



# 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/](http://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

## A Note From Father Bob

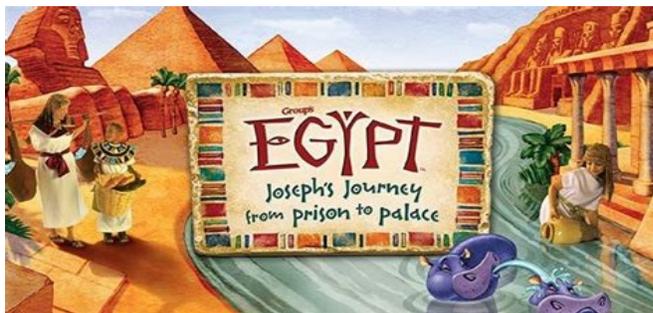
Tuesday is the big day! As you well know, on Tuesday of this week, St. Margaret Mary Parish and St. Denis Parish begin a collaborative, according to the Cardinal's pastoral plan for the archdiocese Disciples in Mission. Essentially, a collaborative means that the two parishes will share resources but remain two distinct parishes. The first resource the two parishes will share is the clergy. Fr. Paul and I will be the co-pastors of both parishes whilst Deacon Steve and Deacon Nate will serve as deacons of both parishes. Assisting us for a while during the transition is Fr. Michael Bova Conti. Fr. Michael is a senior priest of the Archdiocese who offers his time to assist in parishes where there is a need. I have worked closely with him over the past eight years and can attest to his love of priesthood, care for the Church and generous heart. He will be with us for several weeks.

This is an exciting time for the two parishes! I am confident that the two faith communities are in the right place for the collaborative to be established at this time. May I ask for your prayers, support and patience.

The Parish Finance Council will be meeting on Monday night this week. Deacon Steve will give an overview to the council of where we stand financially. We will also finish the budget to present to the Archdiocese and talk about the forthcoming financial report to the parish.

I am wondering if there is a parishioner who may have a couple of winged-back chairs which are not being used and willing to donate to the parish? I would like to do over the Reconciliation room. A couple of nice chairs, small rug a few lamps would help to create a more welcoming atmosphere. We have been getting many confessions on Wednesday evenings and would like to have a confessional where people could feel more relaxed. Please let me know if you are in a position to help.

## Vacation Bible School



Our Vacation Bible School begins this week, **TUESDAY** to be precise and, I for one cannot wait! It has been almost three years since our last VBS and we are (almost) ready to go! For four days more than forty participants and 18 helpers will journey with Joseph through Ancient Egypt, drawing nearer to Our Awesome God through him. We will watch skits and hear stories of his trials and successes, we will reenforce these lessons with games, songs, crafts, dance and, of course, prayer.

So please pray for our helpers and our participants, as we bring Christ to all the wee ones and continue to evangelize our helpers so all may know Our Awesome God and how He loves us!

## Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of July 17-18 was \$6,663. \$1,918 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$4,745 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. The weekly offertory for July 24-25 was \$4,965 of which \$2,833 was collected through WeShare and \$2,132 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 7/31: Pro Populo

Sunday 8/1, 10 AM: Saliba Almacari

Sunday 8/1 5 PM: Robert Howe (26 Yr Ann)

Monday 8/2: Peter Jones

Tuesday 8/3: Francis R. Devine

Wednesday 8/4: Raymond Rustrian

Thursday 8/5: Matias Enrique Rosado

Friday 8/6: Catherine LaDelfe

## 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 including Carol A. Coppolino whose funeral Mass we recently celebrated, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.

## A Consecration to St. Joseph

"He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" from a sermon by St. Bernadine of Siena.

In a few weeks you will be invited to join Karlene in learning more about St. Joseph and subsequently consecrating yourself to him. St. Joseph is so much more than a character to help you sell your house. The book we will be reading is "A Consecration to St. Joseph" by Fr. Donald Calloway. It is \$15 and can be purchased at Pauline Books and Media, Route One in Dedham. If you cannot get there, you can purchase a copy online or contact Karlene and she can grab one for you. We are hoping this will be the start of not only a greater love for St. Joseph but a spiritual book club. Questions? Talk to Karlene Duffy.

## From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

Have you heard of the Jesus prayer rope? It comes from our Orthodox friends and is chock full of symbolism. First, it is made of wool. This reminds us we are the sheep and Jesus is Our Shepherd. Second, it is black to remind us of our sins and has a red bead to symbolize His Precious Blood being shed for us. This special knot is made of 7 crosses and each knot represents one year of Jesus' life. Finally there is a tassel with which to wipe the tears of sorrow we shed for each of our sins. And on each knot we pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, the sinner!"

I love symbolism and having the rosary or prayer rope can help us to stay focused on our prayer throughout our days. Readily it can be slipped into our pockets but can also be used as an outward sign of our faith providing opportunities for people to ask about our faith. Any chance to evangelize...I will take!

So whether you wear a saint's medal or crucifix or carry rosary beads of Jesus prayer rope, remember you are representing Our Awesome God and may just bring one more person into His warm embrace.

## 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.