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December 12, 2021



3rd SUNDAY of Advent

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

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

What a great night for the collaborative last Saturday night at our first **combined social** to raise some funds to assist with **Haitian refugees** who have recently moved into the Boston area. As you know such events require much planning and lots of help. Fr. Paul and I are profoundly grateful to all who assisted with the many details and to those who came. As I am writing this, we do not yet have the totals of the night, but they should appear elsewhere in this bulletin. Hopefully we can plan another social for some time in the first months of the new year.

This is Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent which is marked by lighting the rose colored candle in the Advent wreath. Gaudete is from the Latin meaning joy. As children, the lighting of the rose-colored candle increased the excitement of anticipation of Christmas, as we knew it was not that far off. It is that kind of joy which is intended by the third Sunday of Advent, not simply because of the proximity of Christmas but rather because of the proximity of Christ! The excitement we (or I should say many people) get in anticipating Christmas is a taste of our anticipation for the coming of Christ. Obviously, Christmas is the celebration of the first coming at His birth. However, there is also a kind of beckoning to realize that there is more to come! Christ came to usher in the Kingdom of God. He certainly did that by His death and Resurrection, however the Kingdom is not yet in its fullness. That requires the second coming of Christ which he promised in the days between the Resurrection and Ascension.

The lighting of the rose-colored candle was also for us a reminder to go to **confession**. We were taught from a young age that one of the ways we prepare for Christmas was through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. I enthusiastically encourage you to avail of the grace of this Sacrament in the couple of weeks before Christmas. Please look elsewhere in this bulletin for opportunities in the collaborative for Confession. If it has been some time since you have been, or not sure what to say, just begin by saying that to the priest. We are there to help you make a good confession and will make it as simple as possible. Aside from hearing confessions, we also go to confessions ourselves. And just because I'm a priest doesn't mean I don't get a bit nervous going myself. I think that's normal, and dare I say, somewhat healthy. It indicates the breath of what is taking place.

Remember when making plans for Christmas Mass you may want to allow a bit of extra time as there will be more cars in the parking lot and more people getting into the Church. I'm looking forward to celebrating Christmas Masses!

Bishop Peter Uglietto and I have moved into St. Denis Rectory and are loving it! It's a great house and we are most grateful to those who have helped to get us settled in. Bishop Uglietto is the Vicar General and Moderator of Curia for the Archdiocese. This means that he is the administrator of the day to day operation of the archdiocese. Every bishop appoints a priest (or another bishop) to run the diocese in his name. This frees the bishop of the diocese to attend to all the pastoral concerns of his local church. As Moderator of the Curia, Bishop Uglietto is essentially the "chief-of-staff" for the Cardinal and oversees all those on the staff. There are approximately 220 people who work in the various departments and offices for the archdiocese.



St. Denis Christmas Pageant

St. Denis' annual Christmas Pageant is back this year! Join us on December 19th at the 10:30 AM Mass as our children present the story of the birth of Jesus. There will be a celebration afterwards with coffee and snacks as we get ready for Christmas.



St. Denis Giving Tree for Haitian Families

This year's Giving Tree will benefit the Haitian families who are currently arriving in Massachusetts. We are collecting NEW winter jackets, hats & gloves and gift cards to Target, CVS and Stop & Shop. Please take a tag from the tree at the front of the church and return your items, unwrapped to the boxes by the tree. All items are needed by December 19th. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your support!

Helping Haitian Families

Thanks and blessings to all who prayed for, attended, volunteered and supported our efforts to help 600 families from Haiti, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

It was a fun event and how awesome that it was our fourth event as “Westwood Catholic”! We look forward to continuing this journey with our Haitian brothers and sisters as they settle and arrive in the Greater Boston Area. Though we would love to thank everyone personally, we know that is not possible. The Helping Haitian Families Committee is grateful to Fr. Stanley Rousseau and Kam Sylvestre who gave witness to their lives in Haiti, Lorna DesRoses from the Archdiocese of Boston for connecting us with some members of the Haitian Community, the fourth graders who donated their HOLYween candy, the middle schoolers (and their moms) who baked, the middle & high schoolers who along with Diane Barry, Denise & Michael Raftery, the Bunker & LaCroix families volunteered at the event and both Boy Scout Troop 3 & the St. Vincent DePaul Society who are continuing with the winter clothing collection.



Upcoming Dates for the Christmas Season

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

* Please note there will be no 4:30 PM Vigil Masses on December 25th. Masses for December 26th will follow the normal Sunday schedule.



Synod on Synodality

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality. What does that mean? Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that. So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask “How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?” The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.

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/livestreaming. 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>

Adoration and Reconciliation

December 16 at St. Denis

There will be adoration & reconciliation from 7-8 PM at St. Denis. The Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed on our altar. There will also be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

5 PM Mass at St. Margaret Mary

The 5 PM Mass at St. Margaret Mary will be inside starting this weekend December 12 for the winter.

Christmas Flowers and Lights

We will be accepting donations to make the Christmas season even more special with flowers and lights. You can mail a check in with the names of those you wish to remember or honor or can donate directly through Weshare (see the parish websites to do so). If you donate online please send your intentions to Cindy at c.carlo@saintmmparish.org. All memorial names will be included in a special handout at the Christmas Masses.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for all the deceased of our parishes, including Eugene Cummings and Mary Jane Barry who were recently born into eternal life, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.

Clergy Benefit Trust — Christmas Collection

Each Christmas, the parish collections benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting the Christmas collection, you can show your appreciation for the priests who continue to build stronger communities for all through their ministry.

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MASS INTENTIONS

St. Denis

Sat, Dec. 11	4:30 PM	Pro Populo
Sun, Dec. 12	8 AM	Giovanni Centofanti (6 mo. Ann.)
Sun, Dec. 12	10:30 AM	Salvatore Battaglia
Mon, Dec. 13	9 AM	Teresa & Liam Mullen (Living)
Tue, Dec. 14	9 AM	Irene Martin (1st Ann)
Wed, Dec. 15	9 AM	Matt, Jack & Marilyn Connelly (Living)

St. Margaret Mary

Sat, Dec. 11	4:30 PM	Pat O'Donoghue
Sun, Dec. 12	10 AM	Matthew Cox (11 yr Ann)
Sun, Dec. 12	5 PM	Pro Populo
Mon, Dec. 13	7:30 AM	
Tue, Dec. 14	7:30 AM	
Wed, Dec. 15	7:30 AM	
Thu, Dec. 16	7:30 AM	
Fri, Dec. 17	7:30 AM	Alcide & Dorothy Belliveau

St. Denis Lector Schedule

Next Weekend's Schedule

Sat, Dec. 18	4:30 PM	Fred O'Brien
Sun, Dec. 19	8 AM	Bill Polin
Sun, Dec. 19	10:30 AM	Family Mass

Sacramental Giving

Collections: December 5, 2021

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Weekly Collection..... \$4,991

SAINT MARGARET MARY

Weekly Collection..... \$7,972

Events

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

Wednesday — Adoration & Reconciliation from 7-8 PM at St. Denis on December 16.

Thursday — Adoration from Noon-3:00 PM. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM at St. Margaret Mary.

Friday — Adoration from Noon-3:00 PM. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM at St. Margaret Mary.

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.



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