



July 18, 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/](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

## From the Desk of Father Bob

You will notice at the entrance of the Church a new holy water dispenser. It is a wooden stand that looks like a hand sanitizer station. We ordered these some time ago and they just recently came in. You simply place your hand underneath the dispenser and a small splash of holy water falls into your hand. With your moistened hand, you make the sign of the cross as you enter the Church.

At the outstart of the pandemic, we suspended the use of holy water fonts as everyone dipping his/her hand into the small pool of water was recognized as a risk of transmission. As we come out of the pandemic, it doesn't make sense to go back to using a common font as the risk remains. Someone came up with the idea of a holy water dispenser that mimics a hand sanitizer dispenser. I think it's a brilliant idea as it lets us resume an important ritual in our Catholic practice.

Our life as a Christian begins at baptism when we are washed in the saving waters made holy by Christ Himself. Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River and in so doing made baptismal water a sacrament by which we become partakers of the Paschal Mystery. It is at our Baptism that we become Daughters or Sons of God. We use holy water to remind ourselves of our Baptism and that we belong to Christ.

Holy Water is a sacramental, that is an object or ritual that signals an association with a Sacrament or a particular mystery of salvation. In the case of holy water, the association is with baptism. Rosary beads are associated with the various mysteries of the faith. A crucifix is associated with Christ as God's Sacrament of redemption.

Water is made holy through the blessing of a bishop, priest or deacon. Because it is a sacramental it ought only to be used for a purpose connected to our faith, such as blessing ourselves or someone else. To bless ourselves with holy water, we simply moisten our hand with it then make the sign of the cross. We do this upon entering a Church. Some people like to take holy water home and use it to bless themselves before going to bed or getting up for the day. We use holy water to bless objects intended to be used as an expression of faith such as religious objects, wedding rings, etc. Holy water is used to bless people at Mass occasionally and may be used to bless our homes, cars, bicycles.

The practice of using holy water is in itself a kind of petition to God for Divine Protection against all evil or harm.

This is one of the prayers we use for the blessing of water:

*Almighty ever living God, who willed that through water, the fountain of life and the source of purification, every soul should be cleansed and receive the gift of eternal life; be pleased, we pray, to + bless this water, by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord. Renew the living springs of your grace within us and grant that by this water we may be defended from all ills of spirit and body, and so approach you with hearts made clean and worthy to receive your salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of July 10-11 was \$7,023. \$1,998 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$5,025 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 7/17: Mr. & Mrs. John Sullivan and Captain Elinor Sullivan

Sunday 7/18, 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 7/18, 5 PM: Mildred & Patrick Deering

Monday 7/19: Gerald T. McMahon

Tuesday 7/20: The Johnson Family

Wednesday 7/21: Claire J. Bogrette

Thursday 7/22: Special Intention

Friday 7/23: Eugene Guidi

## 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** — Please here will be no adoration for the next two Fridays — July 23 or July 30 — as there will be weddings at St. Margaret Mary. There is still perpetual adoration online and the church is usually open during the day for private adoration

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

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile". Give your marriage new life by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

## 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.

## Virtual Rosary for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Difficult Pregnancies, or Infant Loss

Join Fr. Ed Riley and the Archdiocese Family Life team on Monday, July 26 from 7:30-8:30 PM to pray for couples struggling with infertility, difficult pregnancy, or infant loss. We'll be praying on the Feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim as part of National Natural Family Planning Week July 25-31. You can register through [bit.ly/VirtualRosary2021](http://bit.ly/VirtualRosary2021) or visit [bostoncatholic.org/nfp](http://bostoncatholic.org/nfp) for more information.

### PARISH STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

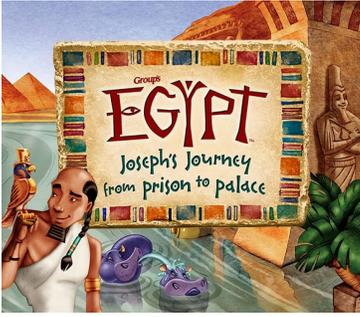
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## EGYPT VBS:

### Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

Registration/health form:

*Space is limited for participants and helpers!*

August 2-6, 9:30-2:00 participants; 9:00-2:30 volunteers

Participant name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

What grade in Sept. 2021? \_\_\_\_\_ Participant (PreK- Gr. 5) Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

High School Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ Middle School Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

Participant address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian (day) phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact in case of an emergency: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant allergies, chronic illness, or other conditions *(Please list all as we will be serving a snack, lunch and dessert daily):*

Health information/issues/restrictions of which we should be aware: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note ALL medications your participant(s) is /are currently taking (including frequency & dosage)

Family Health Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Release: In signing this form, I hereby certify that the above information is correct and give permission for my child to be transported to and from this activity. I give permission for the release of medical records to an attending physician in case of injury or illness. In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian of my child. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician attending my child to hospitalize, secure proper and necessary treatment for my son/daughter as named herein. I agree that no liability is assumed by the Archdiocese of Boston, St. Margaret Mary Parish or St. Margaret Mary Rel. Ed. & Youth Ministry Program for claims that may arise out of this activity. I agree that any photo or video of my child may be taken during Egypt VBS and posted in the buildings of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Westwood and on the Saint Margaret Mary Parish website/Facebook for the sole purpose of promoting God, our faith and this parish activity.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/guardian(s) signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of sibling participants attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form with fee (\$50 per participant/\$25 per middle & high school helpers) to St. Margaret Mary Parish, 845 High Street Westwood, MA 02090 Checks made payable to: St. Margaret Mary Parish (Please note on check: Egypt VBS) Financial Aid is available. All requests confidential. Don't let \$\$ keep your child(ren) from learning how much God cares for them!