

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 13, 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

website: 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

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

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

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Terri Blaker 304-615-0029

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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
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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 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.

The flowers at the Marian Shrine are in memory of Sr. Lillian Sleight by Don and Linda Whitley.



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.



The Ladies Sanctuary Society is gathering and maintaining a list of all of the parishioners that are homebound, living in nursing

homes, and assisted living facilities on an ongoing and continuing basis. Please contact Brenda Johnson at 304-615-7442 for any additions. In the upcoming weeks, we will be contacting all of the women of the parish personally to invite them to experience our group and to see all of the wonderful changes that are taking place.

****Our next meeting will be November 13th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will be doing a small craft project as well. More information to come in the coming weeks. We truly hope to see you there!**



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



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Disaster Relief Special Collection Oct. 26-27

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA'S HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND



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.



Our Lady of Mercy CWC is taking orders for homemade 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.



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

Parkersburg Catholic High School is looking for an interventionist teacher either full or part-time. For more information, please contact Mike DeRose, principal at 304-485-6341 or email at mderose@pchs1.com.

Mark your calendars!

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.

THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Sign of the Cross

For the Conversion of our Nation's Capital

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

For the Holy Father

Our Father

For Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious

Three Hail Mary's

For the Conversion of our Country
Glory Be

Fatima Prayer

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

THE FIRST _____ MYSTERY

For the Presidency of the United States of America

Our Father

"We plead the Blood of Jesus over Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia and every soul in that state."

Ten Hail Mary's

For the Conversion of our Country

Glory Be & Fatima Prayer

THE SECOND _____ MYSTERY

For the Supreme Court of the United States of America

Our Father

"We plead the Blood of Jesus over Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, and every soul in that state."

Ten Hail Mary's

For the Conversion of our Country

Glory Be & Fatima Prayer

THE THIRD _____ MYSTERY

For the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America

Our Father

"We plead the Blood of Jesus over Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and every soul in that state."

Ten Hail Mary's

For the Conversion of our Country

Glory Be & Fatima Prayer

THE FOURTH _____ MYSTERY

For the office of the Governors of the United States of America

Our Father

"We plead the Blood of Jesus over New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and every soul in that state."

Ten Hail Mary's

For the Conversion of our Country

Glory Be & Fatima Prayer

THE FIFTH _____ MYSTERY

For all County and Municipal Offices of the United States of America

Our Father

"We plead the Blood of Jesus over South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and every soul in that state."

Ten Hail Mary's

For the Conversion of our Country

Glory Be & Fatima Prayer

Hail Holy Queen

Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most

gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

V. May the Divine Assistance remain always with us.

R. **May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

Sign of the Cross

THE MYSTERIES

The Joyful Mysteries: The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Presentation & The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

The Mysteries of Light: The Baptism of Jesus, The Wedding Feast at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, The Transfiguration of Jesus & The Institution of the Eucharist.

The Sorrowful Mysteries: The Agony in the Garden, The Scourging at the Pillar, The Crowning With Thorns, The Carrying of the Cross & The Crucifixion.

The Glorious Mysteries: The Resurrection, The Ascension, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Assumption of Mary & The Coronation of Mary

Adapted from The Patriotic Rosary by A Friend of Medjugorje ©SJP Licensed to Caritas of Birmingham and The Community of Caritas

We need all Catholic Christians to vote!!!

“As Americans, we have a great civic responsibility to vote in our upcoming elections. As Catholics, we are called to form our conscience based on the Gospel teachings before visiting the voting booth. In order to assist us in discernment, The United States Catholic Bishops have created a document, <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-and-peace/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship> to remind us of Catholic social teachings on the issues of War, Abortion, Racism, Immoral Lifestyles, Immigration Conflict, Unemployment, Health Care, Homelessness, and the Environment. We encourage everyone to read the document and spend time in prayer and discernment of all candidates before exercising our right to vote on November 5th.”

This message is brought to you by
the Justice and Peace sub-committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council

By His Poverty We are Filled

“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me,” (Mk 10:21)

Particularly in today’s society, we tend to center ourselves around instant gratification. The newest trend that money can buy hold a constant allure since we can get them off Amazon with just the click of a mouse. Yet, most are afraid or ignorant of what to expect after death. Heavenly treasures await us if we are not first distracted by the false riches we may be exposed to here on Earth. Food, material possessions, and earthly comforts are temporary, whereas reliance on Christ allows for eternal salvation.

Those who by worldly standards are considered first today may be last tomorrow at Christ’s second coming. The Litany of Humility has always helped keep me grounded, reiterating the importance of loving others rather than seeking that love we desire for ourselves. As Christians, we must ask ourselves if we take the time to tend to those most in need and live in service first to one another.

We must recall the big picture, that as Christians, we have the blessing to be able to spend eternity in the presence of God’s great love, if we choose to emulate that love during the short time we have here on Earth. This is best demonstrated by the love Christ displays for us poor sinners by dying on the cross. Instead of seeking comfort and security, we are called to depend on God always, following His example of love.

Ultimately, we must never be afraid to break open our hearts in front of others for Christ. The life of a Christian is often going to be messy. If we’re not suffering alongside Christ, we are not giving our all to Him. We must take up our cross, and not hold back nor be ashamed. The Lord is worth so much more than the sum of our fears and doubts. And in the end, He does not demand much at all. Simply that we love Him with all our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves. —Alexis-Dallara-Marsh



Pro-Life —

An old Irish proverb says “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend on one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how to best “shelter” them.

Here is a concrete way we can compassionately care for them. Invite God in. Pope Francis has said that “praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter.” The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing Christ’s Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friends or family member, ask God to accompany both of you. —USCCB *Caring for One’s Loved Ones at the End*.

The Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project is in need of gently used strollers of all types and highchairs or feeding chairs of any type. There is a continuing need for baby wash, diaper cream, individual packages of wipes, and new or used crib sheets. Also needed are new bottles, pacifiers, winter-weight sleepers/pajama’s (sizes 2-6). Thank you for your continued support of the Gabriel Project.



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%).

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!



October 6th Collection: \$9,892.00

Attendance: 287

**THANK YOU
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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 12

5:30 PM— Abbie Hoyer (D)

Sunday, October 13

8:30 AM—People

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

Monday, October 14

5:30 PM— Msgr. Joseph Peterson (D)

Tuesday, October 15

12:00 PM—For the intentions of Mary Jane Merandi

Wednesday, October 16

12:00 PM— Bernie Flood Sr. (D)

Thursday, October 17

12:00 PM— Patricia Shopene (D)

Friday, October 18

12:00 PM— James Weaver (D)

Saturday, October 19

5:30 PM— Mary Wolf (D)

Sunday, October 20

8:30 AM— Robert & Sara Butcher (D)

11:00 AM—People

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. 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 14

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

Catholic in Recovery—7 PM, Parish Hall

Tuesday— October 15

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

Wednesday— October 16

Stitchers—9:30 AM, Parish Hall

Stone Soup Kitchen— 11 AM

Parish Office Closed

Thursday— October 17

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

Parish Office Closed

Friday—October 18

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

Saturday— October 19

Reconciliation, 3PM—4 PM

Sunday— October 20

PSR- 9:45 AM—10:45 AM, Ed. Building

Children Liturgy of the Word —11 AM

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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