

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

2500 Dudley Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101



St. Margaret Mary

CATHOLIC CHURCH | PARKERSBURG, WV

Welcome to Our Parish!

October 20, 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission 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

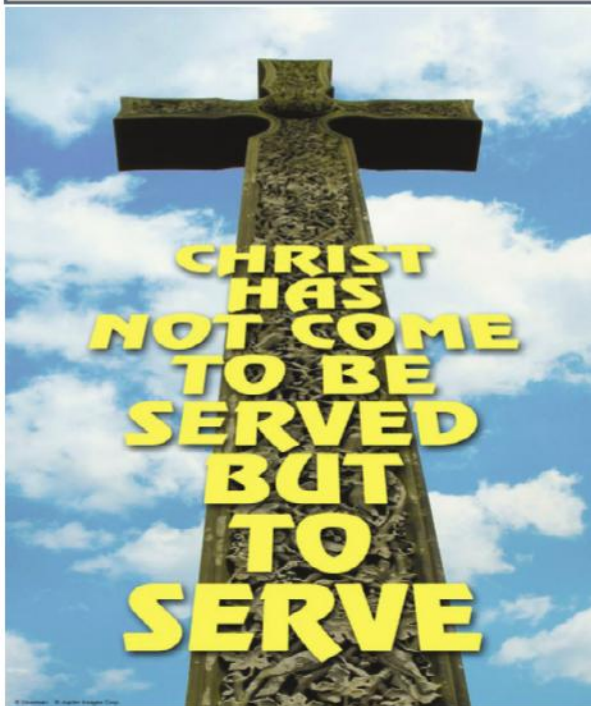
### Holy Days

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.**



## 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

## 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](mailto:stmmp2106park@dwc.org)**

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- 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

### 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.





Dedication of the Marian Shrine

In honor of Sr. Lillian Sleight

## Hurricane Relief



Hurricane Helene devastated the lives of countless individuals. We pray that our Good Lord grants strength to first responders, healing to those injured, grace to all those affected and eternal rest for those whose lives were lost. A special collection will be taken on the weekend of October 26-27.



The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual coat drive October 2024 thru February 2025. There is a barrel for collecting new and clean, gently used coats in the gathering space. All sizes are needed.

### 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.

**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

### 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](mailto:CatholicinRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com) or call (681) 229-7220.



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.

## 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 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.

## Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated or attempted to donate at our latest blood drive. Because of you, we were able to collect 30 units of blood. Also, thank you to Jim & Alyssa Rico who helped set up for the drive, and Ruth Andrews, Mary Deem, & Rachel Fox for volunteering your time to help the drive run smoothly.

## A Food For The Poor Clergy Speaker Will Be Visiting Your Church

Founded in 1982, Food For The Poor works to end the suffering of impoverished children and their families in the Caribbean and Latin America.

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[www.FoodForThePoor.org/churchalliances](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org/churchalliances)



Fr. Edward Hanlon with Food For The Poor will be here Saturday, October 26th and Sunday, October 27th.



Daily Mass on Tuesday, October 29th will be at 5:30pm with Holy Hour beginning at 4:30pm.

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](mailto:mderose@pchs1.com).



October 13th Collection: \$18,113.00

Attendance: 268

THANK YOU  
for your support



**Souper Tuesday** will be held in the parish hall after the daily noon Mass on **October 22nd**. Come and enjoy free food and the chance to meet and visit with other parishioners.

The funeral luncheon ministry served a meal on October 5th. The following brought food or helped in some significant way to make the meal a success:

Dan Blaker	Ann Greer	Kay McMullen
Terri Blaker	Terry Hardman	Jean Minard
Sue Boyd	Liz Hughes	Marilyn Pasquarelli
Patty Brogan	Marlene McCarthy	Peggy Sheridan
Mary Deem	Leta McCarty	Patti Williams
Judy Evans	Jody McCrady	Karen Wolfe
Mary Wright		



Thank you to all who participated in this ministry that provides comfort and solace to grieving families.

## Stitchers

Every Wednesday, the St. Margaret Mary Stitchers Group meets in our parish hall. Some of the members are pictured with the baby blankets they donated to the Gabriel Project. They have made pillowcases for the Elf Made project, the Gustke Center, and for Christmas gifts at the Willows Nursing Home. Doll quilts were handcrafted for Toys for Tots, and dog beds for the Humane Society. This year they have made 18 comfort quilts for patients at the Strecker Breast Cancer Center in Belpre and are currently working on some Christmas items for the Women's Care Center.



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, **44%** 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%).



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 19

5:30 PM— Mary Wolf (D)

### Sunday, October 20

8:30 AM—Robert & Sara Butcher (D)

11:00 AM— People

### Monday, October 21

12:00 PM— Jo Ann Wildt (D)

### Tuesday, October 22

12:00 PM—Allen Wojcik (D)

### Wednesday, October 23

12:00 PM— Herman Anderson (D)

### Thursday, October 24

12:00 PM— Jacques Chatel (D)

### Friday, October 25

12:00 PM— Joe & Charlotte Ross (D)

### Saturday, October 26

5:30 PM— Matthew Kusnierz (D)

### Sunday, October 27

8:30 AM— People

11:00 AM—Dan Moses (D)

### 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 21

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

Catholic in Recovery—7 PM, Parish Hall

### Tuesday— October 22

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

Souper Tuesday

### Wednesday— October 23

Stitchers—9:30 AM, Parish Hall

Stone Soup Kitchen— 11 AM

### Thursday— October 24

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

### Friday—October 25

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

### Saturday— October 26

Reconciliation, 3PM—4 PM

### Sunday— October 27

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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