



# St. Margaret Mary

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September 5, 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/live-streaming](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

## Inspiring Hope Capital Campaign

Over the past year and a half, it has been a great privilege to serve the St. Margaret Mary community and to get to know so many of you. Your participation in events, programs and ministries – even during the pandemic – has been truly inspiring.

The parish's commitment to welcoming and serving is not only reflected in our many programs and ministries, but in the many improvements you've made in enhancing and preserving our physical spaces – most notably the church renovation five years ago. As we look to the years ahead and toward growing our faith community, we must be diligent in upgrading and maintaining our facilities to better support the continued engagement of families and enhancing spiritual life.

We are embarking on a major fundraising effort aimed at addressing our need for a more functional gathering and education space for our parish as well as critical ministries that will strengthen the Catholic faith in and beyond our parish. Over the coming weeks, you will have the chance to learn more about this important effort, and we ask that you receive our message with an open and hopeful heart.

If able, we ask that you please attend an upcoming parish gathering in the lower church hall following the **10:00 AM Mass on September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please, mark down the date and join us at the campaign kickoff meeting to learn more about this important initiative and how you may be able to help Saint Margaret Mary plan for the future.

This is a time of great opportunity for our community, and we feel confident that with the support of the entire faithful Saint Margaret Mary Parish family, we will sustain our mission for decades to come.

Blessings,  
Fr. Paul & Fr. Bob

## Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of August 28/29 was \$5,545. \$1,648 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$3,897 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 9/4: Jean, Richard & Thomas Leonard

Sunday 9/5 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 9/5 5 PM: Robert & Gladys Howe

Monday 9/6: No Mass

Tuesday 9/7: John O'Malley

Wednesday 9/8

Thursday 9/9

Friday 9/10: Esther Acanfora

## Facebook Live Events

Daily Morning prayer at 8:30 AM

Daily Rosary/Chaplet at 3:00 PM

## Parish Events

**Monday** — There will be no 7:30 AM Mass on Labor Day. There will be a 9 AM Mass at St. Denis.

**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 Richard McDonough whose funeral Mass we recently celebrated, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for help with counting the weekly offertory. Volunteers are needed to count once a month on Mondays for 1-2 hours.



# clergytrust

Each September, we join together to support all priests in good standing who build stronger communities for all, both within and beyond our parish boundaries. By supporting the upcoming collection for Clergy Trust, you can show your appreciation and support for the priests who have made and continue to make a difference in your life, the life of our parish, and the lives of countless others in our community. **The Clergy Trust September collection will be held on September 18 & 19.** Also, if you want to register for the upcoming Celebration of the Priesthood virtual event which takes place on September 21, please visit <https://clergytrust.org/celebration>.

## September 11 Memorial Mass

On Saturday, September 11, at 10:00 AM, there will be a Memorial Mass at Saint Margaret Mary for both parishes, in memory of all those who died in the attacks on our nation twenty years ago that day, and all of the men and women in the armed forces who have died in the subsequent wars. Please continue to pray for them, and if you are able, join us on that day.

## Religious Education: 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders of 2021-2022!

First Penance which will be celebrated outdoors (weather permitted) on **Friday, September 10 at 6:30 PM**

Please pray for your "First Penance Prayer Partner" — 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."

First Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 16 at 10 AM**. If weather is conducive, that too will be celebrated outside.



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN FOR LIFE

**Assuring Medical Care For Babies Who Survive Abortion**

*With Thomas Harvey, Esq.*

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 PM**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 1211 Highland Ave, Needham, MA 02492

An RSVP to Mary Elizabeth at [maelde@aol.com](mailto:maelde@aol.com) (617-285-9008) or Lorraine at [Ima4171@gmail.com](mailto:Ima4171@gmail.com) (617-763-4093) would be greatly appreciated by September 7th.

**From the Desk of Karlene Duffy**

Hello! I'm back from vacation and back in the swing of things. The summer, what little there was, is pretty much over. The signs are there: school buses, backpack brigade, fireside chats, and the opening of Faith Formation registration. The older I get the more I love the summer months. Life seems more relaxed, attitudes and outfits more casual and life's pace slower. I love that. Sitting on the beach with family and food or flying solo with a good book and a bit of sunscreen is a healing balm for months of running at a reckless pace. Each September, I promise myself I will maintain the "summer vibe." A promise I've always broken. And broken sooner rather than later. It cannot be helped. I love seeing the faces of our youngest parishioners (as well as the more mature ones) gathering for mass and class. At our recent First Penance retreat for 2021/22 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, I could feel my heart racing with excitement as these beautiful wee ones and parents signed onto the Zoom meeting. It wasn't the same as meeting in person but safety first and just seeing them was a blessed moment for me and, hopefully, for them. We'll celebrate their first Penance on September 10 and their First Eucharist outside on October 16. Wahoo! Of course, we'll repeat these celebrations in 2022 for this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

Again, while trying desperately to cling to the "summer vibe," I'm working on Westwood Day and the Interfaith Walk for Hunger with Matt Brady, Faith Formation Director at St. Denis, as well as opening Faith Formation registration (which starts October 3) and completing the class and events calendar, organizing The Great Adventure Bible Study for adults, VBS programs and more. Don't get me wrong, I LOVE it all! To be able to have in-person classes and face-to-face talks with older students and high fives with wee ones are things I will never again take for granted. When a young student asks to hug me or hand me a homemade card because she missed me...what a blessing! Such emotions. Yes, we will stay safe offering in-person and online classes, encouraging mass attendance (indoors or out) and expecting the all-important "go and live the Gospel" (a.k.a. service) opportunities which last year were most important because it connected people. Many of these connections were the only ones some experienced: a card or painted rock left on a front step, errands done for the homebound or leaves raked/snow shoveled for those who could not do so for themselves.

Are you tired from just thinking of the upcoming school year? I am not. I am beyond excited. To share the God I know and deeply love is quite invigorating. To invite others to allow themselves to trust in God's promises lightens the heaviest burden. To see a young student enthusiastically dig into the Bible, God's Word, is a most precious gift. And it's a gift that keeps giving. The "summer vibe," come to think of it, is nothing compared to the joy of knowing you are loved by God! Growing up is tough and using God's Word as a map on this journey makes the travel so much more delightful and the twists and turns less stressful. So, 2021/22 will be a year of digging into God's Word, trying to measure up to sainthood, following the path Jesus' paved for us and building a community of disciples. And that my dear friends beats the sunniest day on the softest sandy beach with the best book written!



With need greater than ever, join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Mini-Walk for Hunger. Let's live our shared values to help those in need by supporting Project Bread, an organization which ensures our neighbors in our community have the food they need.

***The Interfaith  
Mini Walk for Hunger  
Sunday, Oct. 17th at 2 PM***

This 3 mile, family-friendly, Walk that starts and ends at Temple Beth David in Westwood.

You need not be a member of a house of faith to participate. All are welcome.

You may register and collect sponsors through our Project Bread Interfaith Mini-Walk for Hunger website:

<http://support.projectbread.org/goto/interfaithmini>

or scan the QR code. Register individually or as an organization.

This will generate a little healthy competition between organizations (just for fun!...oh and there will be prizes for those with the most pledges!)

We will also collect non-perishable items for local food banks.

Please bring them on Walk Day!



**SCAN ME**

This year, we will walk together again in solidarity for this important cause.

Ending hunger remains an ongoing battle we continue to fight.

And we need your help now!

**Come show the community that together, we are stronger; together, we can make a difference. This year, we need your help more than ever!**

Interested? Have questions? Contact: Connie Rizoli at  
[connie.rizoli@gmail.com](mailto:connie.rizoli@gmail.com).

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