouri, Meghan Harrington
Altar Server	Jacqueline Kouri, Brian Foley

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 _____

Registration can also be done on line. Go to our website www.saintmmmparish.org.

Religious Education & YOUTH Ministry

Depend On God

Important change: Due to a scheduling conflict, Cardinal Sean, celebrant of our 2010 Confirmation Mass has asked us to change the time (not the date) of our 2010 Confirmation Mass. Therefore, Confirmation 2010 will be Saturday, May 1 @ **11 a.m.** (not 6 p.m.)

Grades K-6, 8 & 1st Year Conf. Prep. meet this week.

Gr. 10 Catholic School students join us this Sunday.

Reminder: all K-5 students are to be walked into the lower church for class & from the lower church after class.

Religious Education is school. Talk with your child about your relationship with God; pray with him/her daily; attend Mass as a family. This is all part of being Roman Catholic Christians. Church attendance is an integral part our faith & faith education. Children who come to Religious Ed. class should attend and need to attend Mass...or else it just doesn't make sense.

5th Graders participating in plays whose rehearsals conflict with their Rel. Ed. classes need to attend Rel. Ed. on Sundays (9:40-10:40) or Mondays (4-5) until the play is over.

Gr. 7 sessions 2009-10 (6:30-8 p.m.):

March 8 & 22, April 5

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

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. Gr. 10 Catholic high school students join us this Feb. 28.

Year 1 (Gr. 9):

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

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)

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, May 1 at **11:00 a.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; 10am & 1pm

May Procession & reception for Confirmandi & First Communicants: May 9 after the 11 a.m. Mass

2nd Year Confirmation Prep. students will be asked to sign up for their Confirmation Retreat at their next class. All Confirmation candidates intending to be confirmed this Spring must attend and participate in one *entire* Confirmation retreat (March 26 or April 9; 5-10 p.m.)

Parents are needed to help with these retreats and can sign up by emailing Ms. Duffy. Space in each retreat is limited. Sign ups done on a first come; first serve basis.

1st Year Confirmation Candidates and their parents are needed to "help and host"

the 2010 Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Dinner and Rehearsal Sunday, April 25 after the 6 p.m. Mass. Contact Ms. Duffy.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve dinner for the Confirmation retreats. If you can help, please contact Ms. Duffy; it doesn't take long and the Confirmation candidates are always very appreciative...as am I!

Coins of Hope & Compassion is our Lenten almsgiving program for Religious Ed. students. Students went home with "kids helping Katrina survivor" envelopes and are asked to earn coins or donate coins from their allowance or coins they find. Envelopes are due to be returned at the end of Lent. Proceeds will go toward Project Hope & Compassion.

The next **Project Hope & Compassion 2010 meeting**

is Sunday, March 14 in the lower church after the 6 p.m. Mass. All participants (even those who have participated in PHC before) are expected to attend all meetings.

Relay for Life of Greater Norwood is Friday, June 18 - Saturday, June 19 at Turco Field, Walpole High School. St. Margaret Mary Parish has a team, yours truly as a captain and Sean Cote as co-captain. Our Relay for Life team was the idea of POWER and is an important event that needs the whole parish's support. If you fight cancer or wish to honor someone who has succumbed to or survived cancer, this event is your opportunity to do so. We need persons (middle school and older) to walk (or run) the track (relay style) for the 24 hour duration of the event. We also need sponsors and helpers. See Ms. Duffy.

Know what a "baobab" is? Baobab is a gigantic tree found in Africa. A baobab tree's hollowed-out trunk, leaves, foliage, nectar, fruit, and bark provide basic life needs for many different creatures. For two months out of the year, when the rain falls and the grasses are green in the African Savannah, the baobab tree produces leaves and flowers. The enormous tree can grow to 98 feet tall and 36 feet wide. Baobab trees are one of the world's oldest life forms. The baobab tree serves as a meeting place for many people to gather, discuss, and share stories.

Baobab Blast, VBS will be the 3rd week of August; Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. All children PreK - Gr. 5 are invited to be participants and students Gr. 6 & up are invited to be counselors and junior counselors. "Baobab Blast" will feature crafts, music, games, and our favorite storytellers: Molly & Jonah. We'll encounter a few saints, zebras, elephants, monkeys, and giraffes as we explore different parts of Africa.

**We're already preparing so if you've got carpet tubes and appliance or other LARGE boxes, we'll take them. They can be dropped off in the lower church.