

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.”**

The Prodigal Son

This weekend at all the Masses we will be hearing His Eminence Cardinal O'Malley speak via DVD to us about this year's Catholic Appeal, encouraging us to give generously as we have in the past. Last year, our parish goal was around \$94,000 and we ended up pledging over \$114,000. Thank you for all of your generosity. We were supposed to start the Campaign last weekend but with the Parish Mission and Fr. McElroy, the mission director, speaking at the 8:45 a.m. I asked the archdiocese for permission to start a week late, permission of which was granted. One thing, though, is that the Cardinal's talk was written for last week and refers to the readings as such. Since this week, we will hear the wonderful story of the prodigal son, I thought it might be good to speak about it in this column as we won't be hearing anything about it in the homily at Mass.

First of all, you can find the story beginning on page 126 in the Bibles in the pews, from Luke 15, the "Parables of Lost and Found." Within the greater context of Luke's gospel, Jesus is still on his way to Jerusalem. As we saw in last week's gospel, there is an immediacy to his preaching as time is running short. Jesus finds himself in greater and greater conflict with the Pharisees and the scribes. Great crowds are following him (Lk 14:25ff.) and he is warning them all about the cost of discipleship, a cost which he himself will know in the ultimate sacrifice of the Cross.

The first few lines of Lk 15 set the context for the three parables which Jesus directs towards the Pharisees and scribes who are grumbling that he eats with "tax collectors and sinners:" the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. To save space, I will allow you to read and ponder the first two stories on your own. While the story of the prodigal son is unique to Luke's gospel, it amplifies the basic point of the first two parables, perfectly following the same pattern: the son is lost and found, the father and the household rejoices. It is here that I would draw our attention to a commentary on this story from the Gospel of Luke by Luke Timothy Johnson.

"What gives this story its peculiar depth is the way that Luke invites us into the emotional drama of parent-child conflict. The younger son is heedless, seeking only what is his 'share.' He takes it without thought for what this might do to his father or others. Luke also suggests that the dispersal of his possessions in a far land was the loss of himself. His alienation is masterfully suggested by hiring himself out to be a herder of pigs [something anathema to Jews]. His 'coming to his senses' means a return home.

"At this point Luke shifts our attention to the father. He does not abuse the son for his carelessness and selfishness. Indeed, he does not even wait passively for

the son to arrive. He runs out to meet him. He embraces and kisses him, recognizing him as his son even before the child has a chance to state his repentance. He is already in action, bestowing the choicest signs of honor on the returned son: sandals, robe, ring, fatted calf. So eager, Jesus suggests, is God to receive back those who have wandered from the covenant.

"What gives this story its true poignancy, however, is the final scene between the father and the elder son. We discover through dialogue that this son, too, has been alienated from his father, perhaps for an even longer time. He has 'slaved' for his father for years. He has never transgressed his commands. But he has also never felt rewarded. And he deeply resents his father's joy at his prodigal brother's return. His rage is expressed in every word and gesture: the refusal to enter the house, the questioning of a servant, his response to his father's attempt at comfort. The anger that he has towards his father is deflected on to the younger son, whom he regards as privileged although unworthy. So he exaggerates his younger brother's sins, imagining him as consorting with prostitutes! His language is remarkably revealing of his anger. He has 'slaved'; his father never even gave him a 'goat' so he could celebrate with his 'friends' [note: not the father]; whereas 'your son' gets all of the reward!

"The tragedy of the older son is not only that he has failed to recognize his constant position of privilege with the father, that all the time they were together, 'everything I have is yours,' but also that he is blind even now to the fact that his father extends to him the same constant care and concern as towards the prodigal. But the father comes out to him as well, and comforts him.

"If the first part of the story is pure gospel – the lost are being found, the dead rising, and sinners are repenting because of the call of the prophet – then the last part of the story is a sad commentary on the Pharisaic refusal of envy and resentment to accept this good news extended to the outcast. The allegorical level of meaning is irresistible: they, like the elder son, have stayed within the covenant and have not wandered off; they have never broken any of the commandments. But (the story suggests) they regarded themselves not as sons so much as slaves. And they resented others being allowed into the people without cost. The son refusing to come into the house of singing and rejoicing is exactly like those who stand outside the heavenly banquet while many others may enter (Lk 13:28-30). And if this all were not obvious from the wording of the final scene, then Luke's composition frame makes it unmistakable: he told these stories to righteous ones who complained about the prophet accepting sinners."

Fr. Chris

St. Margaret Mary Church

Masses for the Week

Saturday	03/13	4:30 PM	Mass
Sunday	03/14	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	03/14	11:00 AM	Robert W. Howe
Sunday	03/14	6:00 PM	Mass
Monday	03/15	9:00 AM	Ben Reynolds
Tuesday	03/16	9:00 AM	Mass
Thursday	03/18	9:00 AM	Mass
Friday	03/19	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday	03/20	9:00 AM	Mary Patricia Petreyko
Saturday	03/21	4:30 PM	Mass
Sunday	03/21	8:45 AM	For the Parish
Sunday	03/21	11:00 AM	Edmund Winslow
Sunday	03/21	6:00 PM	Joseph Gallagher

Prayers are requested for Pat Brady, who was buried from St. Margaret Mary Parish this past week, may she rest in peace.

Hymns for the Weekend of March 13/14

Psalm: #766 Taste and See

Preparation: #445 Amazing Grace

Communion: #478 You are Mine

Meditation Waters of Love

Closing: #624 Let All Things Now Living

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

Gathering: #39 Led by the Spirit

Psalm: #766 Taste and See

Preparation: #74 The Lord is My Light

Communion: #42 Like the Bread

Meditation #13 Fly Like a Bird

Closing: #2 Amazing Grace

Concert News

Our Spring concerts' dates have been announced— the next concert the Brass Bash will be on this Sunday, 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

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.

Westwood, MA

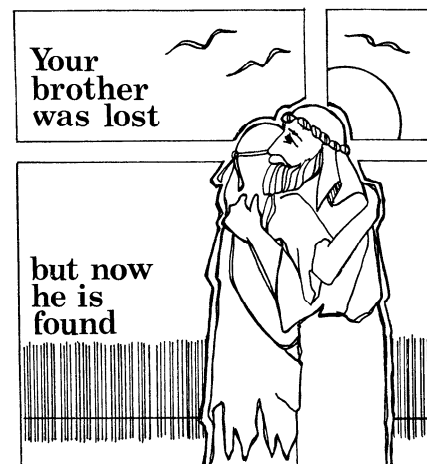
Offertory Collection for the week of March 6/7 \$11,740.

Grand Annual—received to date \$135,597.49. If you have not received the mailing, envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Westwood Interfaith Council—The Executive Board will meet on Monday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on High Street. Officers and Primary Representatives are expected to attend and all WIC Representatives are urged to attend as well.

Respect Life Baby Shower—Suggested items for the baby shower which will be held on the weekend of April 10th and 11th are: sleepers, onesies, diapers, and bottles. The Pregnancy Help Office of the Archdiocese of Boston helps several hundred women each year in making life affirming choices. Money donations can be made with checks made out to "Fund for the Unborn".

Lenten Bible Retreat—St. Margaret Mary Church March 23rd—March 25th (Tuesday to Thursday)
St. Luke will be our guide as we walk with Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem through his suffering, death and resurrection. By reflecting on his words of Scripture we will gain fresh insights into the immeasurable gift of new life that Jesus offers to us. David Thorp who offered the Advent Bible Retreat will return as the leader. There will be two opportunities to participate: 10:00 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9:00 p.m. Choose the time convenient for you.



New Parishioners—Welcome to our Parish Family
Rick and Lori Lopes and their children, Logan and Brendan
Janice Marino

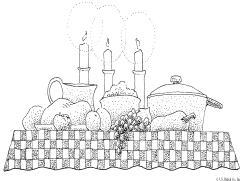
Banns of Marriage

III— Alison Arruda and James Gibbons

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Lenten Suppers—will take place next Friday night, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. The evening consists of a prayer, a brief talk and a Lenten meal. Free-will offerings will be made for Haiti relief. 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 pudding and desserts. The Chateau Restaurant and Panera Bread have generously donated the bread. For March 19th, please contact Marney and John Barrett, 508-359-4218, Mary Jo Hood, 781-329-0943, Terry and Joan Earls, 781-461-0358, or Joy Clancy, 781-762-6362.

The Lenten Suppers Cookbook will be available as well. The purchase price is \$10.00.

Rosie's Place—We will be preparing this month's meal on Tuesday, March 16th and serving at Rosie's on Wednesday, March 17th. We have volunteers to prepare and serve the March meal but need donations of pasta, sauce and perishable supplies. Pasta and sauce can be dropped off in the church basement in the basket labeled "Rosie's" at any time. If you are able to donate hamburger meat or salad supplies for the March meal contact Lori Adjami at adjamicomcast.net or 781-255-0337.



Easter Flowers

The gift of flowers is a wonderful way to remember our family and friends, both living and dead. Our altars are made beautiful at Easter by your donations. If you would like to contribute, please complete this form and return to the Parish Office. For your convenience, there are envelopes at the doors of the Church. You can place these envelopes in the collection baskets or mail to the Parish Office.

YOUR NAME _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

OFFERING _____

March 13/14, 2010

Ministers Schedule

March 20

4:30 PM

Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Theresa Geary
Eucharistic Minister	Polly Coleman
Principals	Karen Mason, Robert Naughton
Handicap	Gus Stickley
Altar Server	Matthew Dalton, Timothy Dalton, Aiden Geary

March 21

8:45 AM

Celebrant	Father Couturier, OFM
Lector	Raymond McSoley
Eucharistic Minister	John Kiley
Principals	Jeanine and Chris Kremer
Altar Server	Caroline Kremer, Caroline Kiley, Brendon Kiley
CLOW	Catherine Marvel, Mary Jo Hood

March 21

11:00 AM

Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Robert Reissfelder
Eucharistic Minister	Ann King
Principals	Mildred Reissfelder, Mark Donovan
Handicap	Gerard King
Altar Server	Brian Reissfelder, Tim Fitzgerald, Erin Fitzgerald

March 21

6:00 PM

Celebrant	Father Coyne
Lector	Steve Whelan
Eucharistic Minister	Joseph Holderried
Principal	Karlene Duffy, Colleen Lentz
Altar Server	Matthew McMahan, Paul Sinno

**Living the Journey
Spirituality for the Second Half of Life
Saturday, April 10, 2010
8:30 a.m.—4:45 p.m.**

The Boston College Alumni Association invites you to attend this day long conference, featuring Jennie Chin Hansen, president of AARP. This conference focused on life after 40 will include experts from the fields of theology, ministry and health. Conference presenters will identify and examine different spiritual and psychological challenges that men and women encounter as they move into the second half of life and the unique resources faith offers to make this a time of deep purpose.

For information on cost and registration contact Jean Chisser at 617-552-1607 jean.chisser@bc.edu or Camille Fitzpatrick Markey 617-552-4753, Camille.fitzpatrick@bc.edu.

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 meet this week.

Thinking vacation? Just a reminder that we **do** have class Sunday, April 25. **Thinking summer?** Classes end Thursday, May 6 (barring no more snow days!).

Religious Education is school. It was quite disappointing to see how many of our students did not receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. Some said they were away (and I politely informed them that Catholic churches are everywhere. Parents, please help us teach your child by reinforcing their faith; by helping them fulfill their obligations to attend Mass, participate in the sacraments and observe our liturgical seasons and holy days. For example, do you know what your child as a Lenten sacrifice?

Regarding chastity... Fr. Chris will talk with our 8th graders about "Catholicism and Chastity" this Monday, March 8 during class. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Gr. 7 sessions 2009-10 (6:30-8 p.m.): March 22, April 5

Gr. 8 sessions 2009-2010 (6:30-8 p.m.): Mar. 15 & 29, Apr. 12

2nd Year Confirmation Prep. Confirmation requirements were discussed in class Sunday night and written "memos" of the same were distributed, Confirmation retreat (March 26 or April 9; 5-10 p.m.) sign ups were done and baptism certificates were due. Those who did not sign up for a retreat must do so ASAP. Sign ups are done on a first come basis; space in each is limited. Students must attend on WHOLE retreat. Service logs are due April 17 and classes must be made up by the same date. Welcome to all Catholic high school students; they joined us for the first time Sunday night.

In addition to completed service logs and baptism records, students must email/hand in 3 brief essays on: 1. why he/she wants to be confirmed; 2. who his/her sponsor is and why he/she was chosen and 3. what confirmation name he/she has chosen and why. These essays are due no later than April 17 so they can be forwarded to Cardinal Seán for his perusal prior to Confirmation.

Adult parishioners are needed to help with these retreats (be a witness/helper or prepare and serve dinner). Please contact Ms. Duffy if you can spare some time to help at these awesome, prayerful events.

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.

Year 1 (Gr. 9):

*4-8 p.m. in the lower church (Mass & dinner included)
April 11 The Mass*

May 2 Reconciliation

Year 2 (Gr. 10):

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

Coins of Hope & Compassion is our Lenten almsgiving program for Religious Ed. students. "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 tonight, Sunday, 3/14 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.

Some service opportunities

(Service logs are available across from the kitchen in the lower church and are due for Gr. 3-9 on June 1, 2010).

Lenten meals Help set up, serve meals, clean up from 4-6:30 p.m. (and have some great soup or mac'n cheese).

Confirmation retreats set up on Thursday, March 25 and Thursday April 8; after school until 6:15 p.m.

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. Our Relay for Life team 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.

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.