



St. Margaret Mary

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February 28, 2021

Mass Schedule

Saturday — 4:30 PM

Sunday — 10 AM and 5 PM

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and 5 PM 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 calling the parish office at 781-326-1071.

Daily Mass (Mon-Fri) — 7:30 AM

Daily Masses will be livestreamed on the website.

Baptisms

Sundays at 11 AM. If you or someone you know wishes to have their child baptized 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

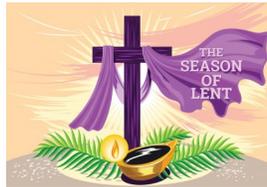
Parish Administrative Assistant:

Cindy Carlo – EXT. 100

Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

Lenten Events



- **Lessons In the Liturgy — Gaining a Better Understanding of the Mass with Fr. Bob**
Mondays, February 22 thru March 22, 7-8 PM via Zoom (Internet not necessary; however a cell phone is)
- **Great Adventure Bible Study by Ascension Press**
Tuesdays, 1-2:30 PM or Thursdays, 7-8:30 PM
- **Bible Study for Teens**
6 Weeks with the Bible on Tuesdays at 7 PM ... and you don't need your own Bible!
Gospel of Mark: Get to Know Jesus!
- **Stations of the Cross**
12:10 PM every Friday along with adoration and communal prayer at the top of each hour (held at the church and will be livestreamed on website).
- **Worship Wednesdays**
Adoration from 3-8 PM at the church and online and Confessions, 7-8 PM
- **Virtual Retreat with Cardinal Sean**
On March 22-26, join His Eminence online followed nightly by a parish Zoom gathering with Fr. Paul and you! More details to come.

The Fast Life

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.

Fast from negatives; Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety; Feast on faith.

- Author Unknown

Weekly Offertory

Parishioners contributed \$5188 in offertory (2/13-14). Of this, \$2,208 was taken in through WeShare, our online giving portal, \$1,340 in pew and \$1,640 via the mail. Thank you for your generosity.

Grand Annual Update

Thank you to the 226 families that have donated \$108,017 to the Grand Annual to date. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 2/27: Dennis Jordan

Sunday 2/28, 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 2/28, 5 PM: Sally Davitt

Monday 3/1: Louise Sullivan

Tuesday 3/2: The Young Family

Wednesday 3/3: Christine O'Brien (30 Yr Ann)

Thursday 3/4: Special Intention

Friday 3/5: Sister Jane Frances Savarese

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

Wednesday — Adoration 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 from 7-8 PM.

Friday — Adoration from Noon — 3:00 PM. Rosary and Divine Mercy at 3 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.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for all the deceased of our parish including, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.

From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

Can you believe we are at the end of February! Time flies when you are having fun, eh? Let's see, we're still wearing masks but many have been vaccinated. We are in the season of fasting yet able to feast on love, God's love! I hope that helps. You see, His suffering as displayed on the crucifix and stations of the cross are like a love letter to each and everyone of us. No one can or will love us as He does. And, we cannot even begin to imagine the extent of His love.

On Fridays during Lent we prayerfully walk with Him on His passion. He did not deserve such brutality. He did nothing wrong. He never hurt anyone. He loved everyone including His enemies. His passion is an example of humility, trust, perseverance, patience and, of course, love. At any point Jesus could have said enough! In the blink of an eye He could have removed Himself from such physical and emotional savagery. Instead He, Our Lord and Savior, humbled Himself, restrained Himself so we can understand the importance of doing God's will and what true love is. Thus, we can glorify God as He did.

The path is not easy. Clearly Jesus showed us that. Funny, many of us expect that if or when we develop a personal relationship with Our Redeemer, life will get easier. Not true. Over a lifetime of Catholic education, hundreds of courses and classes, lectures attended, books read and videos watched that is the one thing which was never mentioned. Fun. Yet joy, well, that's another thing. We fast on Fridays and abstain from meat, give things up or add things to our routine to better understand His love by better understanding His pain. We exercise virtues and strengthen our souls. And in that is the joy. The joy comes from us decreasing and Him increasing. The joy comes from the present of being in His presence. The joy comes from His humbling Himself and giving us our strength through the Eucharist. What joy in pleasing Him, in praising Him! Yes, even in sorrow and loss, difficulty and darkness, there is the joyful anticipation of praising Him, of pleasing Him.

Look around at the shrouded icons, the purple banners and upright cross in the entrance to the church and remember purple signifies: prayer, penance preparation and His presence. His presence in our lives; us wanting to be in His presence forever. So, smile while you refrain from meat on Fridays, laugh while you fast, chat with your guardian angel, trust the intercession of the saints and martyrs. Look toward The Light of His resurrection while you make your Lenten sacrifices. Maintain hope in His promises of eternal life spent praising He Who Loves You.

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 the parish office at , 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.



Here ye! Here ye! Bible Study will begin this week.

We have two sessions, an afternoon and evening one so you won't need to miss a session if your schedule changes. One session is on Tuesdays, 1-2:30 pm, the other is Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm. A computer is NOT necessary. A phone is. If you plan on participating in the afternoon session, please email Bill

at w.grzybowski@saintmmparish.org. If you plan on attending the evening session, please email me at k.duffy@saintmmparish.org. You will each receive a free study guide and online access to videos (not necessary). We will gather for 6 sessions, take a bit of a break and start again. There are a total of 24 sessions but don't let that intimidate you. Getting to understand the Bible and chat in small groups will only serve to better know our faith history and that will lead to strengthening your relationship with Our Awesome God. Each week you will read a chapter, watch a video (if you choose) and get together via Zoom for discussion. Piece of cake! So come with us on The Great Adventure Bible Study! **BTW, let me know if you need a Bible.**

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage? The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are:

- Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21
- Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29



Next weekend, parishes across the Archdiocese will launch the annual Catholic Appeal, which provides necessary funding for the more than 50 ministries that serve our parishes, schools, and communities, helping us all live our faith together. This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you are directly supporting our parish and all those who turn to our Church for assistance. Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or make a donation. To give now, scan the QR code above.



Through your generosity to the Catholic Appeal, you help provide a team of expert professionals who support our parishes, our schools, and our communities.



Our Parishes & Our Faith

Helping our 280 parishes safely serve their parishioners once the pandemic struck was truly a team effort.

Our risk management team, health care ethicist, and support staff provided comprehensive guidance and expert advice and best practices to enable parishes to offer remote and in-person services.

In addition, your contribution to the Catholic Appeal helps provide programs such as *Transformed in Love*, a program for couples preparing for marriage. Converting these in-person programs to internet-based programs enabled 1079 couples to continue their preparations for the sacrament of marriage.



Our Schools

Our teams developed in-school safety protocols and remote learning best practices so that students in our 100 schools did not fall behind during the pandemic.

Our schools have been able to maintain in-person learning throughout most of the current school year and have been cited as a model for public school systems across the state.

With the support of the Appeal, the Catholic Schools Office also provides operational assistance, faith-based guidance, and professional development programs for all diocesan schools.



Our Communities

Our Central Ministries provide services that benefit our 144 communities in numerous ways.

In addition to our Pro-life ministries and support for addiction recovery, we advocate for social justice and respect for the inherent dignity of every person through a yearly Social Justice Convocation and educational programs.

We also provide materials, virtual resources, and support to families and persons with disabilities so that they can stay connected to their Church and continue their collective journey of faith.

This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you support all of us.

To see more about these stories please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to watch this year's Catholic Appeal video.





Through the generosity of donors like you, last year's Catholic Appeal raised \$14M to help the ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston support our faith, our parishes, and our communities. We are so thankful for the dedication of our extended family of faith, as together we can impact the lives of others far beyond the change we could affect on our own. Below is a breakdown of how Catholic Appeal funds were allocated to Central Ministries in 2020. **Thank you for helping these ministries continue to change lives, share our faith, and bring the presence of Christ to the world around us.**

	MINISTRIES	% of CM Budget
	Supporting Our Faith: Catholic Schools Office, Cultural Diversity & Persons with Disabilities, Deaf Apostolate, Ecumenical Affairs, Family Life, Healthcare Ethics, Palliative Care, Pro-Life Ministries, Health & Social Services, Chaplaincy Programs, and Addiction Recovery.	43%
	Supporting Our Parishes: Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Lifelong Faith Formation, Worship & Spiritual Life, Evangelization & Discipleship, Benefits, Finance, Human Resources, IT, Parish Financial Services, Property Management, and Risk Management.	36%
	Supporting Our Communities: Catholic Schools Office, Cultural Diversity & Persons with Disabilities, Deaf Apostolate, Ecumenical Affairs, Family Life, Healthcare Ethics, Palliative Care, Pro-Life Ministries, Health & Social Services, Chaplaincy Programs, and Addiction Recovery.	21%

Note: The Catholic Appeal does not provide financial support for priests on administrative leave, or the financial settlements and counseling/medication costs for victims of clergy abuse.

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Lenten Resources

- RCAB (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston): resources for everything Catholic including prayer, mass, worship, events calendar & more
- USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops): includes same as RCAB with additional National events, documents, and prayer services
- Norfolk County Catholic Young Adults: Join others in prayer, community service and socializing, helping and supporting one another on the road to holiness
- Jesus aCross the Border: provides events, resources and networking for young adult Catholic in Massachusetts and New Hampshire
- Word on Fire Ministries with Bishop Robert Barron: books, videos, homilies, daily meditation on the Gospel, virtual pilgrimages to holy sites around the world and more; for teens and adults
- Franciscan Media: daily emails with Saints of the day, daily readings, one minute meditations and more. For teens and adults
- Ascension Press: books, videos, homilies, daily Mass, individual faith studies, and more. For children, teens and adults.
- Dynamic Catholic: order books, sign up for daily uplifting meditations, watch Matthew Kelly or one of the great Catholic speakers via video talk about faith and current events in easy to understand language. Offers resources for people of all ages
- Formed: videos, films, study materials, audio-books and books. An app for families, children, teens and adults.
- Laudate: an app for your phone, iPad or computer includes, prayers, daily mass readings and saint of the day, liturgy of the hours, daily bible verse and much more. For teens and adults.
- EWTN: 24/7 Catholic television programming for all ages.
- Real Life Catholic with Chris Stefanick: geared toward young adults (but I too love this guy) he provides tools and resources to live you best life including daily emails, videos, podcasts and so much more.
- Catholic Guys Talk Show: Watch podcast or catch after on YouTube. 3-30 something guys of whom one is a priest, pick a current topic and discuss it with enthusiasm, humor and knowledge. Great for all, super great for men!
- Lifeteen: online resources including speakers, videos, contemporary Christian music, prayers, bible studies, in person and virtual retreats, camps and mission trips. Great for teens, young adults and parents.
- Hallow: Catholic app for your phone or iPad offering mini online retreats and meditative sessions along with prayers, art and more. excellent for youth, young adults and adults.
- The Chastity Project: online resources including video, podcasts, speakers and more dealing with teens and young adults and their bodies' connection with our faith and our God. Straight talk, questions answered, prayers and oh so many resources! excellent for teens, young adults and parents.
- Busted Halo, Church Pop, Catholic.com: formerly known as "Catholic Answers" this is a media ministry that serves Christ by explaining and defending our faith.
- EWTN Catholic radio 1060 am: talk shows, rosary, mass and much more.
- Relevant Radio (550 & 1150 am) and online: excellent Catholics talk show hosts, mass several times daily, rosary, prayers for life, daily Lenten lessons with Fr Rocky (head of Relevant Radio) and more.
- Phatmass: geared toward youth but great for all ages provides music, desktop wallpaper, games, apologetics (how to defend our faith) and very large forum
- Theology of the Body Institute: explains the based on Pop St. John Paul II's writing on the human body, it's relationship with God, scripture and this world. TOB Institute offers study programs, resources, videos and more.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for more info on Catholic social justice issues including hunger, human trafficking, Christian persecution and more.

Want some names to check out online? Whether you're looking for vids, books, or resources, check out: Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. Josh Johnson, Bishop Barron, Matthew Kelly, Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Dr. Edward Siri, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (as if he is speaking to you today!), Graham Greene, Raymond Arroyo (Will Wilder series for middle schoolers, tweens). Theology of the Body for Children, middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults