



March 7, 2021

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 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

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Cindy Carlo – EXT. 100

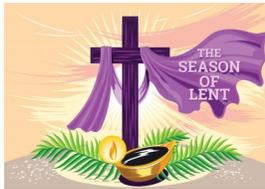
Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

Lessons and Music for the Lenten Season

As is the custom of presenting Lesson and Carols for the Advent Season, so we will present a Service of Lessons and Music for the Lenten Season on Wednesday evening, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the Church. This service will include the Sunday Gospels of Year A: Jesus tempted in the desert; Transfiguration; The Samaritan Woman; Healing of the man born blind; The Raising of Lazarus and the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. Deacon Stephen and Organist Bill will be the presenters along with our Parish Lectors. Since confessions usually take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:00, confessions will be heard from 6:00-7:00 pm on March 10th. We hope you can come and enjoy either in person or livestream.

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
- **Lessons and Music for the Lenten Season**
Wednesday, March 10 at 7 PM; In person and virtually.
- **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.

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 (c.carlo@saintmmparish.org) or by phone (781-326-1071). Thank you for your ongoing generosity in support of Saint Margaret Mary Parish.

Weekly Offertory

The weekly update will be printed next week.

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. 3/6: Dr. William J. O'Neill III

Sunday 3/7, 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 3/7, 5 PM: Pro Populo

Monday 3/8: Irene J. Hughes

Tuesday 3/9: Edmund J. Connolly, Jr.

Wednesday 3/10: Richard Garry

Thursday 3/11: Dee Kraus (10 Year Ann.)

Friday 3/12: Catherine Matson

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 6-7 PM. Lessons and Music for the Lenten Season will be held in the church and virtually 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.

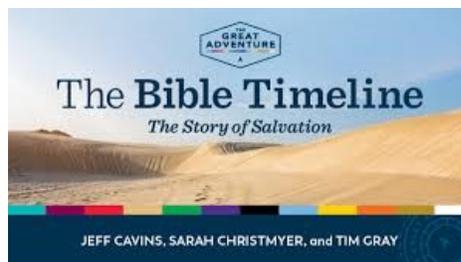
From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

My sister gave me a school photograph of each of her two elementary aged children. Of course, they are beautiful; after all they are related to me! JK. Upon looking at the pics I realized one startling fact: my wee nephew, he is six, is no longer a baby. He is a wee little man now and I feel as if I missed a very important time in his life. A time stolen by this pandemic and quarantine. For me, it is a nightmare relived. Twenty plus years ago a speeding truck ran over my car with me in it. Five years of immobility, surgeries and subsequent physical therapy took their toll. But the worse part was I had just become an aunt for the first time. I promised myself my priorities would forever be God then family then everything else.

I have clung to those priorities but the past year made it difficult. I am certain it has for you as well. Blessedly my sisters live nearby and parking across the street from my sister's house to watch the kiddos have snowball fights (I may have thrown a few myself...), build a fort or eat (yes, eat) a snowbank full of snow was better than nothing and helped foster the bond I have with them. While keeping my mom safe was paramount, seeing the little ones even from a distance was and is a delightful treat!

The other day I came home to find the wee little man in our house. I was shocked and thrilled. What a treat! Normally I pick him up and toss him around but we just sat in the cold room (windows were open) and he told me, in great depth about dinosaurs (for the millionth time). I clung to every word he said and, just as I do, he went on and on explaining their eating habits, size, where they've found fossils and how he is going to be a really great paleontologist. Such a gift! Of course when his mom told him to put on his sneakers, he said "I know what you're doing mom. You're trying to get me to leave." His mom said yes, it's time to go. At this point he sprawled on the floor and asked: "Auntie can I move in until spring?" "Why spring?" I asked. He replied: "everything is better in spring". Why? He said Jesus comes back from the dead and flowers show their faces and we can all have fun outside together!

Out of the mouths of babes (or wee young men)! So simple and so on point? We are in the Lenten Season, the desert (but with snow) and have been walking up a steep hill for many months but our celebration of the Resurrection is around the corner and with it comes light and warmth and renewal. So keep climbing and do not look back or you just might miss the view from the top of the hill. And that view, my dear friends, is always a masterpiece and the artist, of course, is God!



If you have received your The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Workbook or would like to receive a FREE workbook and join our Bible Study, please contact Karlene at (781) 326-1071. Each week you will read one chapter of the workbook,

answer questions and have the option of watching free online supplemental videos which goes along with each chapter. To gain access to the videos, click on the link below (which takes you to Ascension Press), set up a login (email) and password (you create) and you will have immediate access these (optional) videos.



This weekend, we launch our annual Catholic Appeal, along with all the other parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each year, the Catholic Appeal provides the faithful with a way to help support the ministries that support our parishes, our schools, and our communities. This is our Church, and every gift makes a difference. Please consider making your gift today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org or by scanning the QR code above. Your gift has an immediate impact on our parish and the work of our Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

Lenten Prayer of Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Amen



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