



St. Margaret Mary

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Mass Schedule

Saturday — 4:30 PM

Sunday — 10 AM and 5 PM

Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday 10 AM 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

Christmas Flowers, Lights and Music

Please pray for those listed and all the faithfully departed...

The Abbate Family

Craig Abraham

Esther & Anthony Acanfora

Michael Aeschliman

Nicholas Amatangelo

Robert & Marie Baggett

Sofia & William Balicki

Patrick G. Barry

Alcide & Dorothy Belliveau

Dennis Belliveau

Thomas J. Boyd

George & Elizabeth Breen

John & Eleanor Breen

Mark Breen

Rosalie L. Calabro

Fred Calabro

The Callahan Family

Ernest Cappuccino

Thomas G. Carlo

Joseph D. Clancy

The Cloherty Family

The Croke Family

Timothy Curtin

Earl Dalton

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dellelo

Teresa & Harry DeNapoli

Rev. Gerard V. Dever

Catherine DiGregorio

Silvestro DiGregorio

The Doherty Family

The Egan Family

The Eichorn Family

Richard Erickson

Betty & Tom Fallon

Glory Cotting Fitzpatrick

Jane Fitzpatrick

John & Helen Fitzpatrick

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Foscaldo

Margaret Gallagher-Sullivan

Eddie Galvin

Lil & Bill Galvin

Nora & Edward Galvin

Katherine M. Gendreau

The Gormley Family

Michael Gormley

Sal Grady

Veto & Chris Grudinskas

Sister Mary Bernadine Hanley

Sister Doris Harrop

James & Nora Hession

Tom Joyce

The Joyce Family

Patricia L. Kennedy

Richard F. Kennedy

Alphonse Kontrimas

Theodora Koot

The Kraus Family

Ronald Lacroix

Kevin Leahy

Mary Leahy

Harry George Lent

The MacDonald Family

John & Helen Martinuk

The Mason & Naughton Families

The Matthews Family

Mary T. McDonnell

William J. McDonnell

John C. McDonough

Anne McGurl

Mary & McManus Family

Fred Meagher

Joseph & Marie Meegan

Joseph Meegan Jr.

Joseph & Dorothy Messina

Agnes M. Minihan

Jeremiah J. Minihan Jr.

Adele "Lee" Molari

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Molari Sr.

Richard Molari Jr.

Constance McInnis

Paul McInnis

Victor A. McInnis

Bob Naughton

Dave Noke

Lydia M. Nolan

Patrick & Ellen O'Connor

The O'Grady Family

Bartleen O'Malley

Bartley & Mary O'Malley

Coleman O'Malley

Martin O'Malley

Patrick O'Malley

Herbert A. Peterson

John Palermo

Fred Raila

Eleanor Recks

John A. Reiser

William E. Reissfelder

Dianne & Matthew Romano

The Sawa Family

James F. Sullivan Sr.

Madge Temple

Sally Torba

Edwin L. Trask Jr.

The Waldron Family

Alice Webber

John Webber

Weekly Offertory

Parishioners contributed \$6,467 offertory, \$2,293 which was taken in through WeShare, our online giving portal. Thank you for your generosity.

Grand Annual Update

To date, 180 parishioners have donated \$83,162 to the Grand Annual. Thank you for your support; your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/26: Louise & Edwin Trask

Sunday 12/27, 10 AM: Regina and
William Grzybowski

Sunday 12/27, 5 PM: Pro Populo

Monday 12/28: Carolyn Linton Smith

Tuesday 12/29 : Robert E. Villarreal

Wednesday 12/30: Theo & Tony Sousa

Thursday 12/31

Friday 1/1

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 — On New Year's Day, the Church will be open for Adoration beginning after the 9 AM Mass until 4 PM.

From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

As talkative as I am, I'm not much of a party person. My idea of a fun night (if my nieces & nephews aren't around) is a good book and a glass of ice water. If my mom has relinquished the remote (rarely happens but it is her TV), I'll check out the History Channel. Voila! A perfectly quiet and delightful night. I also avoid making New Year's resolutions. How ironic that last New Year's, for the first time, I made a few.

On my peg board I spelled out my resolutions and put them on the bureau at the foot of my bed below my crucifix. Daily, the Corpus of My Lord is the first and last thing I see. The second thing would be my resolutions. Because I didn't have many letters for my peg board, my resolutions read: more Bible, prayer, social(izing), exercise. Little did I know that this pandemic would help me stick with my resolutions... not that it's all about me.

My point is that while many see masks as the most iconic symbol of 2020, I disagree. Much more than covered mouth and noses, I saw blessings, big and small; more plentiful than the snowflakes or raindrops. Perhaps the lockdowns and quarantines helped me to see these more clearly. Thank you, God! Yes, there was much suffering and far too many deaths; suicide and anxiety levels surged as did unemployment and homelessness. However, I am a cup-half-full kinda gal so let me share some of the many blessings of 2020.

First, on a personal level, the lockdown slowed me down enough to spend more time praying, reading scriptures and adoring Our Awesome God. As for my resolution to be more social, God must have a sense of humor because since the end of February I have been on "social" media just about every day, several times a day. I did want to be more social I just didn't think it would be via online communal prayer. I have been blessed to walk with some wonderfully gracious families traversing the difficult road of grief. I have also witnessed so many little blessings which have profoundly affected me.

Witnessing the outreach of persons consoling those who are sorrowful is humbling. And oh so helpful to all. We celebrated the confirmation of more than 50 eleventh graders and First Eucharist for 34 third graders. I met with a high schooler who wanted advice on how to evangelize his teammates, a high schooler who wants to start reading the Bible (thanks to Instagram!), a college student interested in being confirmed and dozens of middle & high schoolers wanting to help the homebound.

Through daily prayer offered online, I have prayed with a group of women in the Philippines hiding in anxious anticipation of a tsunami. Dozens of persons have prayed with me from Westwood and the surrounding towns, western, central and eastern Europe as well as Africa and, just today, Ottawa, Canada! I have been blessed to be part of a daily 9 pm prayer group and a 7:45 am Instagram Rosary group of 1000+ persons. A Thursday night prayer group brought together a small group of local women and weekly Sunday night outdoor mass has brought an average of 100 brothers and sisters in Christ together in the parking lot despite sometimes extraordinary weather. This mass has also helped me to exercise more though set up is getting easier. Again, not that it's about me.

2020 has brought me to my knees in petition and thanksgiving. Whilst Our Loving and Compassionate God did not cause this terrible pandemic, His love has shown through in glorious and majestic ways. I am far more thankful to those who provide for our safety here and abroad, those who take care of the sick, dying and grieving and those who shepherd us in faith and parents who, among a million tasks are teaching and learning their faith with their children. My online prayer partners have lifted me when I was trying to lift them. The courage of those asking for prayer has strengthened my resolve to increase and deepen my own prayer life. The laughter I share with friends and my wee ones is more precious than gold and the deepening gift of faith in He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord has indeed been the greatest blessing of all! And, by the way, I will NOT be making any resolutions this year!

Christmas Miracle

Thank you to all who donated to the Giving Tree project, which benefits students and their families at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission School in Roxbury. We determined that we would need to raise \$3,170 in order to provide a gift card that would cover the cost to purchase a jacket, boots, top, pants, hat, and mittens or gloves for each child. To our astonishment, the total of cash donations was EXACTLY the amount we thought we needed—\$3,170! As a bonus, a very generous family donated a toy for each of the children; a kind parishioner donated stuffed polar bears; others donated gift-bag items and boxes of packaged chocolate.

When we delivered the gifts to the school on Friday, the staff was delighted and were looking forward to seeing the excited faces of the children when they picked up their gifts. We were told that the week before a family lost everything to a fire, so a few extra gift cards that were donated plus the extra toys were given to that family.

The school staff wanted us to be sure to thank the parishioners at St. Margaret Mary for their generosity!

Everything seemed to fall into place. Although we say that Jesus is the reason for the season, we might ask ourselves why did Christ come? What was His reason for the season? It was mankind. We are the reason for the season. And we are God's hands when we help those less fortunate! Thank you for being part of this Christmas miracle.

—The Social Justice Committee



Christmas Decorations — Thank You

Santa has his elves and we our volunteers. Many many thanks to Ken and Lois Foscaldo, Michael and Denise Raftery, John Barrett and Karlene. God's continued blessings for sharing your times and talents and for adding joy to our parish all year long!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — Mass

We close out the Christmas octave—the eight days following the birth of Christ—with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God. Since this is a Holy Day, there will be Mass on Thursday, December 31st at 4:30 PM and Friday, January 1st at 9 AM. To sign up please visit the website or call the office at 781-326-1071. Both of these Masses will be livestreamed on our website as well.

Virtual Catholic Conferences

Looking to learn more about the Bible or more about your Catholic faith in 2021? The Virtual Catholic Conference offers a free Bible Conference — January 8-10, 2021. To sign up and for a complete listing of events visit Conference. <https://virtualcatholicconference.com/events/>.



Adoration

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