

SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH

845 HIGH STREET, P.O. BOX 386

WESTWOOD, MA 02090

OFFICE 781-326-1071 FAX 781-329-1879

www.saintmmparish.org

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2020

ADMINISTRATOR:

Rev. Paul Soper

DEACON EMERITUS:

Rev. Mr. Joseph E. Holderried

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Karlene Duffy – Ext. 101

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Denise Raftery – Ext. 102

PASTORAL ASSISTANT:

Brian Cullen – Ext. 107

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Cindy Carlo – EXT. 100

CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Michelle French

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:45 - 4:15 PM

BAPTISMS:

Contact the office to schedule.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Contact the office for a visit to the homebound/sick.

MARRIAGE:

Please contact us at least six months in advance.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mt 4:19

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend of January 18th & 19th

In-Pew: \$3,220

Online: \$1,493

Mailed: \$550

Total: \$5,263

GRAND ANNUAL

As of Monday, January 20th

171 families have contributed
\$68,670 towards our **\$140,000 goal.**

We are at 49% of our goal.

Thank you for your generous support!

Liturgies for the Week

Jan.	27	Monday	9:00 AM	Thomas P. Lewis
Jan.	28	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Gaston Rodriguez
Jan.	29	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Michael Gormley
Jan.	31	Friday	9:00 AM	Marilyn Quinn
Feb.	1	Saturday	4:30 PM	Carole Winslow (1st Ann.)
Feb.	2	Sunday	10:00 AM	Frank Geishecker
			6:00 PM	Catherine Ricciuto



Please pray for all the deceased of our parish including, **Yvonne Leonard** whose funeral Mass we celebrated recently, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.



Helping the Homeless

Last Saturday Kathryn Lendrum, Kirk McKinney, Shane O'Grady, Grace Hubbard, Mr. Hubbard, Charlie Rooney,

Jude Vamenta, Grace Papetti, Dennis Papetti, Riley Maugham, Mallory Morrison, Mrs. Morrison, Liz Bunker and I went to Boston to help our homeless brothers and sisters in Christ. Before we left Fr. Paul celebrated Mass for us and blessed the generous donations from you. These donations included two dozen polar fleece blankets made by residents at Benchmark Senior Living; as one of our helpers said "the home bound are helping the homeless". You also donated more than \$900 in McDonalds & Dunkin Donuts gift cards, hundreds of pairs of gloves, hats, scarves, and socks. We collected and brought 100 granola bars, shaving lotion, razors, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, packs of tissues which we combined to make 40 toiletry kits.

In Boston, we walked for hours talking to and giving gifts to the homeless. One particular young man named Michael said he would pray for us if we would pray for him. Please do so. We revisited one homeless gentleman in a life support wheelchair. I was moved to tears knowing how defenseless he is and how he has survived a harsh winter.

After distributing most of our goodies, we stopped by St. Anthony Shrine on Arch Street for grace and adoration and to light candles for the homeless. We then got a simple lunch and hit the road again. The day was difficult considering the temperature and amount of walking but we could get out of the cold; could stop any time. Our homeless brothers and sisters cannot. We did not whine; as a group we bonded and became more introspective considering our abundant blessings, why homelessness happens and how all of this relates to Christ on the Cross. With prayer, faith and fellowship, we must do our best to carry our crosses and help others carry theirs. We need to look the homeless in their eyes and see Our Lord's face. As disciples we need make disciples of others.... all for Christ and Christ for all. Bless you for supporting our missionary trip. The 24 blankets and 30 bags were cumbersome but a temporal weight. Knowing Michael and hundreds of others remain on the streets is a burden we shall always carry. Special thanks to the blanket makers at Benchmark, and Betty Holderried for the 9 homemade scarves.

Karlene Duffy

Message from Brian Cullen



Dear Friends in Christ,
Perhaps you've seen the beer commercial featuring "The Most Interesting Man in the World." There can be no doubt that the most fascinating human to ever walk the

Earth is not the Dos Equis guy – it's Jesus. Even those who don't believe that He is the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, performed countless miracles, rose from the dead and lives and reigns in Heaven are forced to grapple with the reality that this one man stands at the center of history. I think the most important question we all have to answer in our life is "Who is Jesus?" All of the New Testament features people giving their answer to this central question.

Today we hear Matthew's account of the call of the first Apostles, Peter and Andrew and James and John. From the text, there's no reason to think these four fishermen had ever seen or heard of Jesus until this point. The Lord walked right up to them and spoke one sentence: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Imagine if a stranger walked up to you at work or the grocery store and said that to you! You'd be right to think they were crazy. And yet, the Gospel says "At once, they left their nets and followed him." Something about this stranger made them abandon their livelihood, their families – everything. Not all who encountered Jesus had this same response. Certainly, the Pharisees and Scribes who Jesus so often challenged did not walk away with the same reaction of the Apostles. Even the crowd that greeted the Lord upon His arrival in Jerusalem, who initially shouted "Hosanna!" ended up shouting "crucify him!" a few days later.

I think a clue is presented to us in today's first reading from Isaiah, which is echoed both in the responsorial Psalm and again in the Gospel. "Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone." In John's Gospel, the Lord tells us "I am the Light of the World." Whether it was a positive or negative one, no one who encountered Jesus walked away without a strong reaction. Why would some, having encountered the Light of the World turn away from it? In John Chapter 3, we hear "the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light because their works were evil." Make no doubt about it, evil is real and it is strong. God is infinitely stronger. Choose the Light. Choose Jesus.

Yours in the Lord's Service,
Brian Cullen

Today's readings are filled with inspiration and instruction. Isaiah reminds us that we no longer walk in darkness. For us, the 'great light' he speaks of is Jesus Christ. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the community to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" and "let there be no division among you." In the gospel, Jesus invites the first Apostles: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Do you see yourself as a fisher of men/women? Each of the readings offers us good advice for our time! Which one is God inviting you to give attention to in your life?



TUESDAY NIGHT ROSARY
JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY ON
TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 8:10 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Continue to pray the Rosary every day."

Our Lady of Fatima to Sister Lucia



A Sweet Treat
Saturday, Feb. 15
from 2:30-4 PM

The YOUth of St. Margaret Mary Parish will host a St. Valentine Day celebration for all senior citizens in the lower church at St. Margaret Mary Parish. It is handicap accessible. There will be coffee/tea & sweet treats (served by our Faith Formation students) as well as games, prizes, entertainment & a special gift to take home.



RSVP: 781-326-1071

PARISH STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Rev. Paul Soper	– psoper@rcab.org
Brian Cullen	– b.cullen@saintmmparish.org
Karlene Duffy	– k.duffy@saintmmparish.org
Denise Raftery	– d.raftery@saintmmparish.org
Cindy Carlo	– c.carlo@saintmmparish.org

Ministers' Schedule February 1st-2nd

Saturday, February 1st **4:30 PM**

Lector	Jan Lent
Eucharistic Ministers	Chuck Spiegel
Principals	Mark DeLorey Mil Reissfelder
Special Assistance	Bob Hanley
Altar Servers	** 3 Altar Servers Needed **

Sunday, February 2nd **10:00 AM**

Lector	Bob Berluti
Eucharistic Ministers	Gail Ronan
Principals	Mike Curtin Tom Daly
Altar Servers	Maeve Curtin Hanna Slotnick ** 1 Altar Server Needed **

Sunday, February 2nd **6:00 PM**

Lector	Maureen Bleday
Eucharistic Ministers	Silvia Serratore
Principals	Ken Foscaldo Lois Foscaldo
Altar Servers	Carter Bewley Will Bewley ** 1 Altar Server Needed **

2019 YEAR END FINANCIAL TAX STATEMENTS

Year end financial acknowledgment statements for tax purposes for those who use **envelopes and/or ACH payments** are available now by contacting the parish office staff at 781-326-1071 or via email to c.carlo@saintmmparish.org. For those who make their contributions to the offertory online, these reports will be emailed directly to you from WeShare. If you have not received it, please call the office.



**WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 29TH
ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
7-8 PM**

On Wednesday evening, the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed on our altar. This is a wonderful opportunity to meditate and pray quietly in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. There will also be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



“Out of the Darkness”

Vacation Bible School February 18 & 19, 2020

Journey with us from night ‘til day; dark to light!
Our two day VBS will take place Tuesday & Wednesday of the public school February vacation.

Followers (potty-trained—Gr. 4): 9:30 am-2 PM (\$40)
Disciples/guides: (Gr. 5 & up) 9:00 am-2:30 PM (\$25)

There’ll be prayer, crafts, games, lunch, snacks, videos and our (traditional) dance off!

Registration forms can be found at the entrances to our church as well as on our parish website.



Palm Collection

Anyone who has blessed palms from Palm Sunday last year, please bring them to the church by February 9th. We will be burning them to use in distributing the ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. You can drop off palms in the baskets at the back of the church.