



# 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](http://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

I am not going to lie. Last weekend and the following few days were a bit of a struggle. As you know, I am the first to say: stop and smell the roses! Do not worry, trust God. God wants us to be joyful. Boom! Then I failed. I got a text saying that we were in lockdown, the church was closed until further notice. I went to bed. I felt forlorn as if my heart had a big hole through which my energy drained. So I went to bed and stayed in bed. No social media, no phone, no conversations with my mom, no food, nothing...almost.

Now I did get some shut eye, but not much. Mostly because I was too busy fretting over how I was feeling and why. Was I ill? I didn't feel ill. My temperature was normal. Was I concerned for my mom? I've been keeping my distance from her and my mask is practically attached to my face. Was I worried about my coworkers? No they were being safe. They are strong, physically and spiritually. Yet I was weak. Was I just tired? Well, truth be told, I haven't been exerting myself all that much. Ask my mom! LOL. So what was going on?

Well, minutes turned into hours and hours into a whole day. As mentioned, I spent an entire day in the most fashionable work apparel (sweatshirt and leggings), fasting, reading the Bible, praying and talking with my guardian angel. An entire day! I slept so peacefully that night. My stomach didn't cry out for food, my cellphone didn't rage against being ignored AND the world went on spinning! And it continued to spin without me doing a thing...or so I thought.

The next morning I awoke and realized I felt more excited for the day than I had in a while. When I ventured downstairs, my mom asked if I was okay. "Feel great!" What was wrong? she asked. What WAS wrong? Then it hit me. I had finally received the thump on the back of my head that I had for so long been praying. I stopped. Period. I had my own little contemplative retreat. It was the closing of the church, uncertain for how long and it brought me to my knees or, rather, to my bed. No stealing moments in quiet adoration. No praying and praising God with my friends/coworkers. No attending all the masses on the weekends. No welcoming parishioners into God's home. All the things I've been doing, and love doing, in the blink of an eye came to a grinding halt... once again. And guess what? I still "got God". Virtual adoration of Our Lord in the tabernacle, spiritual communion, solo, quiet, wondrous lectio divina and listening; just letting God love me. Letting God love me because I am me and not because I have completed "my list". Not because I said yes to everyone and every favor. He spent all day with me. He loved/loves me because I am me. He loved me enough to slow me down and yes, shut me up long enough to get reacquainted with Him.

Saint Padre Pio once said: "Do not be so given to the activity of Martha as to forget the silence of Mary. May the Virgin who so well reconciled the one with the other be your sweet model and inspiration". So now, right now, in the midst of a million things pulling you in a million different ways, stop. Breathe. Close your mouth. Shut your eyes. Just let Him love you. Or step outside on the next cold, clear night and gaze at the sky and know those stars were made for you, especially for you. They were made to remind you that you are loved. You are beautifully and wonderfully made in His image. Just stop, for a minute, an hour or a day. Just take a moment and stop. The world will keep spinning. But the stars, yes, the stars will shine so much brighter.

## Weekly Offertory

Parishioners contributed \$5,139 offertory, \$2,433 which was taken in through WeShare, our online giving portal. Thank you for your generosity.

## Grand Annual Update

To date, 154 parishioners have donated \$70,782 to the Grand Annual. Thank you for your support; your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/12: Dianne & Matthew Romano

Sunday 12/13, 10 AM: Kayla Walsh

Sunday 12/13, 5 PM: Pro Populo

Monday 12/14: Julie Barham

Tuesday 12/15: Jean Barrett

Wednesday 12/16: David Conley

Thursday 12/17: Daniel Naughton

Friday 12/18: Catherine McCann

## 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

**Saturday** — Rosary, at 9 AM outside by the statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary. If weather does not permit, we will pray inside our church.

## A Festival of Lessons and Carols – December 16

The Festival of Lessons and Carols takes place on Wednesday, December 16 at 7 PM live in our church and will also be streamed on our website: [www.saintmmparish.org](http://www.saintmmparish.org).

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, you will hear nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson will be followed by a carol or other song that reflects the lesson's message as well as a brief prayer.



## Social Justice — Giving Tree Last Weekend to Donate!

This year the St. Margaret Mary Parish Christmas Giving Tree, which benefits those students and their families at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission School in Roxbury who are in need, will be handled a little differently due to the pandemic. We will be collecting monetary donations that will be used to purchase gift cards and small gifts for the families. You may donate money in several ways: (1) Place donations in the offertory basket (in a separate envelope marked Giving Tree), (2) Visit [saintmmparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/ChristmasGivingTreeDonations](http://saintmmparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/ChristmasGivingTreeDonations) or (3) send in a check to the parish office/include in memo line Giving Tree Donation. We will be collecting donations through Monday, December 14. Please call the parish office with any questions. Thank you for your generosity! — The Social Justice Committee.

## Christmas Flowers, Lights and Music



As we prepare for Christmas, we will be accepting donations to make the Christmas season even more special with flowers, music and lights. You can mail a check in with the names of those you wish to remember/honor. You can also donate online at WeShare — go to <https://saintmmparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/ChristmasFlowersMusicandLights>. If you donate online please send your intentions (in honor of/in memory of) to [c.carlo@saintmmparish.org](mailto:c.carlo@saintmmparish.org). All memorial names will be included in the bulletin the weekend of Christmas.

## Blessing of a Manger

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says: Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th 2:30 PM Outdoor Mass : **Closed/Registration Full**

Thursday, December 24th 4:30 PM Mass

Thursday, December 24th 6:30 PM Mass

Friday, December 25th 9:00 AM Mass

Friday, December 25th 11:00 AM Mass

This year we will have three Masses on Christmas Eve and two on Christmas morning. Just a few items to point out: We must continue to comply with the state's capacity restrictions. Everyone must register for the Mass they wish to attend. All family members in your party must also be registered. We are required to have an accurate contact listing for all in attendance.

The 2:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass will be held outside. If you registered for this Mass, please dress warmly, winter hats (men and women), scarfs, and blankets are permissible, and bring your own chair(s). Even though the Mass will be held outside, we ask everyone wishing to attend this Mass register in case we have to move the Mass inside due to inclement weather (rain or snow). Please wear your face mask and sit socially distanced from other households.

All indoor Masses will be live-streamed. If you are registered and are feeling unwell, please remain in your home for the health and safety of others.

If possible please print the confirmation email you receive after you register and bring it with you.

If you have questions please call our parish office at 781-326-1071. You can register at [www.saintmmparish.org](http://www.saintmmparish.org).

After you register for a Mass, you should get a confirmation email. If for some reason you don't get an email, please email Denise Raftery. (Check your SPAM or JUNK folder to be sure it didn't go in there.)

Link to our Live stream Masses! Christmas Masses will be live streamed and can be accessed via [www.saintmmparish.org/live-streaming](http://www.saintmmparish.org/live-streaming) or by going to our website [www.saintmmparish.org](http://www.saintmmparish.org) and clicking on ONLINE MASS at the top of the website and selecting Live Mass. You can also view all recorded Masses by selecting Archived Masses. The most recent recorded Mass will be pictured, but to see the list of all available recorded Masses click on the BLUE PLAYLIST tab on the right of the picture.

Please remember, everyone, that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Come if you feel comfortable coming, but you are not in any way obliged to come at this time.

Remember to wear a mask.



## Healthier Priests. Stronger Communities.

The strength of our communities depends on the well-being of our priests who tirelessly serve others.

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Supports our priests in good standing

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— OR —

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Apple Pay, PayPal  
via Givebutler.



Each Christmas, the parish collections benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests in good standing. By supporting the collection, you can show your appreciation for the priests who have made a difference in your life, the life of our parish, and the lives of countless others in