

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

2500 Dudley Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101



**St. Margaret Mary**

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**Welcome to Our Parish!**  
**October 6, 2024**  
**Respect Life Sunday**

## MASS AND RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday— 12:00 PM

**1st Saturday** of each Month 8:30 AM

**Adoration** one hour prior to every Mass. Please come and spend some time with our Lord.

### Weekend

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11 AM

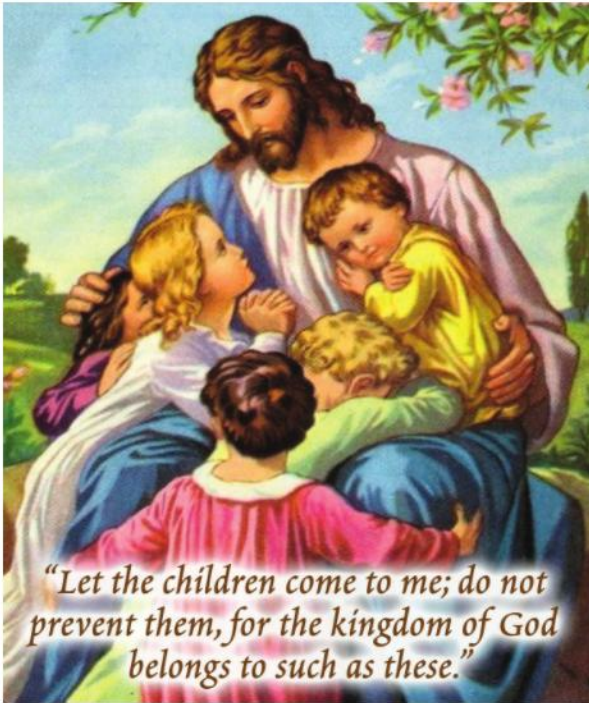
### Holy Days

5:30 PM Vigil and 12 PM Mass

**Reconciliation**—Friday 11 AM—11:45 AM

Saturday: 3 PM - 4 PM and any time requested

**No Daily Mass or Adoration when there is a Funeral.**



### Registration

If you are new to St. Margaret Mary, please complete a registration card (located in the gathering space). If you are a parishioner, who has recently moved to a new address, new phone number, etc., please update your information by emailing: **stmmp2106park@dwc.org**.

### We offer the following:

- Assisted listening devices and wheelchairs.
- Sign language interpretation of the Mass.
- Low gluten hosts and non-alcoholic wine. *Please see an Usher for assistance.*

-**AED** (automated external defibrillator) is located in the working sacristy-behind the altar.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

**website:** [www.stmmdwc.org](http://www.stmmdwc.org)

**Find us on Facebook** @ SaintMargaretMaryChurch  
**myparishapp** for up to date information

**Parish Office:** 304-428-1262

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 7:30 AM-3:30 PM 2438 Dudley Avenue

### Bulletin Deadline

To request an announcement in the bulletin, it must be submitted in writing by Monday at 9 AM by email to: [stmmp2106park@dwc.org](mailto:stmmp2106park@dwc.org)

**Food Pantry:** Tuesday and Friday 10:30AM-11:30AM 2501 Dudley Ave.

**Social Concerns:** 304-422-6786— 609 Market Street, Parkersburg **by appointment only** Monday and Wednesday 10am—12pm

**Stone Soup Kitchen:** Wednesday 11am –12:30pm—609 Market St., Parkersburg, 304-422-6786

**Gabriel Project:** 304-422-6786— 609 Market St., Parkersburg, By appointment only—Monday 1:00 pm-3:00 pm & Thursday 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

**Parkersburg Catholic Elementary:** 304-422-6694

**Parkersburg Catholic High School:** 304-485-6341

## Contact Information

### Pastor:

Rev. Abraham P. Schariah, MSFS; 304-435-4503  
aschariah@dwc.org

### Permanent Deacons:

- Rev. Mr. John Maher; johnfjmahe@yahoo.com  
- Rev. Mr. George 'Jerry' Showalter; js\_deacon@hotmail.com  
- Rev. Mr. Stephen Wharton; swarton61@gmail.com

### Office Manager:

Sara Price — stmp2106park@dwc.org

### Facilities Manager:

Luke Zyla

### Director of Music Ministry:

J.D. Benson—jdbenson1@gmail.com

### Youth Minister:

Andrew Myers: 334-801-0939

### Virtus Coordinator:

Terri Blaker 304-615-0029

### Parish School of Religion:

Amanda Slone 304-991-5191

### Parish Councils:

Pastoral Council - Amber Haid  
Finance Council - Ty Snodgrass  
Service & Liturgy Team - Deacon Steve Wharton

### Matthew 25 Ministries:

Food Pantry: Toni Tiano 304-428-9510  
Social Concerns: Terri Blaker 304-615-0029  
Stone Soup Kitchen: Val Kula 304-834-9879

### Social Ministries:

Family Life Committee: Jon Bango 304- 485-3187  
PrimeTimers 50+: Mary Bango 304- 485-3187  
Sanctuary Society: Rachel Fox 304-615-6956  
Social Events Committee: Kelly Guice 304 -290-0171  
Widows Ministry: Judy Higgs 304-210-2783 or Rhonda Butcher 304-482-4597

**Prayer Requests Team:** Deacon Steve Wharton, 304-588-8801, Judy Evans, 304-615-7111 or Heather Mendoza 304-588-7628

### Catholic Cemetery information:

Ferguson Family—304-422-6786  
www.catholiccemeteriesparkersburgwv.org

### Cemetery Council Representatives for StMM

Kathy Eddy and Scott Morehead

**Tax Statements:** Josh Price— 304-482-4396 or jpricewv@gmail.com

**Family Life Connections:** Don Durochia 304-428-1262

**AA Meetings—contact the parish office for information**



## Sacraments

**Baptism of Infants** - Please contact the office and register as far in advance as possible for baptism preparation class. Every parent and godparent must attend this session before a baptism may be scheduled.

**Baptism Prep** - Please call the office @ 304-428-1262

**Reconciliation (Confession)** - Fridays 11:00 am—11:50 AM and Saturday 3 pm - 4 pm or anytime requested

**First Communion** - Students from second grade on receiving Sacramental Preparation with 1 yr. prior instruction in the Catholic Faith are eligible.

**Confirmation** - Students in ninth grade receiving Sacramental Preparation with previous instruction in the Catholic Faith are eligible.

**Anointing of the Sick** - For a pastoral visit (at home, nursing home, hospital) or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the office.

**Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound** -Becky Miller at 304-464-8006.

**Marriage** - Schedule a meeting with the Pastor for instructions, forms, etc. Preparation prior to marriage requires a minimum of six months.

**RCIA** (Initiation for adults, 16+) - Sessions are held each year, starting in September. Contact the parish office for more information.

## Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information.

## Parish Membership

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent and treasure. To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, Sponsor eligibility, and the "Catholic Tuition Rate" at PCES/PCHS), the parish takes into account family and individual involvement in parish life and ministries and Mass attendance.

Mass attendance can only be tracked accurately via collection envelopes/online giving. If you are not receiving envelopes, please contact the office by email.

Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to date.



PCES is beginning **Adopt a Classroom** for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information please contact Katy McLean—  
kmclean@pceswv.org.

Knights of Columbus councils in the Mid-Ohio Valley announce the **10th Annual Mid-Ohio Valley Rosary Rally**, which will be held at Parkersburg City Park band shell on Saturday, October 12th at 11:00am, rain or shine. In the event of foul weather, the rally will be moved to the adjacent sheltered horseshoe pit. Anyone interested in helping, or for additional information, contact Jim Udell at 304-483-1438.



Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for home-made chicken pies, noodles, and angel food cakes through Wednesday, October 30th. Frozen chicken pies are \$13 each. Noodles are \$7 per bag and are available in wide or narrow width. Angel food cakes are \$8 each. To place an order, please contact Heather Peters at 740-350-6972 or Marilyn Peters at 740-350-1751.



St. Michael Spaghetti Dinner is Sunday, October 13th from 4-7pm. Joe Brunicardi's famous family style spaghetti sauce will be featured. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, 6 and under are free. \$25 max per family. Hope to see you there.

### WIDOWS MINISTRY

Please join us at Jimmy Colombo's for a Dutch treat luncheon on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30pm. This is open to all widows of local parishes.

This is a ministry of fellowship. Call or text Judy Higgs 304-210-2783 or Rhonda Butcher 304-482-4597 to reserve your seat.



### Hidden Gems Youth Group

Sundays

#### Youth

Middle school: 12:30-2:00pm

High School: 6:00-8:00pm

At St. Francis Xavier Parish Center

#### Young Adults

1st & 3rd Saturday nights 7:00-9:00pm

At St. Margaret Mary Parish Office, 2nd Floor

### Listening and Loving

Jesus insists that the little children can come to Him. He is available to them just as much as He is to the adults, much to the shock of the adults surrounding Him. Jesus then asks those shocked adults to consider how these children have qualities the adults are lacking. "Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." As I pondered the qualities a child has, the Holy Spirit drew my attention to an aspirational prayer in a Mass journal I have.

Breathe in: Give me ears that listen

Breathe out: and a heart that loves

I found myself considering how these two motions, listening and loving, are foundational to the childhood experience and are both crucial to accept the Kingdom of God.

First, we have to listen. As children, our first experience of the world is sound. Even before we are born, babies can hear the sounds of the world outside of their mother. A young baby, days old, can barely see a few feet beyond themselves, but their hearing is perfect. They soak in sounds, language. We learn to speak first by hearing it. "At birth, the infant brain can perceive the full set of 800 or so sounds, called phonemes, that can be strung together to form all the words in every language of the world" (Patricia K. Kuhl, *How Babies Learn Language*, 2015) This is incredible! We have such a huge capacity for language, both to listen to and speak, as small children that fades as we grow more set in our ways as adults.

Simultaneously, babies are learning about what it means to be lived, to be cared for. They are completely reliant on their parents to love them. To love someone, to will the good of the other, is foundational for a child. As the child grows, they come to consciously perceive this and begin to freely offer that love back to their family. At lunch a few days ago, my three year old looked up and said, "Mommy, I love you. The next day, I will love you still." It was spontaneous and spoken from his heart.

Jesus wants to speak to us. He does so in the language we understand with our ears through the people He has placed in our lives. He also speaks to our hearts, in the language of love. These two practices, listening and loving, are beautiful lessons we can strive to grow in while we seek to become more childlike in the eyes of God.

-Kate Taliaferro





# October Happenings

**October 3rd-11th**— We will pray a Novena prayer to St. Margaret Mary after all Masses. **\*Mass on Monday October 7th will be at 5:30pm with Holy Hour beginning at 4:30pm.**

**October 13th**—Dedication of the Marian Shrine following the 11:00am Mass with a potluck dinner immediately following.

**October 14th-23rd**—October is the month of the Rosary. We will pray the Rosary every day before Mass.

## Catholic in Recovery (CiR)

Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley holds weekly, general recovery meetings on Monday's at 7pm in the St. Margaret Mary parish hall. For more information please contact John B. at: CatholicinRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com or call (681) 229-7220.



St. Margaret Mary is in need of a team of 3-4 people to prepare and teach RCIA. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 304-428-1262.

## Care Giver Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one? Would you like to meet with others who are also living this ministry? Call Barbara Fligor at 304-210-3903 for the date of our next meeting. We'd love to have you join us!



The 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal goal for St. Margaret Mary Parish is **\$46,350**. Again, this year, once we reach 50% of that goal, the Parish receives back 100% of everything over that. To date, 42% of our goal has been met. Please consider a gift. The money received by the Diocese is also exempt from the Diocesan tax (currently 9%).



September 29th Collection: \$10,060.70

Attendance: 298

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for your support



Here is the QR code you can scan on your cellphone to donate to St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. You can set up a recurring gift, or a one-time gift following the prompts on your phone.

Online Giving



## Pro-Life — STAND AND PRAY

The LIFE CHAIN will be held Sunday, October 6, 2-3pm in Belpre, OH.

Stand for Life by standing or sitting for 1 hour in prayer displaying a Pro-Life sign. Since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of October to prayerfully stand for Life! Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, quiet public witness of pro-life. Americans in remembrance of 63 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations, and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. It is as important as ever to bear witness to the atrocity of abortion and pray to see it abolished nationwide. This is part of the Nationwide Chain that used to be on Grand Central Avenue. Let's join the Belpre Life Chain and make a huge statement that we support life!

Park at the ballfields above Fruth Pharmacy (1401 Washington Blvd., Belpre) around 1:45pm. Bring your own signs OR signs will be available. For information call Katie Walters at 304-481-0578.

"...if my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7: 14-15



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 5

8:30 AM— **No Mass**

5:30 PM— Pat Weaver (D)

### Sunday, October 6

8:30 AM—People

11:00 AM— Bob & Ernestine Gissy (D)

### Monday, October 7

5:30 PM— Ann Flood

### Tuesday, October 8

12:00 PM— Bonnie Emery (D)

### Wednesday, October 9

12:00 PM— Robert “Bob” LaBarbera (D)

### Thursday, October 10

12:00 PM— Carl & Ellen Lea (D)

### Friday, October 11

12:00 PM— Joe & Charlotte Ross (D)

### Saturday, October 12

5:30 PM— Abbie Hoyler (D)

### Sunday, October 13

8:30 AM— People

11:00 AM— Lewis & Mary Anne Gonzales (D)

### Blessed are those who have died in the Lord:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, especially Kathy Pollock. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen

### Please pray for our parishioners who are homebound or in a nursing home:

Sandy Bryan, Anne Ellem, Silvia Fetch, Doris Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Mendoza, Betty McDermott, Terry Hundley, Mike Weser, Elizabeth Schaffer, Sharon M. O'Neill, Mary Anne Auth and Nancy Mason.

## Weekly Calendar of Events

### Monday— October 7

Centering Prayer —9 AM (Sr. Molly 304-588-7303)

Catholic in Recovery—7 PM, Parish Hall

### Tuesday— October 8

Matthew 25 Food Pantry — 10:30 -11:30 AM

### Wednesday— October 9

Stitchers—9:30 AM, Parish Hall

Stone Soup Kitchen— 11 AM

### Thursday— October 10

Bible Study—10:00 AM—11:45 AM, Parish Hall

### Friday—October 11

Matthew 25 Food Pantry— 10:30AM -11:30AM

### Saturday— October 12

Reconciliation, 3PM—4 PM

### Sunday— October 13

PSR- 9:45 AM—10:45 AM, Ed. Building

Children Liturgy of the Word —11 AM

Potluck dinner following 11:00 AM Mass

### PLEASE BE MINDFUL!

When entering Church, please be mindful that many people are praying. If you wish to greet someone do so in quiet tones so as not to disturb another's prayer time. Thank you.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AN ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH: for a special occasion or intention, or in memory of a loved one, please call Terri Blaker at 304-615-0029. The cost is \$60 and checks are made payable to Ladies Sanctuary Society. The flower arrangements are provided by Obermeyers Florist.



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