



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. The 5 PM will be livestreamed on our Facebook page.

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

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 and Parish Manager:

Rev. Mr. Stephen May – Ext. 107

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

A Note From Father Bob

Cardinal Sean O'Malley will visit St. Margaret Mary Parish next Sunday, May 2 to celebrate the 10:00 Mass. The Cardinal, as most bishops I think, like to visit the parishes in their respective dioceses to get a sense of what is happening in the local faith communities and also to offer encouragement. Even the Holy Father, Pope Francis, often visits the parishes in the Diocese of Rome. Such a practice dates back to biblical times. We often hear of St. Paul visiting the parishes he established in Corinth, Thesilonica and Collisae. The concept of a "pastoral visit" is a way in which the Church was formed from the beginning. The Cardinal's visit is an indication that we are part of something greater than ourselves. At the same time, it also helps him as the bishop of the diocese to consider the needs of the people entrusted to his care. As our bishop, it is a privilege to welcome the Cardinal to our parish!

Fr. Paul and I would also like to offer a word of welcome to Deacon Stephen May who begins his new position on Monday as Parish Manager. In this new full-time roll, Deacon Stephen will oversee the day-to-day operation of the parish including finances, facilities and pastoral outreach. In this position he enhances his diaconal ministry in the parish and enriches the excellent staff which serves us each day.

The month of May, as you well know, is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. One of the ways I would like to honor Her and increase our devotion is to find statue of Her that would be in proper scale to our Church. The statue we have of her currently is beautiful in its own right, but is much too small for the sanctuary. Deacon Steve and I may have found one and are inquiring if it might be available for us.

If you were at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday you may recall that we took up a collection for a future St. Vincent de Paul Society. I am most grateful to all those who contributed. We raised over \$1000 as seed money to get it started. This will be a big help. We have met with the archdiocesan president of the St. Vincent de Paul who has pledged his assistance in getting a chapter started here. The St. Vincent de Paul Society strives to help a parish deepen its relationship with Christ by focusing on those in corporal and spiritual need. It will take a few months to get a chapter up and running. I am excited about this. Although many families in Westwood are financially stable, not everyone is. Those who struggle with basic necessities are often hidden to us. A St. Vincent de Paul chapter would help us identify those in need and provide assistance.

Thanks to the Fire (Pit) Crew

Thanks to the fire (pit) crew! One year ago we ordered a fire pit kit. It arrived eight months later! And, finally, last Saturday, we asked for volunteers to help set it up on the parish grass. Boy did they show up! it was (very) cold and drizzling yet they came. They came with tools and wheelbarrows and shovels and rakes and donuts oh my! In short time, the pit was up and we were eating donuts! (Thanks Fr. Paul.) And although it was



very chilly, we had our second "fireside chat" that evening; a couple of hours to sit, enjoy the warmth and soothing smell of a crackling fire beneath the moon. So thanks to Sally Arpino, Craig Foscaldo, Ken Foscaldo, Pat O'Grady, Shane O'Grady, Michael Raftery, Bob Reissfelder, Nate Sanders (who? oh yes, our seminarian, soon-to-be-deacon). It was a bit of work with much laughter and community building. We look forward to more fireside chats, meetings, prayer groups and s'mores around that fire pit! Again thank you, volunteers and bless you.

Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of April 17-18 was \$5,380. \$2,498 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$2,882 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Grand Annual Update

To date, 228 parishioners have donated \$110,462 to the Grand Annual. Thank you for your support; your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4/24: Mary McManus

Sunday 4/25, 10 AM: William M. O'Brien
(3 Yr. Ann)

Sunday 4/25, 5 PM: Pro Populo

Monday 4/26: Debra Gorman (Living)

Tuesday 4/27: Mary Burgess (Living)

Wednesday 4/28: Michael Grealish

Thursday 4/29: Mary Krueger

Friday 4/30: Jean Grudinskas

Facebook Live Events

Daily Morning prayer at 8:30 AM

Daily Rosary/Chaplet at 3:00 PM

Parish Events

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 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 as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.



Last Weekend to Donate to the Annual St. Margaret Mary Baby Shower

This is the last weekend to donate to our annual baby shower, sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. A box will be in the lobby of the front door for donations. Items that are needed are **Diapers** (all sizes, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6); **Gift Cards** to stores such as Carter's, Kohl's, Target; **Monetary Donations** (please make checks payable to Fund for the Unborn. Envelopes will be available at the front door and can be put in the collection basket). You can also donate online at our parish website at <https://saintmmparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/AnnualStMargartMaryBabyShowerDonation>

You can also mail your donation to The Archdiocese of Boston, Pro-Life Office, 60 South Street, Natick, MA 01760

Thank you so much for your participation in this annual event that helps the Archdiocese of Boston's Pro-Life efforts to help those mothers who need help at this critical time.

Volunteers: Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Saint Margaret Mary will be creating a chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. If you are interested in being a part of that society (note that it is a fair amount of work), please contact Deacon Stephen at 781-326-1071 or via email at s.may@saintmmparish.org.



Saturday Morning Rosary

Rosary will be at 9 AM on Saturday, outside by the statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary. If weather does not permit, we will pray inside our church.

Let's Follow Mary's Footsteps Together

May is the month of Mary and although we are not yet there, 'tis good to plan ahead. Mary is a model, for males and females, of strength, real strength which comes from total trust in God and from that, total love for God the Heavenly Father Who made us, God the Son Who saved us and God the Holy Spirit Who Guides us. In light of this, throughout the month of May I will be offering several gatherings (around our new and awesome fire pit) for women. We can chat about our faith and tribulations in living it as well as exploring some awesome Marion devotionals including Mary's Way of the Cross, The Rosary, Our Lady's Chaplet of Tears and more. If weather is inclement, we will gather via Zoom. Let's continue following Mary's footsteps together and gather on Thursday evenings from 7-8 pm. Did I mention refreshments?!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Universal Renewal

Holy Spirit,
fulfill in us the work begun by Jesus.
Let our prayer on behalf of the whole world
be fruitful and unwavering.
Hasten the time when each of us
will attain a genuine spiritual life.
Enliven our work that it may reach all human beings,
all who have been redeemed
by the Blood of Christ and all His inheritance.

Take away our natural presumption
and uplift us with a holy humility,
with reverence for God and selfless courage.
Let no vain attachment impede the work of our state in life,
nor personal interest divert us from the demands of justice.
May no scheming on our part reduce love
to our own petty dimensions.

May all be noble in us; the quest and the respect for truth,
and the willingness to sacrifice even to the cross and death.
And may all be accomplished
in accord with the final prayer
of the Son to His heavenly Father
and in accord with the grace
that Father and Son give
through You, the Spirit of love,
to the Church and to her institutions,
to every soul and to all peoples.
Amen.



CALLED TO BE CO-WORKERS

Reflections on Lay Leadership and the fruits of Lay Ministry

May 1 | 7:00PM

Featured speakers: Sr. Janet Eisner, Andreas Widmer, MAM '09, and Dr. Ansel Augustine

How are you called to serve the Church?

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CALLLED TO BE CO-WORKERS

VIRTUAL EVENT
MAY 1 | 7:00PM
REGISTER TODAY

SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

To Register: <https://www.sjs.edu/celebrating20>

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of Your love!

May 23, 2021 is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Symbolized by tongues of fire, the Apostles received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord) which enabled them to leave the Upper Room and live the Gospel. Go and be fishers of men proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ is Lord and Redeemer!

This year Pentecost takes on a very special secondary meaning: it is Confirmation for some of our young parishioners! They have worked hard, served others and prayed earnestly (and continue to do so) in anticipation of being fully initiated into the Catholic Church and to go forth and evangelize by their faith in both words and actions. Please pray for them, the sponsors they choose as well as the first formators of their faith: their parents.

I will be sending out an email asking for parishioners to “adopt” a confirmation candidate (and also a 2021 Westwood High graduate) soon. No, you need not feed them! Just a daily Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be will do.

Bereavement Group at St. Timothy's

St. Timothy's will be hosting a six-week Bereavement Group on Wednesdays, beginning April 28th from 11 AM to 12 PM. The meeting will be held in the St. Timothy Ruocco Center. Please note that masks must be worn and CDC guidelines will be followed. Please contact Janet or Anne in the office at 781-769-2522 if interested in joining.