



March 21, 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

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Music Directors:

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Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

From the Desk of Father Bob

The word Lent means springtime. It's an appropriate name in that this holy season always straddles the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Spring implies new life and therefore so does the season of Lent. Part of new life is shirking the old. In our Catholic Tradition we do this through an ongoing conversion, that is to say, a continuous turning toward Christ. In Lent, we adopt the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to help in our conversion. However, conversion also implies confessing our sins and confessing our faith. As Holy Week approaches, may I encourage you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). This is an essential part of our faith in which we are able to share in Christ's Passion by handing over to Him all that keeps us from Him.

If it has been some time since you have been to Confession, let me offer a few thoughts for your consideration. By confessing our sins sacramentally, that is, to a priest, we are unburdened of the weight of our faults and omissions. We are able to hear Christ speak to us through the priest in the words of absolution "I absolve you of all of your sins".

To make a good confession, let the priest know the last time you were at confession. If you do not remember, simply tell him that you do not remember. Knowing the length of time since your last confession helps the priest have a context in which to hear the confession. Then you simply tell the priests your sins. If you are not sure what to say or how to say it, the priest will gladly help you. You don't need to give a long explanation or lots of details. Keep it simple. If the priest feels the confession needs some context then he will ask for some information. Depending on the nature of the confession, the priest may offer some words of encouragement then give you a penance. A penance is something you take upon yourself as a sign of your intention for conversion. Interestingly, if the penance does not seem appropriate or doable, you can ask for another.

After the priest gives the penance he will ask you to say an Act of Contrition. This is a prayer you say aloud that expresses sorrow for sins. It may be one you learned years ago or off an app or on a prayer card in the confessional. You may also pray one spontaneously. Having made the Act of Contrition, the priest then says the words of absolution:

God the Father of Mercies, through the death and Resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. I absolve you from all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

It's worth noting that you can receive the sacrament face-to-face or anonymously. Our confessional room is set up for both.

By way of reminder, there is the "Seal of Confession" placed on the priest by the Church in which he cannot, under and circumstances, ever reveal what he has heard in a confession or divulge the identity of someone who has gone to confession. The seal is considered sacred and holds the priest to a sacramental confidence.

Again, the priest is there to help you make a good confession. Not only is he willing he is wanting to help. He has to go to confession too!

This Week's Schedule Changes

Please note several changes to this week's schedule: Fr. Bob's Lessons in Liturgy will take place from 6-7 PM on Monday The Bible Study for Teens will be on Tuesday at 6 PM.

And Adoration will be on Wednesday from 3-6 PM.

Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of March 13-14 was \$9,588. \$1833 was collected through WeShare our online giving portal and \$7755 was contributed via mail and at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Grand Annual Update

Thank you to the 227 families that have donated \$110,172 to the Grand Annual to date. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 3/20: Ann Lindgren (6 Year Anniversary) and Jean Lindgren (Living)

Sunday 3/21, 10 AM: Henry "Hank" Barry
Sunday 3/21, 5 PM: Pro Populo

Monday 3/22: Donald Johnson

Tuesday 3/23: Mary Leahy (1 Yr. Ann) and Eddie Galvin (7 Yr Ann)

Wednesday 3/24: Thomas Brennan

Thursday 3/25: James Twomey

Friday 3/26: Gustavo Perdomo (Living)

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 3-6 PM, please note time change due to Cardinal's retreat. .

Friday — Stations of the Cross will be at 12:10 PM. Adoration will follow until 3 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 Catherine Barry whose funeral Mass we celebrated recently as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.

From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

Faith and begorra!

St. Patrick and St. Joseph both had feast days this week. In my family we'd say March 17th was dad's day (Irish) and the 19th belonged to mom (Sicilian). 'Twas a week of boiled dinner (NOT my cup of tea) and zeppoles; green, white and gold followed closely by red, white and green. As young ones we knew St. Patrick taught the faith in Ireland and St. Joseph married Mary and fostered Jesus. March 17 was also the ONLY day my sisters and I got to eat McDonalds. Yes, it is true: if we were on our best behavior on St. Patrick Day, we could pool our allowances and have MickyD's for dinner instead of corned beef and cabbage. Needless to say, we got along well each St. Patrick Day!

Looking back, however, I think we missed the boat. We got it wrong about these two most beloved men of faith. First, we all now know that Patrick was not Irish and, of course, St Joseph was not Italian! Patrick was kidnapped and enslaved in Ireland for years before turning toward God and praying for his release. His prayers, like all prayers, were answered. He escaped, returned home and eventually became a priest and then a bishop. But the really "Irish" part was he asked to return to Ireland to live among the Celts and Druids, pagans who ridiculed and tortured him so that he might draw them closer to God. He evangelized. And so should we. He lived among a people who did not treat him with respect but eventually came to respect and love his God as well as they loved him.

Now as far as St. Joseph is concerned, my older sister and I share a deep love for this patron of teachers, children, workers and immigrants. We had, during our formative years attending St. Catherine of Siena School in Norwood many teachers who were Sisters of St. Joseph. They wore long black habits and, while sometimes a wee bit intimidating, they taught us well. They taught not just religion, math, English, etc. but also community, forgiveness, humility and faith. While they did teach with words, much of what remains with my sister and I were their actions: strength, patience, laughter, silent prayerfulness and love. They exemplified St. Joseph.

Not one word spoken by St. Joseph is recorded in the bible. We have many of St. Patrick's. Like St. Patrick, Joseph was assuredly a man of great faith, courage and action. He listened to the voice of an angel, found shelter for his pregnant wife when the inns were full and safely fled into Egypt with Mary and the newborn Jesus. When my dad would show me how to use a tool on his workbench, I'd recognize St. Joseph in him. Few words but much love and patience. When my mom would utter prayers for calm and peace in our home, I'd think of St. Patrick whose words today are used by priests in exorcisms. (Not what mom needed for us; just four sisters, two bedrooms, one bath. Need I say more?!)

St. Patrick and St. Joseph were all about drawing others to the triune God they so loved and trusted, like my mom and dad and those Sisters of St. Joseph did. They had a faith that led them to sacrifice and humility. Therefore, they remain excellent role models for us. Strength from the inside out and courage and sacrifice for the One True God Who Is Love. So through the intercession of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, may we come to stand up for nothing less than The Truth as taught to us through Word and Tradition by Jesus Our Savior and His Successors. May we follow the footsteps of Saints Patrick and Joseph, not just in March but always. Saints Patrick and Joseph pray for us.

Easter Collection

Every Easter, our parish collection benefits Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests in good standing. By supporting the collection, you can show your appreciation and support for the priests who have made and continue to make a difference in your life, the life of our parish, and the lives of countless others in our community. See this week's bulletin for ways to make your gift today. This year more than ever, your support is needed and appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.



A RETREAT WITH CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY

The CatholicTV Network / [CatholicTV.org](https://www.catholicTV.org)

Monday - Friday, March 22-26 at 7:00pm ET



Prepare your heart for Holy Week by tuning in to a **5-night retreat** with Cardinal Seán O'Malley on CatholicTV. Each evening you'll hear a talk from the Cardinal, meditate on a passage from Scripture, and ponder relevant reflection questions. Join us in prayer as we draw near to the end of our Lenten journey.

[Retreat Reflection Questions](#)



Saint Margaret Mary Parish Virtual Lenten Reflection

Join us on Zoom each night around 8 PM after the Cardinal's retreat to talk as a parish about the scripture readings, ask questions and better prepare for the end of our Lenten journey with others from Saint Margaret Mary. To join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85861224960?pwd=aHNsUHdLQkZpQ2JNTitYWHd1Q0RNOQT09>. The Meeting ID: 858 6122 4960 and Passcode is 157031.



Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule (with Registration Links)

- [Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper, April 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.](#)
- Good Friday Stations of The Cross April 2, 2021, 3:00 p.m. (Registration not required)
- [Good Friday Service April 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.](#)
- [Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday April 3, 2021, 7:30 p.m.](#)
- [Easter Sunday Mass, April 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m.](#)
- [Easter Sunday Outdoor Mass, April 4, 2021, 11:00 a.m.](#)

There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. All Masses will be livestreamed.

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!

Easter Masses will be live streamed and can be accessed via www.saintmmparish.org/live-streaming or by going to our website 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. Masses will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page, facebook.com/saintmmparish.org.

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.

Sunday Mass Updates

We are mindful that the 10:00AM Mass is getting full. We are trying to expand our capacity for that Mass by using the hall downstairs as overflow. We will use our video equipment to stream the Mass downstairs, and we will obviously bring the Blessed Sacrament down at communion time. Because of this we are increasing the registration capacity for that Mass from 90 to 150, but it also means that once upstairs is full, we will begin directing people downstairs. This is a temporary fix. We will figure out more about what to do to fix this as we go along.

Second, starting this Sunday, March 24th we will try moving the Sunday evening 5 PM Mass back outdoors. Pray for warm weather!!

Palm Sunday

Palms will be distributed next weekend in celebration of Palm Sunday. Please note that volunteers will hand palms to everyone who wants them. Volunteers will be wearing gloves. The Sunday 5 PM Mass will be held outside weather permitting.



Easter Flowers and Music

As we prepare for Easter, we will be accepting donations to make the Easter season even more special with flowers (inside and outside) and music. 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/EasterMusicandFlowers>. All memorial names will be included on a list in the bulletin the weekend of Easter.

ATTENTION SENIORS (Ages 65+) COUNCIL ON AGING LOOKING FOR YOUR WORDS OF WISDOM

Wisdom comes with age! Westwood's Council on Aging is starting a new program with the Westwood High School Senior Class called, "Seniors Celebrating Seniors." They would love area seniors to embrace a high school senior during this particularly challenging time and write "words of wisdom" or "congratulatory comments" to students who will be leaving Westwood to head to college and beyond. Those interested should call the Council on Aging at 781-329-8799 and leave a name, address and phone number with Lina or Lorraine. The Council will contact people in late March with the name of a graduating senior to send words of encouragement and wisdom to in late April. Please consider sharing your wisdom with the next generation!

PRAYER: Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.