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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, *King of the Universe*

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered,
"You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Denis: Saturday, 4:30 PM • Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM

St. Margaret Mary: Saturday, 4:30 PM • Sunday, 10 AM and 5 PM (outside, weather permitting)

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Denis: Monday – Wednesday at 9 AM

St. Margaret Mary: Monday – Friday at 7:30 AM

Confessions

St. Denis: Saturdays at 3:45–4:15 PM

St. Margaret Mary: Wednesdays at 7–8 PM



From the Desk of Father Bob

This is the last Sunday in the Church's year. The new year begins next Sunday with the first Sunday of Advent. The Church uses the liturgical calendar to teach the truths of our faith. In this case, the last Sunday of the year is dedicated to **Christ the King**. Using this structure, we learn that all created things have an end. When all is said in done, the end *is* Christ who has dominion over all creation. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 and it was moved to the last Sunday of the year in the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council. The feast proclaims the reality that Jesus Christ is one in substance with His Heavenly Father (as in *consubstantial* from the Creed) and thus is the source of all that is. The idea of king is one who rules over all people and things within the territory of his kingdom. We declare that Christ is King of the Universe and so all people and things are under his authority. By placing this feast at the end of the liturgical year, we are meant to understand that the fullness of Christ's authority and power is to be seen when all creation comes to its natural end. This is not to suggest that we must wait for the end in order to know this truth, rather, its fullness will be discovered at that time. In the meantime, we act on faith which directs us to the authority of Christ even in the present.

Thursday, of course, is **Thanksgiving**. This great holiday has its roots in Massachusetts with the pilgrims who had a feast in 1621 to give thanks to God for their first year in the New World. George Washington had the first Thanksgiving holiday in 1789. Abraham Lincoln made it a national holiday and FDR signed into law that it would be held annually on the 4th Thursday of November.

Although Thanksgiving is not exclusively a religious concept, its roots, of course, lie with the ancient act of recognizing God as the benefactor all good things. As Catholics, the most important thing we do is to render thanks to God. The word Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning *to give thanks*. The purpose of the Mass is to remember what God has done for us and to give thanks.

Continuing on the **catechesis on the Mass**, I thought it would be helpful to look at the words we use to talk about the Mass and understand better their distinctions.

- **Eucharist**, as mentioned, means to give thanks. It properly describes the activity of gathering people together to listen to the Scriptures, offer petitions and to give thanks to God by remembering Christ's death and Resurrection and "doing this in memory of me."
- **Blessed Sacrament** refers to the consecrated bread and wine which becomes for us Christ's very flesh and blood.
- **Holy Communion** is what is happening as we receive the Blessed Sacrament, namely that we are united in a uniquely powerful way with Almighty God and our brothers in sisters.
- **Liturgy** also comes from a Greek word meaning service. When we gathering for Eucharist we are serving God by acknowledging Him as source of all that is.
- **Mass** comes from the concluding words of the pre-Vatican II Mass which are *Ite, Missa est*, which loosely translated means "this gathering is ended, you are now sent".

The word Mass implies that once we have concluded with the Eucharist, we are sent out to bring the Gospel to the world.

A blessed Thanksgiving to all of our parishioners!

Religious Education for Children and Young Adults with Special Needs

If you have a child or young adult who, for whatever reason, would have difficulty accessing the curriculum offered through the religious education program in your parish, St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood offers a Religious Education Program individually designed for him or her (beginning at age 6).

The program includes preparation for Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation which are performed in a small setting in their Chapel. Bob Smith is the Director and Lead Teacher. The multi-age class meets every other Saturday morning from 9 to 10 AM in the Siena Room at St. Catherine's School.

This program is open to children and young adults from **all** parishes.

Contact Mary Lou McDonough at (617) 633-5525 if you are interested in learning more about this program which accommodates for individual student's needs.

St. Margaret Giving Tree for the Mission Grammar School

It is time to think about the Giving Tree. The tree will be filled with ornaments starting on Saturday, November, 27th. Please pick an ornament or two that weekend. Gifts can be placed back under the tree, wrapped and with the tag, by Sunday, December 12th. Thank you for your generosity, as always!

- The Social Justice Committee

Upcoming Dates for the Holy Day and Christmas Season

Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 24 at 7 PM, St. Denis
Thursday, November 25 at 9 AM, St. Margaret Mary

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 8
7:30 AM, St. Margaret Mary
9 AM, St. Denis
7 PM, St. Margaret Mary

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Friday, December 24
2 PM, St. Margaret Mary (This Mass will be outside)
3 PM, St. Denis
4:30 PM, St. Margaret Mary
5 PM, St. Denis

Saturday, December 25
8 AM, St. Denis
10 AM, St. Margaret Mary
10:30 AM, St. Denis

Solemnity of Mary (New Year's)

Friday, December 31
4:30 PM, St. Margaret Mary
Saturday, January 1
9 AM, St. Denis

St. Margaret Mary/St. Denis Haiti Dinner — Saturday, December 4th

On Saturday December 4, we will have a social gathering with dinner for both parishes in the hall at Saint Margaret Mary to support the Haitian refugees that are coming into our community. With the increasingly dire situation in Haiti due to a string of natural disasters and serious political unrest, three hundred or so families of Haitian Refugees have already arrived in the Boston area, and another three hundred are expected to arrive in the coming months. Most are arriving with just the clothes on their backs, and winter is hard upon us.

There is no entry fee for the event, but if you are able, we ask that you bring some NEW winter clothing — hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs, warm socks, and coats. You could, if you prefer, bring gift cards to Target, Stop and Shop, or CVS. You could also make a cash donation if you prefer.

The doors for the event will open at 5:15 PM. Around 6:15 PM (plenty of time if you go to the 4:30 PM at either parish) we will have dinner. The dinner will be a mix — pasta and meatballs, rice and beans, fried plantains and a traditional Haitian chicken delight.

There will be activities for children. After the dinner a few Haitians in our area will give a brief witness to the current situation in Haiti. Then we will begin the fund-raising. There will be number of silent auction items displayed throughout the night — you can bid on those at any time. We will have some live auction items as well. There are some very exciting items up for auction.

In order to prepare correctly, we need to get an accurate number of those who plan to attend. So if you have not already done so, please sign up to come. You can do so by speaking with any of the volunteers that will be present after all Masses this weekend or any member of the parish staff, or by calling the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Links

St. Margaret Mary's Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday 10 AM, as well as the daily Masses are livestreamed on the website at www.saintmmparish.org/live-streaming. The 5 PM outdoor Mass on Sundays is livestreamed on www.facebook.com/saintmmparish.org.

To watch the Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass at St. Denis please use this link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/693318/5fd168d1dc>

St. Denis Youth Faith Formation Event

Advent Wreath Making Tomorrow Evening

November 22nd from 6 PM to 8 PM in the Hall

After a year off due to Covid, our annual family Advent Wreath Making night is back! Join us on Monday, November 22 from 6-8 in the hall to make wreaths. There will be snacks! If you are interested in coming, please contact Matt Brady so that we can make sure we have enough supplies.

Thank You for Helping to Clean the Mary Statue at St. Denis

Thank you to the group of Confirmation students who helped clean the statue of Mary at St. Denis last Saturday. We scrubbed the statue, raked the garden at the base and planted bulbs that should bloom come the spring. As you can see from the photo, everyone had a great time!



In Loving Memory

Please pray for all the deceased of our parishes, including Phyllis Mary Cook who was recently born into eternal life, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.



MASS INTENTIONS

St. Denis

Sat, Nov. 20	4:30 PM	Pro Populo
Sun, Nov. 21	8 AM	Deceased members of the Schiavo Family
Sun, Nov. 21	10:30 AM	Ann Cloherty
Mon, Nov. 22	9 AM	
Tue, Nov. 23	9 AM	
Wed, Nov. 24	9 AM	
Wed, Nov. 24	7 PM	

St. Margaret Mary

Sat, Nov. 20	4:30 PM	Ann & Fred Leonard
Sun, Nov. 21	10 AM	Arlene Black Mollo (2 Yr. Ann.)
Sun, Nov. 21	5 PM	Pro Populo
Mon, Nov. 22	7:30 AM	Raymond Johnson
Tue, Nov. 23	7:30 AM	Bernice McDonald
Wed, Nov. 24	7:30 AM	Paddy Kenny
Thu, Nov. 25	9:00 AM	
Fri, Nov. 26	7:30 AM	Special Intention for Healing

St. Denis Lector Schedule

Next Weekend's Schedule

Sat, Nov. 27	4:30 PM	Bill Kearns
Sun, Nov. 28	8 AM	Jack Patterson
Sun, Nov. 28	10:30 AM	Denis Holler

Events

Saturday — Rosary at 9 AM outside by the statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary at St. Margaret Mary. If weather does not permit, we will pray inside the church.

Tuesday — Rosary at 8:10 PM at St. Margaret Mary after religious education classes.

Wednesday — Adoration & Reconciliation from 3-8 PM at St. Margaret Mary. 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 Chaplet at 3 PM at St. Margaret Mary.



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