



# St. Margaret Mary

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August 15, 2021

## Mass Schedule

Saturday — 4:30 PM

Sunday — 10 AM and 5 PM

Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday 10 AM  
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  
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

### Pastors:

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

### THE ASSUMPTION

Today is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is one of the most important days in the liturgical calendar of the Church and important mysteries of the Catholic faith. The solemnity commemorates the ancient Tradition that Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, at the end of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into Heaven. This is celebrated each year on August 15. As such it only falls on a Sunday every so many years.

The Assumption of Mary is not found in Sacred Scripture but rather is part of the Sacred Tradition of the Church. Our Catholic theology professes that God reveals Himself to humanity through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Sacred Scripture is the Word of God that is written by human authors guided by the Holy Spirit. Sacred Tradition is the Word of God that is orally transmitted through the generations and also is guided by the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Assumption was held by the early Christians and passed down through the generations. If you think of it, the Gospels themselves began in oral form. They were not written until some thirty to fifty years after the Ascension of our Lord. What was happening in those intervening years? The stories of Jesus were told over and over until the Evangelists were inspired to write them down.

Although not recorded in Sacred Scripture, the Assumption of Mary is rooted in Sacred Scripture. Mary had a unique vocation to bear the Incarnate Word of God. The First Book of Kings tells the story of King Solomon bringing the Ark of the Covenant into the Temple. The Ark contained the tablets on which was written the 10 Commandments, and considered to bear the presence of God. Likewise, Mary is the New Ark of the Covenant bearing the presence of God by carrying the yet unborn Christ. The Mystery of the Assumption professes that Mary, as the New Ark was brought to Heaven to dwell where Christ is.

Though held as a truth of the faith from the earliest years, the dogma of the Assumption of Mary was not declared until 1950. In his apostolic letter **Munificentissimus Deus** Pope Pius XII stated: *Now God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempted from this general rule [death]. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.*

The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** states: *Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.*

## Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of August 7-8 was \$6,573. \$3,684 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$2,889 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 8/14: Louise Edwin Trask

Sunday 8/15, 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 8/15, 5 PM: Mary & Donald Williams

Monday 8/16: Carol Coppolino

Tuesday 8/17: Debra Gorman

Wednesday 8/18: Timothy Johnson

Thursday 8/19: Hugh Madden

Friday 8/20: Veto & Christine 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.

## From the Desk of Bill Grzybowski

### Happy Birthday

Do you enjoy singing that song for your family and friends when their “special day” arrives on the calendar? Then, perhaps you might enjoy singing in St. Margaret Mary’s Choir! Rehearsals take place on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Church beginning Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Interested? Speak with Bill after the 4:30 PM Mass Saturday or after the 10:00 AM Mass, Sunday, or [w.grzybowski@saintmmparish.org](mailto:w.grzybowski@saintmmparish.org). By the way, I must confess, I’m sitting in Church and not my desk writing this during Friday Adoration!

## Homebound Communion

If you or someone you know cannot attend Mass regularly and wishes to receive communion please call the office at 781-326-1071.

## Adoration



As usual, there will be Adoration on Wednesday, August 18 from 3-8 PM with the opportunity for Reconciliation from 7-8 PM at Saint Margaret Mary. There is also an extraordinary opportunity for Adoration and Reconciliation at Saint Denis next Thursday, August 19 from 7-8 PM. All are welcome.

## From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

### Hello 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders of 2021-2022!

Sorry to say a new school year is around the corner! The Good News is: here comes First Penance & First Communion! Let's start with First Penance which will be celebrated outdoors (weather permitted) on **Friday, September 10 at 6:30 PM**.

Mark your calendar also for a **Zoom meeting on Monday, August 30 at 6:30 PM** to help you prepare. Meanwhile, please pray about who you would like as your “First Penance Prayer Partner.” It should be a Catholic adult (and can be mom or dad). This person will sit next to you at your First Penance Prayer Service and receive his/her Penance either before or after you. You get to decide! In your Discovery textbook, ask mom or dad or your Penance Prayer Partner to review Chapters 7 & 10 with you. Finally, for now, here is a cool video to help you get ready. Check out “Sophia Sketchpad: Confession.”

By the way, First Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 16 at 10 AM**. If weather is conducive, that too will be celebrated outside. You are in my heart and my prayers and I CANNOT wait to see you!!

God’s continued blessings,  
Miss Duffy