



June 6, 2021

St. Margaret Mary

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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

Seminarian in Residence:

Nate Sanders

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

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM – 5 PM

A Note From Father Bob

Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ the Lord.

This Solemnity is most often simply called Corpus Christi. (from the Latin: Body of Christ). It goes back to the 13th century when St. Thomas Aquinas proposed the idea to Pope Urban IV. Aquinas' proposal came out of a growing desire among the faithful for a feast to honor the great mystery of Transubstantiation, namely that bread and wine becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Certainly the theological concept was not new. However, people were looking for a way to emphasize this mystery. There was, of course, already a feast regarding this mystery, namely Holy Thursday, recalling the night of the Last Supper at which Christ gave us the Eucharist. As people recognized, though, there were other mysteries commemorated at the same liturgical celebration such as the ordained priesthood, the mandate of love (ritualized in the washing of the feet) and of course the beginning of Christ's Passion. People longed for a celebration at which the sole focus was on the mystery of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist.

Pope Urban set the feast two months following Holy Thursday, which is the second Thursday after Pentecost. In many parts of the world, including the United States, the feast is transferred to the Sunday following so that it may have a place in the Sunday cycle.

A Pew study from the summer of 2019 revealed that the majority of practicing Catholics are not aware of the church's belief or do not hold to the Church's belief that Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, who suffered and died on the cross and was raised three days later, is truly and substantially present in the consecrated bread and wine at Mass. Out of this statistic came Cardinal Sean's desire to have a year of the Eucharist to help us deepen our faith in this central mystery. Given the pandemic, however, the year has been elongated into an additional year since parishes were not able to do much in the way of teaching and celebrating. As such we are now in the second year of the Year of the Eucharist which will culminate on the Feast of Corpus Christi next year with a diocesan wide Eucharistic Congress. Fr. Paul is actually overseeing the events of the year. He will have more to share on events and the congress in the coming months.

Our own Seminarian Nate Sanders will be ordained a deacon next Saturday, June 12 by Cardinal Sean at Holy Cross Cathedral. This is a major step for Nate who will be ordained a priest in May 2022. This is an exciting moment in the life of our parish as Nate has been with us through the pandemic and will be serving in the parish as a deacon up until the time of his priesthood ordination. Nate will serve as deacon and preach his first homily next Sunday, June 13 at the 10:00 Mass.

Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of May 26-27 was \$4,864. \$1,778 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$3,086 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6/5: Richard Hurley

Sunday 6/6, 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 6/6, 5 PM: Pro Populo

Monday 6/7: Jane Marie O'Connor

Tuesday 6/8

Wednesday 6/9

Thursday 6/10

Friday 6/11: Rosemary McCoy

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.

From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

This weekend, specifically Sunday, graduation takes place at Westwood High School. In anticipation of this momentous event in the lives of these seniors (and their parents), all graduates have been invited to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Annually, we invite them to come to their spiritual home so we can pray together and show them our love and pride. Having survived twelve years of hard work, a wee bit of fun and some tremendous trials including the pandemic, praying for these saints-in-the-making is the least we can do! And we have been, each day an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. How wonderful to see the class of 2020 (masked or unmasked) process into our church and take Christ into them. I have loved and prayed, laughed and cried with these young ones for so many years! What a wonderful group; and how amazing it is to me that they are already 18 and graduating and I am still 21!! JK.

Getting together in church and building a strong community with Christ as our center is important. And it is an especially important part of evangelizing. We are a parish that welcomes newborns for baptism, elementary students for First Penance and Communion, middle schoolers for Theology of the Body, high schoolers for Confirmation, young adults for prayer and socialization, adults for bible study and everyone ALWAYS for praising and adoring Our Lord. For sickness and sorrow we exit the church (building) to accompany our parishioners where they are; travelling to homes, and hospitals. But seemingly there are never enough joyful events. As a church we seem to accompany you and our young for the most difficult of times and, once in a while, for happy events. This is who we are and who we are called to be. Not one of us is called to walk through life alone. And if we honestly believe Jesus is Present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Church, then it is with Him that we leave these four walls to tend the sheep in the pasture. On March 28, 2013 Pope Francis called the world's priests to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep". Is that not what we too are called to do as well?

Gathering as brothers and sisters in Christ is helpful, crucial to becoming the people God made us to be. We are called to recognize Him in all persons and with His grace treat others in a way that opens their eyes to see Christ reflected in us. After all, as Sister Sledge sang way back when: "We are Family! I've Got All My Sisters (and brothers) with Me!" Whether via social media or in person, how else could we have gotten through this difficult past year?! It is, in part, HOW we honor the Sabbath. Praising God, gathering around the altar, and partaking of Eucharist, Holy Communion, reinforces our call to help make saints of one another. Praying for our graduates as earnestly as we do our sick and dying is part of this. So through the intercession of St. Benedict, one patron of students: *"Girded with a faith, and the performance of good works, let us follow in Christ's path by the guidance of the Gospel; then we shall deserve to see Him who has called us into His kingdom... No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. Let them put Christ before all else; and may He lead us all to everlasting life."* (from the Rule of Saint Benedict)

Congrats, prayers and love to ALL members of the Class of 2020!!

A Prayer for Graduates for Marquette University

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education. Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education. Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps. Show them how to serve others in effective ways. And may they be always aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them.
Amen.

Home Blessings

As things starting to open up more, our clergy would very much like to come and do a home blessing with you. If you are interested in that, please email Fr. Paul at psoper@rcab.org or call the office at 781-326-1071.

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!

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.

Norfolk County Catholics

St. Margaret Mary Parish is excited to welcome Norfolk County Catholics Young Adult group!! The vision of NCC is to unite, revive, and grow the Catholic young adult community of Norfolk County Massachusetts and their mission is to create regular opportunities for young adults to experience the love, grace, and mercy of Jesus Christ through various Social, Spiritual, Service, and Study events and initiatives. NCC also strives to: create an environment of trust for young adults to share their personal stories and experiences, thoughts, opinions, and concerns, connect new and existing Catholic and Christian groups, organizations, and ministries, provide resources for young adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the Church and empower young adults to be involved in the life of the Church through worship, community life, fellowship, and evangelizing efforts. Norfolk County Catholic Young Adult Group will achieve these goals by offering regular events and meetings that welcome young adults, regardless of where they are in their faith journey!

If you are in your 20's -30's and interested in finding out more about NCCYA, please see Nate or Karlene.

Did You Know? Where Do you r Kids Spend Their Time?

You can help keep your children safe by knowing where they spend their time. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where the children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child other than adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a particular child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations, or other special favors only to one specific child.

Source: "Know the Rules...After-School Safety Tips for Children Who Are Home Alone," www.missingkids.com.

For particular help you may call: The Office of Pastoral Support & Child Protection, Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Boston, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184, Vivian Soper, Director, 617-746-5995, vsoper@rcab.org.