



# St. Margaret Mary

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## 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

Inspiring Hope is officially underway!

This campaign seeks to raise \$1,300,000 to upgrade the physical health of the parish through our long-planned renovations to the kitchen and parish hall and improvements inside the church and rectory.

Through the Inspiring Hope Campaign, Saint Margaret Mary will be able to:

- Upgrade the parish hall and modernize the kitchen
- Replace worn carpet, refinish pews and kneelers, improve the audio/visual system, and upgrade our broadcast abilities
- Replace all windows in the rectory
- Support initiatives within the Greater Church that fund vocations, seminarian education, and care for retired priests

We are grateful to the nearly three dozen families who have already made pledges to the campaign during our quiet phase this summer. Through their support, we are pleased to share that already more than \$1 million of our \$1.3 million goal has been achieved!

All parishioners are invited to attend a very special gathering regarding this capital campaign next weekend. The informational reception will be in the lower church hall immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us next Sunday to learn more about this historic project.

Blessings,  
Fr. Paul & Fr. Bob

### Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of September 7/8 was \$12,301. \$5,625 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$6,676 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 9/11: Paul DeRubeis (7th Anniversary)

Sunday 9/12 10 AM: Raymundo Rustrian

Sunday 9/12 5 PM: Pro Populo

Monday 9/13

Tuesday 9/14

Wednesday 9/15

Thursday 9/16: Joseph Everett

Friday 9/17: Helen & John Martinuk

### Facebook Live Events

Daily Morning prayer at 8:30 AM

Daily Rosary/Chaplet at 3:00 PM

### Parish Events

**Saturday** — A memorial Mass for all of those who died in the September 11 attacks and in the subsequent wars will be held on 9/11 at 10 AM.

Rosary, will be held at 9 AM outside by the statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary. If weather does not permit, we will pray inside our church.

**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.

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### 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.

### 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. Please call the office if interested at 781-326-1071.



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>.

### Interfaith Project Mini Walk for Hunger Sunday, October 17 at PM

St. Denis and St. Margaret Mary Parishes will walk together to help end hunger by participating as WESTWOOD CATHOLIC, in **The Interfaith Project Bread Mini Walk for Hunger** on Sunday, October 17 at 2 PM. To join our team make a donation or sponsor a walker, please contact Matt Brady at 781-326-5858 or Karlene Duffy at 781-326-1071. Also, we will be collecting non perishable foodstuffs at the doors of our churches two week prior to the walk. Come as a family or individual, community service seeker or avid walker but come. As a Catholic Christian we are called to take care of one another. What a great opportunity to do so!



"My Soul Thirsts for God, for the Living God." Psalm 42: 1

An Afternoon Retreat with Keaton Douglas  
Executive Director of the iTHIRST Initiative of the  
Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity  
September 18, 2021, at 1:30pm  
St. Jude Parish  
86 Main Street  
Norfolk, MA 02056

All are welcome to attend this FREE event in honor of Recovery Awareness Month. Please RSVP to Beth Budny at 774-277-5191 or [bbudny@ejcatholic.org](mailto:bbudny@ejcatholic.org) by September 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Westwood Day 2021** will be held Saturday, September 25, 2021! That's right! It is back! And so are we. Westwood Catholic, comprised of St. Denis and St. Margaret Mary Parishes, will have a booth. St. Joseph will be in the center of our booth and our prayers. Please stop by. We will have all sorts of freebies for the young and young-at-heart including candy, books, pamphlets, tote bags, toys, rosary beads and more. Also, there will be a selfie opportunity fitting in with our St. Joseph theme, ring toss for the wee ones and a special prayer intention box. Mass will be held for all prayer intentions dropped in the box on Sunday, 9/26 (the day after Westwood Day) at 10:30 AM at St. Denis Parish. See you there! BTW, no dunking booth! Perhaps next year?!

### **RCIA Program Starts This Week**

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 & St. Denis Parishes will be running an RCIA program throughout the course of the next academic year, leading up to the Easter Vigil on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Deacon Nate Sanders at (781) 326-1071.



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

### **Virtual Catholic Conference — September 17-19, 2021**



Have you found it increasingly difficult to talk to friends and loved ones who are falling away from the Faith? We could look at the current state of the Church and despair, or see it as prime missionary territory. But if we are going to be effective in our Post-Christian environment, we've got to change the way we share the Gospel.

The FREE Reclaiming Faith and Family Conference is about learning how to best evangelize those closest to you. We're teaching you the skills and knowledge to enter into truly transformative dialogue with people (so that you, too, might be transformed in the process). Learn more about your conference and speakers: <https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/Faith>.

### **From the Desk of Karlene Duffy**

The following is a prayer attributed to St. Teresa of Avila, despite not having actually been found in her writings. It is one either greatly favored or disdained depending on your point of view. (Personally, I love it!)

*“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”*

St. Teresa of Avila lived in Spain around the time of Martin Luther. Like many of us, detachment from worldly things was a struggle for most of her life; even after entering the Carmelite Order. (Perhaps this is why I am drawn to her.) Upon recovering from serious illness, she grew stronger physically and spiritually. Daily and eventually hourly, prayer became a source of great joy for her and cemented her resolve to detach from things of this world so as to draw more closely to “the real world”: God’s eternal, loving embrace.

For me this prayer/poem explains the closing line at mass: Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. At the end of mass we are commissioned to go forth and live the gospel. It is also what our parents promised on our behalf at our baptism and what we promise at our confirmation. But how do we live it? Well, looking at Matthew 25 (a fav passage for contemplation) we are told that we MUST see Christ in one another. It makes perfect sense. After all, God created each and every one of us and He lives within each of us (whether we care to acknowledge that or not). Therefore, to be unkind to someone is being unkind to God. To not feed the hungry is to not attend God. To not respect life in all its forms from the time of conception until the time of natural death is to not respect God. Here, however, is the tricky part. We loathe the sin but love the sinner and pray earnestly for the sinner as we must pray earnestly for ourselves because you and I are also sinners. And, of course, we must never judge. How can we? It is not only “not our place” but real compassion for another means trying to understand the crosses others bear. Be it a loved one in rehab, a parent dying or a stressed our mom with four children in four different schools, we each have our own crosses and my cross should not be measured against that of another.

So the next time someone snaps at you, pray for him or her. You need not remain in the situation, sometimes it is best not to stay. However, it is imperative to pray for that person and yourself. Pray that he or she may be filled with peace and that your heart may become more and more malleable to God’s will. Now look, I am NOT saying it will be. As a matter of fact, I will assure you of this: it will be hard but what good thing (ex. holiness) is ever easy? The salvation of the soul takes much work. And, let’s face it, attending mass is easy, taking mass out of the church and living it is the hard part. Perhaps St. Teresa of Avila’s words can help a wee bit.