



St. Margaret Mary

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September 26, 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. 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

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 at St. Margaret Mary Parish is off to a wonderful start as we are rapidly approaching 75% of our goal with four weeks to go in the campaign. Thank you to all who have helped get this campaign off to such a terrific start.

By the end of this week, we hope everyone in the parish will have received information about the campaign and how to participate. If you have not already made your commitment, please pray about your level of support and make your commitment prior to or on the weekend of October 16 and October 17.

Blessings,
Fr. Paul & Fr. Bob

Catechetical Sunday

On Sunday, October 3rd, we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday at the 10 AM Mass. According to CatholicCulture.org a catechist is broadly defined as: “one who teaches the essentials of Christian faith and morals.” This, of course, refers to God-willing parents, along with extended family members (esp. godparents). This definition also describes those who “teach the faith” in the lower church on Sundays and weekdays... though they are backing up the teaching by the parents in the homes.

All parents and volunteers are welcome to attend mass here on Sunday, October 3 at 10 AM where all parents and volunteer teachers of the faith will be prayed for and blessed. If you are interested in helping to teach the faith, please contact Karlene at k.duffy@saintmmparish.org or 781-326-1071.

Faith Formation Classes Begin Sunday, October 3rd

This year we will 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 your child(ren) for classes or for more information on class schedules, please go to www.saintmmparish.org. First Penance for this year’s 2nd graders will be held Friday, January 21 at 6:30 PM. January 28 is (heaven forbid) the snow date.

First Eucharist is Saturday, May 7 at 10 AM. 2nd Communion and the May Procession will take place on Sunday, May 8 at the 10 AM mass. A reception will follow. No date yet for Confirmation 2022. We will let you know as soon as we hear!

Weekly Offertory

The weekly offertory for the weekend of September 18/19 was \$6,150. \$3,013 was collected through WeShare, our online giving portal and \$3,137 was sent in via the mail or given at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9/25: Edwin Trask Jr.

Sunday 9/26 10 AM: Pro Populo

Sunday 9/26 5 PM: Kevin Dunnirvine (2-yr Ann)

Monday 9/27: Michael Sloyan

Tuesday 9/28: Virginia & George Legner

Wednesday 9/29: Fred Meagher

Thursday 9/30

Friday 10/1: Rev. Cajetan Bogdanski

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, Margaret McDonald whose funeral 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. 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. For more information about volunteer opportunities please visit westwood-volunteers.paperform.co (that's .co not .com).

Singing Is Praying Twice

St. Augustine is famous for the saying: "singing is praying twice." Singing in St. Margaret Mary's Choir is twice as nice! Our extraordinary choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the Church and sings Sundays at the 10 AM Mass. We need all parts, low and high and all that is in between! We also have fun...a laugh or two, or three! Please speak with Bill after Mass or email w.grzybowski@saintmmparish.org.



Thank you for your support of last weekend's Clergy Trust special collection. If you were unable to donate last week but would still like to contribute, you can send your donations to The Clergy Trust, P.O. Box 424, Canton, MA 02021-0424 or you can scan the QR code below to donate via your phone. Also, if you missed the Celebration of the Priesthood virtual event, I encourage you to visit Clergy Trust's website at



www.clergytrust.org/ where you can find the livestream recording. It was an inspiring and hopeful event and worth the 40 minutes it takes to watch.

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 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!



From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

Often I hear how the world has gone mad: Christians forced to flee their countries, babies allowed to be killed post birth, the pandemic, the plague of alcohol and drug addictions, not to mention disease, hunger, drought, global warming, etc. Makes me wonder: what have we done to our world? And, how do we joyfully press on. Last week I wrote a bit about the evil one. Stop picturing a red creature with a pitchfork and focus on right vs. wrong; good vs. evil. Yup the greatest gift God gives us is life but life comes with freewill and freewill Draws us to Him or away from Him. Now bad choices don't make us evil. Rather evil looks to sneak into us and wrongdoing, jealousy, envy, sloth, lying, selfishness can be its entrance.

The evil wants us away from Our Awesome God and just as one lie leads to another so too can one wee kink in our armor open us up to the evil one and his dominions. Sound scary? It is. Sound unreal? It is not. We see evil on the news and in tv shows, music and videos. So, how do we escape its grasp? Running won't work but praying will and, of course the sacraments. We must take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance. Do not be daunted by it. NOTHING you tell a priest will be repeated and NOTHING you tell a priest will likely be something he has not heard. Own your wrongdoings and get ride of them! it's as easy as that. I promise. Whether you last went to penance ten days ago or ten years ago, go to Penance. Say aloud your sins (anything which takes you from God, momentarily or long term), ask for forgiveness, accept and do your penance (a few prayers, a kind or charitable act) receive absolution, and start all over. Walk away from your past mistakes. Take the heavy burden off your shoulders and renew your friendship with God. He is waiting for you. O, how He loves you! You, imperfect you (& I) are loved beyond measure by Him. He is waiting for you to draw near to Him. He will wait but why make Him? Start again, renew your soul, refresh your relationship with The Almighty One and ease your troubles.

Do not stay away from Penance because of fear. That is the beckoning of the evil one. Do not let your wrongdoings define you. They are NOT who you are. Who you are is a beloved son or daughter of God, made in His image. Shut off the computer, the radio, the TV. Fold up the newspaper and open your eyes to the good and the glorious. It is all around us; it just doesn't make good press...

Go and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Reconcile yourself to His love. Re-enter the path to holiness. God is waiting for you with open arms.... Hasn't He waited long enough?

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



The Great Bible Adventure study groups have completed Section One and will resumes on Thursday, October 7th, 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 exploring this bible study independently, let me know and I can provide the materials. Remember, “the Bible is bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.” (Author unknown)



Help Westwood Catholic Feed Kids and Families.

Westwood Catholic, St. Denis and St Margaret Mary Parishes, has joined Project Bread's The Walk for Hunger to help food relief to kids and families across Massachusetts. This is a desperate need made more worse by Covid-19.

No one should go without a meal, yet Project Bread estimates that 1 in 6 households and 1 in 5 households with children across the Commonwealth are facing hunger right now.

With so many struggling during this challenging time, no one should worry about where their next meal will come from or if they'll be able to feed their children.

Will you join Westwood Catholic's effort to help the unprecedented number of people who can't afford enough to eat due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

As a part of Project Bread+Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger 2021, Westwood Catholic will help provide much needed support to our neighbors facing food insecurity and hunger right now, and we are asking you to join in the cause.

The Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger, a 3 mile walk through Westwood is October 17. The Walk itself starts at 2 PM and our goal is to raise \$1,000!

If you cannot walk, help is needed with activities before and after, to direct walkers enroute, to register walkers and organize and transport donated non perishable food to the Westwood Food Pantry.

Will you join my effort to help the unprecedented number of people who can't afford enough to eat due to the COVID-19 pandemic? To donate, go to: <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/interfaithmini>

The Walk for Hunger is a fundraiser to support COVID-19 hunger relief in Massachusetts to support Project Bread. For more information visit www.projectbread.org.

To participate as a walker or to volunteer your time in a different way, contact Matt Brady or Karlene Duffy. We will be collecting non perishable food at the doors to the church in October.

Thanks for helping us help those in those in need.

Matthew 25: 44-46: Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'