



# St. Margaret Mary

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September 19, 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

*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 upgrading 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 Mass on September 19th.

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

Blessings,  
Fr. Paul & Fr. Bob

### Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of September 10/11 was \$5,014. \$3,281 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$1,733 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 9/18: Mickey & Marion McManus  
Sunday 9/19 10 AM: Mario Musto & Maria Grazia Musto  
Sunday 9/19 5 PM: Pro Populo  
Monday 9/20: Carol Ann Cass  
Tuesday 9/21: Dennis MacDonald  
Wednesday 9/22  
Thursday 9/16: Robert Neddar  
Friday 9/17: Rev. Franics Fittipaldi

### Facebook Live Events

Daily Morning prayer at 8:30 AM  
Daily Rosary/Chaplet at 3:00 PM

### Parish Events

**Saturday** — 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.

### 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. We also need grade Pre K-5 catechists, classroom helpers and hall monitors. We also need volunteers to set up for the 5 PM on Sundays, Please call the office if interested at 781-326-1071.



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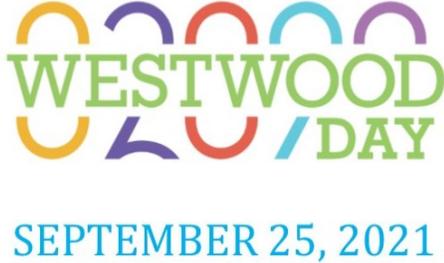
# clergytrust

Today's second collection will benefit the **Clergy Trust** which provides programs and support to care for the health and wellbeing of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. This collection is a critical source of funding for the Trust so whatever you can give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. And, don't forget to join the virtual Celebration of the Priesthood on Tuesday evening. To register, visit <https://clergytrust.org/celebration>.

### Interfaith Project Mini Walk for Hunger Sunday, October 17 at 2 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!





**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?!

### **Faith Formation classes begin Sunday, October 3.**

We will, this year offer in person and home study programs for all grades. Catechists (teachers of the faith) as well as classroom helpers are needed for Pre K through Grade 5. Training and teaching materials will be provided. Contact Karlene or Denise to volunteer at 781-326-1071.

To register you child(ren) for classes and for more information on class schedules, please go to [saintmmparish.org](http://saintmmparish.org). First Penance for this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be held Friday, January 21 at 6:30 PM. January 28 is (heaven forbid) the snow date.



### **The Great Bible Adventure — Thursdays, 7-8:30 PM**

The Great Bible Adventure study groups have completed Section One and will resume on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, IN PERSON and via Zoom from 7-8:30 PM and will continue meet every other week. If you are interested in joining a group or

### **Thank You for School Supplies.**

Thank you for your generosity in supplying the students of Mission Grammar school with back to school supplies. My vehicle was packed, at least 40 bags of supplies were donated. They were delivered to the school on just in time for the start of the school year. The teacher was delighted and appreciated the kindness from St. Margaret Mary Parish. Thank you all!

*The Social Justice Committee*



### From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

He's got the whole world in my hands AND the devil went down to Georgia... really?! From a young age, I have had a holy fear of the Lord. This Gift of the Holy Spirit was oft times "reenforced" by sisters, priests, and lay persons, along with my parents. I went to church weekly, sometimes daily because it was one of God's ten commandments and, quite honestly, strengthened my resolve to love Him more. I avoided anything that had to do with the "evil one" and am still genuinely horrified when I hear mention of "it". The song freaks me out yet so many persons I know, good, faithful Catholics, believe "it" doesn't exist. Unfortunately, for the most part, these are the same people who believe the Eucharist is "just" a symbol. Heaven help us!

These are two ginormous stumbling blocks to The Truth. The first deals with the True Presence of Our Lord and Savior, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity within the Consecrated Host, Eucharist. He truly has the whole world in His hands, but when we receive the Eucharist, you and I have Him (our whole world) in our hands.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all wrote about Jesus as "life giving Bread".

In the Gospel of **Matthew**, it is written: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body..." **Mark** also wrote: While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." **Luke** likewise wrote: Then He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." ... As for **John**, he wrote these words Jesus spoke: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world..."

Not one of these men used the word "symbol", "pretend" or "suppose". Scripture is the inspired Word of God. Could four different writers in four different times, writing to four different audiences have written the same thing AND have gotten it wrong? I think not.

What about centuries later when young Carlo Acutis looked at the Consecrated Host at mass and adoration and Truly saw Christ? So certain was he of Christ's presence, he could not get enough and could not bear the burden of his peers and parents not seeing Christ as well. He spent years researching Eucharistic miracles so others might experience such joy and love in their encounters with Christ in the Eucharist. How was it Carlo could see what others did not? Twas something special about his vision? I dare say no. Rather, Carlo earnestly, daily prayed. Lord, let me see You! Lord, let me love You! God responded with grace. When Fr. Bob or Fr. Paul walk down the aisle, they are in persona Christi, in the person of Christ. Implore God to allow you to see Him not our (wonderful) pastors. It is God the Holy Spirit who truly changes the bread and wine into His Body and His Blood. It is not the priest and it is not a symbol. Beg God to open your heart and mind, like that of an innocent child, so you too may see Him, reverence Him and fill yourself with Him.

So, now, what about Georgia and the evil one? As surely as Christ is in the Eucharist, the evil one is in Georgia and (almost) everywhere else. It exists; an army of those who turned from Our Awesome God and desire that we do the same. We cannot! We must not! Our Lord will always be victorious but can we, will we stand boldly in His army? Will we allow suffering to draw us to Him rather than becoming bitter or untrusting of His love? We can remain strong against the evil one by receiving the sacraments, attending mass and praying earnestly. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Face Christ in adoration. Turn off music, podcasts and videos which dehumanize persons. Pray the rosary faithfully and beg the intercession of the "Terrors of demons": Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph and St. Michael the Archangel. If good exists so does evil. So bless your children. Bless your food. Bless yourself before leaving the house or getting into a car. Beg God that you may decrease so He may increase. Ask your guardian angel to stand always near, to speak loudly in your ear. Use holy water in your home and office. Implore St. Michael to stand by you that you may stand by The Truth. Stay away from mediums and new age ploys. The evil one wants us relaxed. He wants us to see him as a non-existent entity. Ask for God's blessing and the grace to stand against the devil. Gain support from other good, practicing Catholics. Pray together. Pray out loud. Pray in public. The evil ones comes in small, insidious ways and preys upon the weak as well as the strong. Was Jesus Himself not tempted in the desert?! But you, my friend, come, come to Jesus, let us hold Him in our hands as He holds us in His. And may St. Michael the archangel defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou oh prince of the heavenly hosts by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wonder the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.