



St. Margaret Mary

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Mass Schedule

Saturday — 4:30 PM

Sunday — 10 AM and 5 PM

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Masses will be livestreamed on the website at www.saintmmparish.org/live-streaming.

Registration is required for all weekend Masses by going on the parish website or by calling the parish office at 781-326-1071.

Daily Mass (Mon-Fri) — 7:30 AM

Daily Masses will be livestreamed on the website.

Baptisms

Please call the office at 781-326-1071 to schedule.

Contact Information

Administrators:

Rev. Paul Soper and

Rev. Bob Blaney

Deacon:

Rev. Mr. Stephen May

Deacon Emeritus:

Rev. Mr. Joseph E. Holderried

Music Directors:

Bill Grzybowski and Matt Hussey

Director of Faith Formation:

Karlene Duffy – Ext. 101

Faith Formation Administrative Assistant:

Denise Raftery – Ext. 102

Pastoral Assistant:

Brian Cullen – Ext. 107

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Cindy Carlo – EXT. 100

Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

As most of you know by now, each day I write down at least three gifts God has given me. These gifts might include a boy coming to adoration, a boss (no names please!) saying thank you or a quiet moment before the tabernacle; just Him and me. Some days I jot down three before capping my pen. Others days, the list is seemingly endless. When I am feeling a bit or melancholy or feeling bad for myself, out comes my notebook and I peruse my lists. Want to know what I discovered?

Well, the days that were “happy” there were three “gifts” on the list. On the days that were “downers” there were more (sometimes many more) than three. Why could I only come up with three on good days? How could a day be “bad” when God showered me with so many blessings? I have a feeling... Perhaps during difficult times I look more earnestly for God. Or perhaps on difficult days I am indeed closer to Christ and His Passion. Or perhaps on good days I am too wrapped up in things going my way to notice all of the “God-winks”.

You see it is the passion of Christ, the bloody, inhumane torture of Our Lord that is His greatest gift. His sacrificial suffering was the greatest sign of His love. Yes, He cured thousands, loved His enemy, fed the hungry, befriended the outcasts, called the dead from their tombs and taught the ignorant. These were outward signs of His Divinity. Acts God alone could do. But His greatest gift, though I’d love to have seen Him walk on water, was His Passion. It was out of total, overwhelming love for you and me, sinners, that he patiently suffered. That is what love is. Love is sacrifice. It is giving, not getting. Recall 1Corinthians 13:4-8: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” Yes, my friends, love never fails.

In times of stress or during difficult moments, it makes sense that God showers us with His love even more abundantly. Sometimes we get angry or frustrated with Him. But He is patient with us. He is kind to us. Because He is love. After all, in the blink of an eye, with a flick of His wrist, Jesus could have stopped His suffering. He could have laid down the cross. Instead this Divine Lover of each of us showed patience and perseverance, forgiveness and never ending, overflowing love. He still does. He always will. Not because He needs us, rather because we need Him. He is why and how we endure difficulty, sadness and perplexity. He is the center of our strength and the very essence of our souls.

So the next time you are struggling to juggle all those things on your plate, the next time you are worrying about things over which you have no control, the next time you are dragged into an argument over politics, stop and contemplate His love, turn toward Him and ask Him one question: My Ever Loving Almighty God, what is Your will? It is the only thing that matters and the only thing that makes sense. So carry your crosses and pray as Jesus taught us (Matthew 6: 9-13): “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Weekly Offertory

Parishioners contributed \$7,169 in offertory, \$2,243 which was taken in through WeShare, our online giving portal. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11/14: William Reissfelder

Sunday 11/15, 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 11/15, 5 PM: Claire V. Gallagher

Monday 11/16: Peg Tunney

Tuesday 11/17

Wednesday 11/18: Tom Joyce

Thursday 11/19

Friday 11/20

Facebook Live Events

Daily Morning prayer at 8:30 AM

Daily Noon prayer

Daily Rosary/Chaplet at 3:00 PM

Friday: Virtual Adoration, Noon — 4:00 PM

Parish Events

Wednesday — Adoration & Reconciliation from 7-8 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed on our altar. There will also be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Friday— The Church will be open for Adoration from Noon to 4 PM

Faith Formation Registration

Faith formation online classes are starting. There is still time to register if you haven't done so already. Visit ww.saintmmparish.org; go to Religious Education and click on Registration Page.

Norfolk County Catholics (NCC)



Veterans Day

Fr. Paul as he offers prayers at the Westwood American Legion Post 320

Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the Westwood Veterans Memorial Park.

Social Justice — Coat Drive

At St. Margaret Mary Parish the Social Justice Committee is holding a 2-week coat drive on the weekends of November 14/15 and November 21/22 in support of Anton's Cleaner's "Coats for Kids" Program. In these hard economic times, there are thousands of individuals in our very own communities who are without a warm winter coat. Donated coats will be cleaned free of charge by Anton's Cleaners. Once collected and cleaned, coats will be distributed through the *Coats for Kids* Distribution Partners network, which includes local nonprofit and social service agencies. As one of the largest coat drives, they accept all winter coats for adults, children, and infants. Please consider donating winter coats that are warm and in good, wearable condition. One question you might ask yourself before donating: would you give it to a friend to wear? Please do not donate coats that have rips or tears, broken zippers, or have permanent stains. Please make sure all pockets are empty. For more information, see Coats for Kids Campaign at <https://antons.com/cfk>.

Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts

Statement Regarding House Budget Amendment Expanding Abortion Access

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The Catholic Church teaches that life itself starts at conception and ends with natural death.

The Massachusetts state legislature is currently debating the annual budget to fund state government for the balance of the fiscal year. As part of that process many amendments are filed for consideration. House amendment number 759 will be considered by the full House in the coming days. This amendment would expand abortion access in the Commonwealth well beyond what is enshrined in state law.

While we acknowledge the amendment addresses some concerns that were raised about the deeply troubling provisions of the ROE legislation, the fact remains that abortion would remain an option under certain circumstances for the full term of the pregnancy. That fact alone is in direct conflict with Catholic teaching and must be opposed.

In addition, current law requires a young woman under the age of 18 years old to gain the consent of a parent, guardian or the court to have an abortion. The amendment under consideration would decrease the age of consent to 16 years old. In its simplest terms, a 16 or 17 year old girl would be deprived of the guidance and support of an adult at the time of making this life changing decision.

Finally, although life-supporting equipment would be required to be in the room for abortions performed after 24 weeks, the specific language in the amendment is nuanced enough that the physician would not be required to use the equipment. Specifically, it would “enable” the physician performing the abortion to take appropriate steps, in keeping with good medical practice....to preserve the life and health of a live birth and the patient.

For these reasons we urge the full House of Representatives not to pass amendment number 759. Contact: Senator, Michael Rush, (617) 722-1348, Mike.Rush@masenate.gov and Representative Paul McMurtry,(617) 722-2015, Paul.McMurtry@mahouse.gov.

His Eminence Seán P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap. Archbishop of Boston

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV, Bishop of Fall River

ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH
FISCAL YEAR 2020
OPERATING PROFIT AND LOSS
JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

	12 MONTHS 7/1/2019 TO 6/30/2020 ACTUAL	12 MONTHS 7/1/2018 TO 6/30/19 PRIOR YEAR
REVENUE:		
Offertory	369,902	322,299
Religious Education	35,246	38,347
Catholic Appeal Rebate	16,609	18,381
Gifts, Bequests, Sacramental Offerings	47,379	76,123
Other Income	6,413	22,951
TOTAL REVENUE	475,549	478,101
EXPENSES:		
Compensation, Benefits, Payroll Tax	198,308	275,697
Religious Education Expense	85,622	92,584
Occupancy/Maintenance/Improvements	144,143	138,264
Central Ministries Assessment	47,589	49,528
Office Expense	42,819	41,485
Other Expense	47,912	47,821
TOTAL EXPENSE	566,393	645,389
OPERATING LOSS BEFORE GRAND ANNUAL	(90,844)	(167,288)
Grand Annual Revenue	82,900	127,300
OPERATING INCOME AFTER GRAND ANNUAL	(7,944)	(39,988)

Note 1: The Grand Annual Revenue continues to play a vital role in meeting the basic operating needs of the Parish. Last year's operating loss of (\$90,844) demonstrates the deficit that would have resulted had there been no Grand Annual Appeal.

Note 2: All in all, the parishioners responded generously with their offerings during this last fiscal year ended 6/30/2020 even with the onset of the Covid Virus and consequent limits on in-person participation at the Liturgy.

Note 3: In this new fiscal year, the longer than expected duration of the Covid Virus continues to offer financial challenges to our Parish. We received a \$50,000 Paycheck Protection Loan which mitigated the impact to date. Going forward, however, now is the time to transition to online sustained giving, perhaps increasing your weekly commitment in order to help our Parish continue to thrive until that day when we can physically meet as a full community at the Liturgy.