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THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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

December 26 ~ Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Every parent can relate to this Gospel. The thought of a child getting lost, no matter their age brings anxiety and stress! The relief of Mary and Joseph is palpable in this passage even though the 12-year-old Jesus acts surprised about his parents' concern. However, what is most important to glean from this gospel is the fact that upon returning to Nazareth, Jesus "was obedient to them; and. . . Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor." Their years together provided important time for growth for the Holy Family. The vocation of parents, grandparents and guardians is both rewarding and challenging. Take time to think about the example of the Holy Family and let them be a source of strength for you and for all families.



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.

St. Margaret Mary & St. Denis Adult Faith Formation

Westwood Catholic Moms Prayer Group

Welcome all moms (and little ones, too) This group will regularly meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month (9:30-11AM) for prayer, adoration and sharing in the lower church of St. Margaret Mary. (Please enter on side nearest the parish offices or if you need the elevator via High Street doors.) We will get to know one another as prayerful Catholic women and moms doing our best to raise our young ones in our faith. Come join us and bring a friend... and your wee one! Contact Karlene Duffy for more information.

The Westwood Catholic Men's Prayer Group

Alternating Mondays, 6:30 PM in the parish office conference room at St. Margaret Mary. See Deacon Nate for more information.

Rosary

Every Saturday morning at 9 AM outside near the statue of Blessed Mother Mary and streamed on the St. Margaret Mary Facebook page. If weather is inclement, the Rosary is prayed inside and streamed on the St. Margaret Mary website.

The Rosary is also prayed every Tuesday night at 8:10 PM in the main church at St. Margaret Mary. Rosary beads and cheat sheets are provided.

Norfolk County Catholic Young Adults

The Norfolk County Catholic Young Adults' mission is to create regular opportunities for young adults to experience the love, grace, and mercy of Jesus Christ through various Social, Spiritual, Service, and Study events and initiatives. To learn more visit, <https://www.norfolkcountycatholics.com>.

St. Margaret Mary Giving Tree

When is an unadorned CHRISTmas tree most beautiful? When it's a giving tree for mission school!!! All ornaments were taken and all gifts and gift cards and more have been collected. These presents were delivered to Mission School last week so they could be given to parents so their children would have gifts to open on CHRISTmas morning. Blessings and many thanks for your generous response this year and every year for the past 4+ decades. Special thanks to all who labored behind the scenes to make the tags, adorn the tree and deliver the packages. Isn't this what CHRISTmas and CHRISTianity is all about?



St. Denis Open House

Please join us after all the Masses on the weekend of January 8th and 9th for an open house at St. Denis. Come and see the renovations to the rectory as well enjoy some coffee and treats. Special shout out to Michael Raftery for his role in getting all the work done!

From the Desk of Karlene Duffy

Christmas is not over ... 12 Days of Christmas and 3 kings

*"We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we travel afar...
Following yonder star
We three kings, we three kings
Born a king on Bethlehem's plain...
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign
Oh, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light..."*

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" and it comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" (phainein) and "on, to" (epi-). Thus, an epiphany is a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience.

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Son of God and Savior of the world. The feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men from the East, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee (His first public miracle).

The magi were representatives of neighboring pagan religions who welcomed the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. These Wise Men, in coming to Jerusalem to pay homage to the King of the Jews showed that they sought, in Israel, the messianic light of the star of David, the one who would be King of the Nations. Summarily: all can discover Jesus and worship Him as God and Savior.

Can you see Christ in others? Do others see Christ in you through your thoughts, words and actions? Are you so full of joy that comes knowing, loving and serving God that others want to draw near to Him as well? Perhaps this can become your new years goal.

MLK Jr. Trip

For ten of the past eleven years, the youth of Saint Margaret Mary Parish have celebrated the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday by collecting socks, hats, gloves, scarves, hand and feet warmers, men's toiletries, and gift cards for the homeless of Boston. We will begin to do so next weekend in the church. Then, on Saturday of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, a small group of us will take these collected items and carry them into the city. We will first stop at St. Anthony Shrine, Arch Street, then walk around Boston Common and downtown crossing handing out these items and, also, bring a portion into the St. Francis House. Of course, we seem to always pick the coldest day, and rightly so; for we momentarily get to experience what our brothers and sisters living in the streets experience everyday. We shiver (and perhaps complain) until we see the face of Christ in the homeless man, woman or child who gratefully accept your gifts of love. In advance, thank you for your donations and helping our youth live the Gospel of Our Lord and Savior.

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>

5 PM Mass at St. Margaret Mary

The Sunday 5 PM Mass at St. Margaret Mary will be inside for the winter.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for all the deceased of our parishes, including Virginia O'Leary and Rose Ferreira who were recently born into eternal life, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.

Office Closure

The parish office will be closed from Monday, December 27 through Friday, December 31.

It was very sweet....

On behalf of the staff of Westwood Catholic, thank you so very much for the wonderful (and wonderful) presents you have given us always and most recently this CHRISTmas. SO great is your generosity. We have enjoy tremendously opening up beautiful cards, seeing beautiful family pictures and eating many, many delicious cookies and candies and more. A former pastor (I won't mention his name but he is a bishop now) once said: Anything you eat in the service of Our Lord has no calories, no cholesterol and no fat!! Thank goodness and, again, thank you!



St. Denis

Sat, Dec. 25	8 AM, 10:30 AM	CHRISTMAS MASS
Sun, Dec. 26	8 AM	Pro Populo
Sun, Dec. 26	10:30 AM	Charles Hubbell (1st Ann)
Mon, Dec. 27	9 AM	
Tue, Dec. 28	9 AM	Frank Giovino (1st Ann)
Wed, Dec. 29	9 AM	Ann Bean

St. Margaret Mary

Sat, Dec. 25	10:00 AM	CHRISTMAS MASS
Sun, Dec. 26	10 AM	Edwin Chirokas (5 Yr Ann)
Sun, Dec. 26	5 PM	Raymundo Rustrian
Mon, Dec. 27	7:30 AM	John Reynolds (Living)
Tue, Dec. 28	7:30 AM	Mary Talty (Living)
Wed, Dec. 29	7:30 AM	Kevin Slocum (Living)
Thu, Dec. 30	7:30 AM	Mary Cabey (Living)
Fri, Dec. 31	7:30 AM	

St. Denis Lector Schedule

Sat, Jan 1	4:30 PM	Jim O'Sullivan
Sat, Dec. 2	8:00 AM	Jack Patterson
Sat, Dec. 2	10:30 AM	Denis Holler

Solemnity of Mary (New Year's) Schedule

Friday, December 31

4:30 PM, St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, January 1

9 AM, St. Denis

Regular weekend Masses will take place on Saturday, January 1st at 4:30 PM at both parishes and the normal Sunday schedule will be the same.



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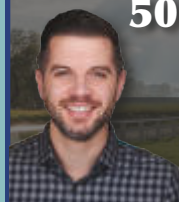
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