



January 17, 2021

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

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Parish Administrative Assistant:

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Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

Holy Hour For Life

Friday, January 22, 2021 will be the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that effectively legalized abortion on-demand in the United States. The Catholic Church has consistently taught that all human life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death.

In order to pray as a community for greater acceptance of the sanctity of human life, as well as the souls of those whose lives have been hurt or terminated by abortion, St. Margaret Mary Parish will be hosting the following events on January 22nd:

- 3:00 pm: Holy Rosary, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 pm: Holy Hour for Life, including Adoration, and Benediction

The Holy Hour will include a pro-life-focused Liturgy of the Word, along with music, and time for silent prayer. Please join us in-person on Friday, January 22nd, from 3:00–4:30 pm, or via live-stream (<https://www.saintmmparish.org/live-streaming> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/saintmmparish.org/>). If you can't join us live, please pray along with the recording (<https://www.saintmmparish.org/playlist>), or pray with us in your own way.

"...the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree. Upon the recognition of this right, every human community and the political community itself are founded. In a special way, believers in Christ must defend and promote this right, aware as they are of the wonderful truth recalled by the Second Vatican Council: "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Gaudium et spes, 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person." (Evangelium vitae, 2)



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

Adoration for Peace and Justice

Join us on Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King Jr holiday) after the daily Mass at 7:30 AM for adoration. The church will be open for adoration until 1 PM.

Year-End Financial Statements

Year-end financial acknowledgment statements for tax purposes for those who use WeShare, envelopes and/or ACH payments are available now by contacting Brian at the parish office, either by email (b.cullen@saintmmparish.org) or by phone (781-326-1071). Thank you for your ongoing generosity in support of Saint Margaret Mary Parish.

Weekly Offertory

Parishioners contributed \$11,417 in offertory, including the Solemnity of Mary Masses as well as the weekend Masses on January 2 and 3. Of this, \$4,420 was taken in through WeShare, our online giving portal. Thank you for your generosity.

Grand Annual Update

Thank you to the 2018 families that have donated more than \$102,500 to the Grand Annual to date. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/16: Timothy Curtin (14 yr. Ann)

Sun. 1/17, 10 AM: James & Elizabeth Sullivan
 Sunday 1/17, 5 PM: Pro Populo

Monday 1/18: John J. Broderick

Tuesday 1/19: Paul Hennessey

Wednesday 1/20: Robert J. Butkovich

Thursday 1/21: Bill Lynn

Friday 1/22: Harry & Teresa DeNapoli

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 PM

Parish Events

Monday — Adoration for peace and justice after the 7:30 AM Mass — 1 PM.

Wednesday — Adoration & Reconciliation from 3-8 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed on our altar. There will also be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While Westwood is in the “red zone” for Covid cases, adoration will be virtual from 3-7 PM. Live, in person adoration from 7-8 PM.

Friday — *Adoration*, Noon — 3:00 PM will be virtual while Westwood is in the “red zone” for Covid cases. *Holy Hour for Life* will take place in the church on 1/22 (as well as livestreamed) beginning at 3 PM with Rosary and Adoration until 4:30 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.

From the Desk of Karlene Duffy



Before work Wednesday, while upstairs getting ready, I heard someone holler: “Hi, Auntie!”. Lo and behold, it was my eldest nephew. He came to visit grandma and me. What a treat. What an unexpected surprise. In my life I can recall other “unexpected surprises”; some not nearly so pleasant. One was the principle who “dropped” into my classroom right before the bell rang. Unfortunately my mom was my teacher (every kiddo’s nightmare) and I knew the reason for his visit and, for me, it was unfortunate. Earlier that day I had what I thought was a lively discussion with my theology teacher about, of all things, women priests. My teacher described it to my principal in different terms. No defense was accepted. I earnestly tried and failed and spent the weekend copying the Gospels.

Now, as far as guests go, I feel as if the tables have turned. Each time I walk into adoration I wonder, am I an “unexpected guest”? Is Jesus surprised when I show up to kneel before Him in praise or sit before Him contemplating those same Gospels I spent hours copying? Think about it. In the tabernacle or monstrance (fancy holder for the Consecrated Host) is Jesus, Our God, Our Lord and Our Savior. He is truly present, Body and Soul. When we come up to Eucharist we stand before Christ, eyelash to eyelash. When the priest or deacon says: Body of Christ, we respond Amen (meaning “yes It is”). And we bow before Him. But does He expect us? Are we regulars or the welcomed unexpected guest?



How much time do we spend with Our Awesome God? Is it rote; a necessary part of our daily lives? Or are we a welcome but “unexpected guest” because of how little time we spend with Him? It seems to me that the more time I quietly spend with Him the more time I have to do the other stuff. The more time I spend with Him, the more easily things slip into one of two categories: necessary and unnecessary. And at the top of the necessity list is time with My God. One blessing from this pandemic and from our two pastors is the increased hours of adoration in our parish. They understand that the more time we spend with Him the easier it is for us to see God as real, Our Real and Very Best and Awesome Friend.

How can we have a truly meaningful and trusting relationship with Our God if we do not spend time with Him? And He wants to spend time with you. Mary wants us to spend time with her Son. It is what we were made to do and to do for eternity. Time spent with Jesus, really getting to know Him, allows us to be hopeful, joyful and fulfilled because it is why we exist: to know, love and serve Him. For us as parishioners, it is easy. We can turn on our computers (parish Facebook or website) and see either His Body in the monstrance or when the red sanctuary candle is lit) meditate upon His Body in the tabernacle. Always time well spent. My goal is to spend so much time with Him that He (lovingly) teases “oh, it’s you again”!

Getting back to that “incident” back in junior high with my theology teacher... I no longer believe women should be priests. Jesus could have called women back then to be His Apostles but He did not and Jesus makes no mistakes. Also, the role of women in the Church is no less significant, no less important. We are not weaker (i.e. Mary, St. Joan of Arc, St. Catherine of Siena, etc.) but we are made for other things. After all, behind every good man is a great woman. Regarding my theology teacher with whom I had the discussion, imagine his surprise when I answered his knock at the door of the rectory at St. Catherine of Siena Parish? Lol. This fine Catholic man still teaches the faith. He has become and remains my mentor and is now also my friend. We still have “lively discussions about theology. 99% of the time they are discussions and not debates. The other 1% of the time it’s just me keeping him on his toes! So please don’t be a “stranger” to God. You don’t need a parochial education or degree in theology or even a bible (though it helps me). You don’t even need to know certain prayers or what to say. Just start with a simple “hello God”. As you get to know Him better, the rest will follow.

Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself; our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, 'Peace to you', grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. *By Saint John XXIII*



Pro Life Rose Dinner Gala — Virtual

The annual Rose Dinner Gala is a pro-life event on the evening of the March for Life benefitting the March for Life Education and Defense Fund. On Friday, January 29 at 7 PM, join online for an evening of inspiration filled with outstanding speakers and pro life messages. Speakers include Tim Tebow, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Carl Anderson and more. Tickets are \$25 per person. To register visit <https://marchforlife.org/annual-rose-dinner/>. If you have never attended a Rose Dinner Gala, now is the perfect chance to experience some of the favorite moments at the March for Life for a fraction of the usual cost.

Baptism

Please welcome our newest member in the Catholic faith, **Madeline Rose Gavin** baptized at St. Margaret Mary last weekend. We offer congratulations to the family and welcome them to the community.

It is Girl Scout Cookie Time.

Since girls cannot go door-to-door selling cookies this year or have the traditional booths, the Westwood Girl Scouts have organized a drive-thru, pick-up booth on Saturday, February 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Hanlon School in Westwood. Customers order and pay for their cookies ahead of time and have a contactless pick up on February 13. This booth benefits all of the Girl Scout Troops in Westwood. You can also purchase and donate cookies, which will be given to the Westwood Food Pantry, the Senior Center and the staff at the BI Needham



Second Offertory Collection

The second collection on the weekend of January 24 will be for the Church in Latin America. If you have envelopes, please place them in the regular offertory basket.

Witness to Life 2021

Though the Archdiocese of Boston's in-person pilgrimage has been cancelled due to the pandemic, please consider joining virtually this year. It is just as important as ever before to be a witness to life!

There are 3 opportunities to pray with Cardinal Seán the week of the March for Life:

- Sunday, January 24: Mass celebrated by Cardinal Seán for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Friday, January 29: Catholic TV will livestream the final Holy Hour of the USCCB Vigil for Life led by Cardinal Seán from the Cathedral of the Holy Cross
- Friday, January 29: Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. This Mass will be broadcast on Catholic TV and the video will be shared with parish and school groups who are encouraged to view together. There will be a focus on young people — just like if we were together in Washington with the Cardinal.

Be sure to follow [@EvangelizeBoston](https://twitter.com/EvangelizeBoston) and [@BostonCatholic](https://twitter.com/BostonCatholic) for regular updates the week of January 24 or visit www.bostoncatholic.org.