



St. Margaret Mary

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June 20, 2021

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

Daily Mass (Mon-Fri) — 7:30 AM

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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

Seminarian in Residence:

Rev. Mr. Nate Sanders

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 Asst.:

Denise Raftery – Ext. 102

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM – 5 PM

Congratulations to Deacon Nate

Last weekend was very beautiful in many ways. It started with watching Nate, now Rev. Mr. Nate Sanders be ordained a deacon. This was followed by meeting his wonderful parents and friends, followed on Sunday by watching Nate assist at his first mass in his new role, chant the Gospel (so prayerfully moving) and listening to his first homily; which aside from one sentence ending with a preposition was well written and truly inspired by the Holy Spirit. All of this was followed by our weekly 5 PM outdoor Mass which in turn was followed by a fun filled picnic with friends both old and new, young and young-at-heart. How blessed is our parish! How blessed are we to serve our parishioners! Love, prayers and congratulations Rev. Mr. Sanders!



Midsummer's Night Nativity

June 24th Outdoor Mass at Sunset (8:00 PM)

Our parish will celebrate the ancient feast of "The Midsummer's Night Nativity", commemorating the birth of John the Baptist on Thursday, June 24th. Mass will be celebrated outside on the lawn behind the church. This feast was intended to correspond with Christmas and emphasizes the spirituality of John the Baptist, who felt he should decrease so that Christ could increase. For this reason the Mass is celebrated during the sunset as daylight decreases.

Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of June 12-13 was \$7,804. \$1,813 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$5,991 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection

This week's second collection Promoting the Gospel supports Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of the CCHD and CCC, the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community-based groups and using media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6/19: Ann, Fred Jr. & Fred III Leonard

Sunday 6/20, 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 6/20, 5 PM: Barbara, Peggy, and Anne Collard Hussey

Monday 6/21: Pro Populo

Tuesday 6/22: Andrew Morey

Wednesday 6/23

Thursday 6/24

Friday 6/25: Adelina & Thomas Carter Jr.

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.

Thursday — Mid Summer's Night Nativity, 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 Patricia Cashin and Mary Vitale whose funeral Masses we recently celebrated as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.

From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

Everyone knows how much I love the saints. One of my favorite ways to pray is to walk the path of the saints inside our church and speak to each one. Some I thank, others I invoke and still others I quietly bask in their presence. As an avid reader there are not too many books or genres I do not like or won't read. However, if it is between anything by Dickens or the life and writings of a saint, I'd be hard pressed to choose. As a matter of fact, praying through a different saint each morning and praying a new novena at noon every nine days is a deeply embedded part of my prayer ritual.

Speaking of saints, have you heard of Blessed Carlo Acutis? I have mentioned him before but in case you did not cleave unto my every word... Carlo was a young man born on May 3, 1991 in England. A few months after he was born, his parents moved to Milan, Italy and the Internet went "online"! From an early age, according to parents and their friends, Carlo developed a special and deep love for God. He truly saw Christ in the Eucharist and, thus, received his first communion ahead of his peers. Unlike his parents, Carlo was a daily communicant. He loved his family, soccer and ice cream. He loved ice cream so much that many times Carlo was heard begging the Holy Spirit to help him control his desires. Regarding the Eucharist, he once lamented: Christ IS present in the Eucharist, so why are the stadiums filled and the churches empty? Sitting so heavily and beautifully was God on this young man's heart that Carlo sought opportunities to serve others as Jesus so often did. Innumerable times Carlo was seen walking into fountains and waterways to clean up what God gave us, the world or at least his wee part of it.

At the age of fifteen, Carlo developed what his parents thought was the flu. When his health did not improved after several days, they took him to the hospital. Upon walking in he told his parents he would not leave but what a blessing it would be to offer his suffering for the pope and the Church. Carlo died on October 12, 2006. His funerals was attended by dozens of homeless persons he had quietly helped throughout his young life. He was laid to rest in Assisi because of his special love for St. Francis. It was Carlo who evangelized his parents and so many others by teaching his favorite prayer (the rosary), by his witness to God's presence in the Eucharist, attending holy hours and adoration, and receiving Penance weekly and, all the while, remaining joyful.

I mentioned the internet because although coding was by no means "mainstream", this young man spent hundred and hundreds of hours researching and collecting information on Eucharistic miracles. Carlo thought if people only knew... Today, Carlo's 150 panels of videos, data and pictures of Eucharistic miracles have travelled the world and presently are on display on all five continents. In the United States of America alone they have been viewed in thousands of parishes and hundreds of universities.

This is why we named our upcoming camp for middle and high schoolers Camp Carlo Acutis. Camp Carlo will take place this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1-9 PM. It will include daily Mass, adoration, Q&A, mini sessions on the Bible, prayer, suffering and fellowship on this pilgrimage through life. In addition there will be snacks, dinner, desserts, fireside chats, games, and team building activities. All of this is thanks to you! Your support of our youth programs and prayers enable us to mentor, evangelize, and create Catholic leaders of the fine young men and women attending. So please, pray for our Camp Carlo team that we may help bring these young ones into a deeper, more personal friendship with God. Please pray also for our Camp Carlo participants that they may come to know, love and serve Him better and will walk away with their love for God emblazoned their hearts and shining in their words and deeds.

Prayer to Blessed Carlo Acutis by Domenico Sorrentino, Bishop of Assisi

O God, our Father, we thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people, and a message of love for all. You made him fall in love with your son Jesus, making the Eucharist his “highway to heaven.” You gave him Mary, as a beloved mother, and you made him through the rosary, a cantor of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted. Grant me too, through his intercession, the grace that I need (mention the intention). And make our joy full, raising Carlo among the saints of your Church, so that his smile shines again for us to the glory of your name.

Communion for the Homebound

We are looking for volunteers to bring communion to homebound parishioners (timing is flexible). If interested in volunteering a little time each week, please call the office at 781-326-1071. Also if you are a parishioner who is no longer able to attend Mass and wishes to receive communion, please call the office and we can arrange communion to be brought to you.

Mass for Those who Died During Pandemic

On June 27th at 10 AM we will remember those who died during the pandemic. We will pray for the souls of the faithfully departed and those who grieve them. If you lost a loved one during the time of physical distancing and social isolation, please forward the deceased’s name to k.duffy@saintmmparish.org or call the office at 781-326-1071. We will be certain to pray for them at this Mass. All are invited.

RCIA at St. Margaret Mary Parish

Do you know any adults (18 and older) interested in becoming Catholic? Or do you know any adults who have yet to receive all the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA, is a program of preparation for those who wish to be baptized or for those who have been baptized and wish to be received into the Catholic Church. St. Margaret Mary Parish will be running an RCIA program throughout the course of the next academic year, leading up to the Easter Vigil on April 16th, 2022.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please contact the parish office or speak with either Karlene Duffy or Nate Sanders.

Vacation Bible School is back!



**Mark your calendars!
VBS will take place the week of
August 2, 2021.
There will be prayer, Bible stories,
music, crafts, games &
more.**

Stay tuned for more details!