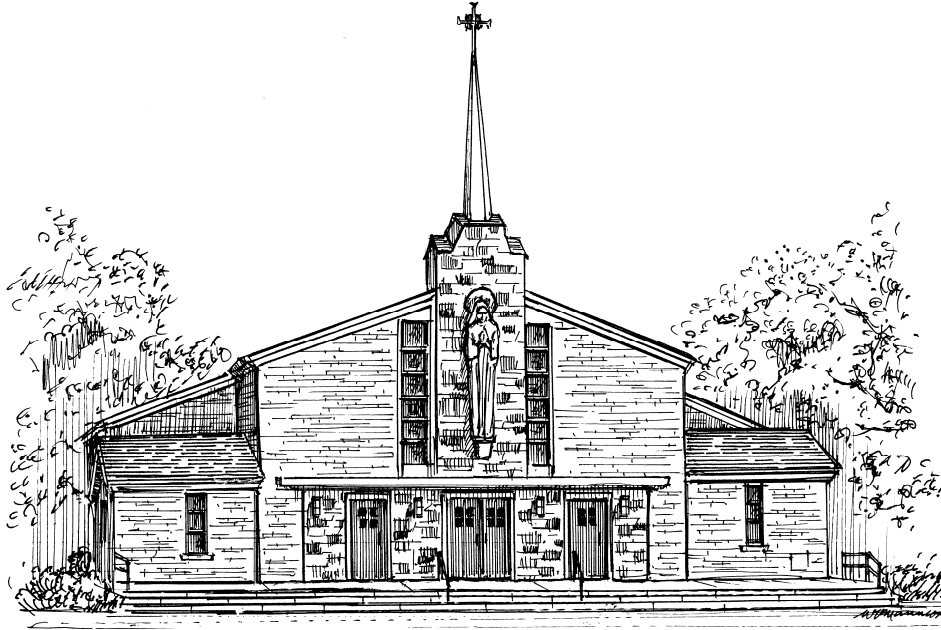


Saint Margaret Mary Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday : 4:30 PM
Sundays: 8:45 AM, 11:00 AM, & 6:00 PM
Weekdays: 9:00 AM on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

No 6 PM Mass from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE As announced

CONFESSIONS: 3:45 - 4:15 PM on Saturdays

PARISH WEBSITE: www.saintmmparish.org

EMAIL: Info@saintmmparish.org

BAPTISMS: Second Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M.
Baptism instruction required. Contact Dorothy Ruggiero.

PRAYER LINE: stmmprayers@yahoo.com

NEW PARISHIONERS: We cordially invite you to register as members of our Parish Family. Please contact any staff person or visit our website for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact us at least six months in advance.

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"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."

From the Pastor's Desk,



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The past week I had occasion to visit with an old ship-mate, that's a person who served with me in the Navy, who lives in the shadow of the National Medical Center (NMC) in Bethesda, Maryland.

The NMC has become a central hospital for those who received serious wounds in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their physical wounds are always accompanied by wounds to the soul and psyche. We do extraordinary things to heal the body, but we struggle in many ways to heal the broken spirits that can affect the best of our citizens who go to war on our behalf.

I came across the other day a quote that speaks to this issue and is part of the readings we have at today's Mass. "It is to our detriment that we live in a culture that does not honor the internal world." The book I was reading is on the healing of trauma. The many soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen and countless others who have received terrible wounds from war are always in need of our prayers. I hasten to add that there are also many ordinary folks who experience significant traumas every day that are in need of healing and prayers as well. We carry all of them in our hearts as we come together at every Mass. Jesus had a way of healing people in his ministry. I think we do too!

Our mission as a parish is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We want to tell people of how a relationship/communion with Jesus can bring healing into their lives. I submit that we need to be able to tell them that we have been healed and lifted up by our faith, our communion with the Lord. Our faith invites us to share part of that inner world experience, but sometimes we can have difficulty doing it.

The inner world of faith and communion is accessed so often by worship and prayer together. The song and music, the images and gestures, the smell and feel of movement that are, or ought to be, part of our worship are access points into the inner world where healing takes place. Sometimes we just don't get it. Perhaps because those of us who lead worship don't do it very well or perhaps because we are just not open for whatever reasons.

The inner world can also be accessed individually as well. Whenever we sit down to be quiet and reflect, we can gain access. When we spend time alone in prayer and perhaps using the images that come to mind from a wide variety of sources such as TV, the internet, a book or anything that lifts our soul, we are given the opportunity to grow and transform our pain, our trauma.

An important point, however, is to have a friend or companion on that journey inward. We need to share stuff! We need someone who can testify to our experience and our desire to grow. In many ways that is a role of the priest in the community. It is also a role for a close friend, a counselor, a spiritual guide. I think it was the role of the Apostles in the early Church as well as the role of countless saints and Saints through the ages. We help each other on this journey this pilgrimage.

My friend in Bethesda is a retired Navy doctor who knows well the injuries of those who go in harms way. He assures me that it is not just physical. Healing is needed in that inner world, which affects in so many ways our outer world!

May our life together as a parish and in particular in our coming together for Mass help all to heal and be whole again.

Blessings,
Fr. Linehan

PLEASE HELP US!

In an effort to be able to notify families of parish news, holiday schedules and such, we'd like to add or update your email to our database. If you'd like to receive occasional emails from us, please provide your email address and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

Family Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Addresses: _____

Or you may email us at c.harkins@saintmmparish.org

February 4-5, 2012

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, February 8th - Bereavement Group
10:00 a.m. at Council on Aging

Wednesday, February 22nd - Ash Wednesday
Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sun., March 4 - Wed., March 7 - Parish Mission

Ash Wednesday - February 22, 2012

At St. Margaret Mary Church, we will have Mass and the distribution of Ashes at 9:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.

Highland Glen: Ashes will be distributed at Building #5 at 11:00 a.m. by Dorothy Ruggiero, Pastoral Associate, and at Building #1 at 1:30 p.m. by Deacon Joseph Messina.

Clark House: Ashes will be distributed to individual rooms at 2:00 p.m. and Ashes will be available to **Fox Hill residents** in the Lobby of Clark House at 2:30 p.m.

VISITORS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Pastoral Visitors Project and the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life invite all pastoral visitors and Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound to attend a Day of Prayer "Ministry in Christ's Name" to be held on **Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's, Dedham. There is no fee for the Day.**

Pre-registration is requested so as to plan for handouts etc. However, if you decide on the last minute to attend you may still do so. To register: Call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617 779 3640 or, e-mail: spiritual_development@rcab.org*. Any questions, contact: Dorothy Ruggiero (781) 326-1071 or, d.ruggiero@saintmmparish.org

***Note : The e-mail has an underscore between the words spiritual and development**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Collection Jan. 28 - Jan. 29

Offertory Total: \$8,523.00

ParishPay for December: \$ 4,003.00

Offertory for December: \$28,244.12

Total Dec. Offertory: \$32,247.12

Average Dec. Weekly: \$ 8,061.78

This past year has shown a considerable increase in online giving, through our ParishPay program. This amount is not included in the weekly offering totals, as it is deposited in our account on a monthly basis. In hopes of sharing a more accurate financial picture, we will post the ParishPay monthly totals, in addition to the weekly offertory.

As you can see, *ParishPay* has become an important source of support for us. By donating online, support is continuous and not subject to traveling or inclement weather. Also, it save you time each week and gives you the opportunity to consider your contribution to the support of our parish. **We encourage our parishioners to sign up for ParishPay.** If you are interested in learning more about ParishPay, please call the church office at (781) 326-1071.

As always, thank you for your generosity and support.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

as of February 2, 2012

Grand Annual Total: **\$75,928.00**

of Families Participated: **257**

Letters went out to each registered family requesting consideration for support of our Grand Annual Collection. Funds raised from this annual collection help us to meet our budget and to meet our fiscal responsibilities. Please read through the material and prayerfully consider how your family may help. Return envelopes were enclosed in the mailing or they may also be found in the entranceways of the church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our gift to Latin America, from our special collection last weekend, totaled \$1,967.00. Thank you for your support!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

S.O.U.L. (Students Opening Up to the Lord) is a prayer-driven and service-oriented prayer group for all high school students. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office.

G.I.F.T. (Giving In Faith Together, Growing In Faith Together) is a prayer-based group for students in Gr. 5 & 6. We pray, eat and make gifts for others to remind them that God is Forever There! Please email Ms. Duffy if you plan to attend.

Altar Servers, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are needed on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Ashes will be distributed at the scheduled Masses - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers, who volunteer to serve, **must** also be available for distribution of Ashes training after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 18th.

Please e-mail me, Ann Joyce atjoyce@verizon.net or call me 781-762-5425 and leave a message indicating your **availability** to serve at these Masses by Monday, February 6th.

Thank you all for your cooperation and participation in this ministry.

New Al-Anon Meeting

New parent focused Al-Anon Group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the lower church of St. Margaret Mary (use left side entrance, please). This is an open meeting, so all are welcome! Al-Anon is a fellowship of men and women whose lives have been or are being disturbed by another's drinking. Al-Anon groups meet to seek solutions to the problems that have been created by the disease of alcoholism. By sharing our experience, strength and courage, we can offer hope to those still faced with the problem.

Seeking Candidate for Parish Administrative Assistant

St. Catherine of Siena Parish is currently seeking a candidate as a full-time Pastoral Administrative Assistant. This person serves as the rectory receptionist and will work closely with the Pastor, Parochial Vicar and lay staff and be the first point of contact for many parishioners. He/she should have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and have strong organization and computer skills, including Word, Excel and Publisher. If interested, please forward a letter of introduction, resume and three references to: St. Catherine of Siena, c/o Parish Business Manager, 547 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

Good Samaritan Craft Guild

The Good Samaritan Craft Guild will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. All are welcome to join, both experienced knitters/crocheters and those who would like to learn. Our group focuses on making Prayer Shawls and other hand made items for surrounding hospitals and homeless shelters. Please contact Marney Barrett at (508) 359-4218 or marneycpa@verizon.net with any questions. Many thanks to those who have contributed their time, talent and supplies to this worthwhile ministry!

Rosie's Place Ministry

If you are looking for a way to do God's work, we have an opportunity for you to help feed the poor. Our community has been hosting a monthly trip into Rosie's Place, a shelter in Boston that is for women and children. We bring dinner and serve over 100 guests. Our parish community donates supplies in small and large amounts, so there's a place for everyone to be involved. There's also an opportunity to cook and serve at Rosie's Place. You can contribute once a year or every month. Please contact Linda Milano at (781) 258-6858 or lfn40@aol.com to get involved.

Children's Hospital Blood Drive - Norwood

Give Pints for Half-Pints! St. Timothy's Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, February 12, to benefit Children's Hospital, Boston. The Children's Hospital Bloodmobile will be at the church parking lot from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment to donate, Log onto www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org (sponsor code STCNORW) or call the Parish Nurse at 781-769-2855, x34. Each donation can help up to four young patients!

Boston College - free presentation

Catholics: Why We Are a Sacramental People

Presenter: Fr. Michael Himes, Theology Professor
Fr. Himes will talk about the great sacraments of the Church, which parallel the pivotal moments in our earthly pilgrimage, and how they represent the climactic celebration of the sacramentality of life.

Location/Time: Gasson Hall, Room 100, Thursday, February 16, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Main Campus, Boston College

Information: 617-552-0470 or www.bc.edu/church21
This event is FREE and opened to the public, but an RSVP is preferred: church21@bc.edu

Masses for the Week

Feb. 4	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Pauline & Richard Maus
		4:30 p.m.	Helen Chadwick
Feb. 5	Sunday	8:45 a.m.	For the Parish
		11:00 a.m.	Leo Bonura
		6:00 p.m.	Nelly Feeney
Feb. 6	Monday	9:00 a.m.	Concetta Di Ianni
Feb. 7	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Daniel Sutter
Feb. 9	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Wanda L. Norton
Feb. 10	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Helen Sheridan
Feb. 11	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Robert Doherty
		4:30 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 12	Sunday	8:45 a.m.	For the Parish
		11:00 a.m.	Matty Conroy
		6:00 p.m.	David Donoghue

Ministers' Schedule for Feb. 11th & 12th

February 11th	4:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Chris Palladino
Lector	Jean Spaulding
Eucharistic Minister	Ben Cautela
Principal	Ann Joyce and Mark Delorey
Special	Joy Clancy
Altar Server	Evan Plecinoga and Daniel & Jacqueline Delorey
February 12th	8:45 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Stephen Linehan
Lector	Christine Grudsinkas
Eucharistic Minister	Bill McDonough
Principal	Isabel Brodsky & Karen Mason
Altar Server	Eamon and Owen Doherty
February 12th	11:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Chris Palladino
Lector	Janet Ross
Eucharistic Minister	Ann Delaney Lendrum
Principal	J.B. Dowd & Lee Kouri
Special	Lisa DeCamp
Altar Server	Kathryn Lendrum and Caitlin & Robert Maughn
February 12th	6:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Stephen Linehan
Lector	Joan Murray
Eucharistic Minister	Joe Holderried
Principal	David Zapcic
Altar Server	Brian and Meghan Foley

Adult Spiritual Enrichment

Since the Fall of 2009 , adult faith-sharing groups, also known as *Small Christian Communities*, have met in the Fall and Spring for a period of six weeks each season. Many parishioners have participated in the groups and continue to express enthusiasm and interest for the upcoming program called: **WHY CATHOLIC ? JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM.**

Faith sharing can be defined as being aware of a moment of grace when God touched my life and sharing that with others. Faith sharing is done in a prayerful and reflective environment. After pondering the *Catechism* and Scripture, individuals are invited to share moments of grace and to connect their faith with action. This season the sessions will focus on **Prayer** and how God communicates with us. The sessions will also look at different forms of prayer, difficulties experienced in prayer and deeper insights into the Lord's Prayer.

When can I sign up to be in a group?

Sign-up weekend will be January 21-22, 2012. Sign-up cards will be available at the doors of the Church. You may fill out a card indicating your first and second choices of the day and time you are able to join a group. Participants of the faith sharing groups will be available to answer questions or make clarifications. You may fill out a form on sign-up weekend or drop it off at the parish office no later than February 6, 2012.

The groups will meet once a week for a period of six weeks beginning the week of Feb. 20, 2012. For more information please contact Dorothy Ruggiero at the parish office (781) 326-1071 ext. 110.

Hospice South Shore Needs Volunteers

Hospice of the South Shore, a program of **South Shore Hospital**, is planning the 21st Annual Walk for Hospice of the South Shore. The Walk will take place on Saturday, March 24, at the South Shore Plaza from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. It is an indoor family-friendly event that raises funds and awareness for the Hospice of the South Shore. We are looking for interested individuals and businesses to form walk teams. Contact Heather Dwyer (781-624-8094) or email heather_dwyer@sshosp.org. It's easy to get involved. Visit southshorehospital.org/events to sponsor a walker, become a walker, start your own team or donate to the walk. Thank you for any support you may lend!