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### St. Margaret Mary

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January 9, 2022



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.  
- Lk 3:21-22a

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### 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

Today is the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** and the finale of the Christmas season. The significance of this feast is that it was at His Baptism in the Jordan River that Jesus was identified as God's Son. Appropriately so, Jesus' Baptism is one of the mysteries of the Epiphany, celebrated last week. It was by the visit of the Magi, Baptism in the Jordan and first public miracle at the wedding at Cana the God manifests to the world that Jesus is the Christ and Savior. Remember that St. Joseph was told by an angel that he was to name the baby Jesus, because he would *save* His people from their sins. The name Jesus means *the one who saves*.

So why this feast if we have already commemorated the Baptism of the Lord during the celebration of Epiphany last week? The Church uses every opportunity to put before us our own Baptism. Given that most of us were infants at the time of Baptism, we don't have any memory of it. Without reminders, therefore, we are likely to forget it altogether. If we forget our baptism it's not long before we forget our faith. When we were baptized, God claimed us as His very own. Didn't that happen by virtue of being created by God? Yes, but through baptism we are united with Jesus Christ into the saving paschal mystery: dying and rising. The paschal mystery is our inheritance, you could say. God bestows to each of His children a "right" to claim the Kingdom as his/her own. Blessing ourselves with holy water is the simplest way that we recall our baptism.

Tomorrow (Monday) we begin Ordinary Time again. This liturgical season has two parts. The first begins after the Baptism of the Lord and goes up until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This year Lent begins on March 2. The second part of Ordinary Time begins on the day after Pentecost Sunday (June 5) and concludes on the day before the First Sunday of Advent (November 27). We think of Ordinary as being the part of the liturgical year which is not "special" like Christmas or Easter because we think of ordinary as the opposite of special. Actually, Ordinary, in the language of the Church, refers to the *proper sequencing* of the events that bring us to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. That is to say, the events are put into proper order. Having said that, the proper order does not necessarily mean historical order. Rather the events show Christ's earthly mission leading to the Cross. You will notice in Luke's Gospel, which will be used for most of the Sunday Gospels this year, that there is a focus on Jerusalem. In fact, in one of the Gospel readings during the summer you will hear that Jesus makes a resolution to go to Jerusalem where he will suffer and die. It demonstrates His intention for the Paschal Mystery into which you and I were baptized!

## St. Denis Open House Postponed

The open house scheduled for this weekend (January 8th and 9th) has been postponed. We will be rescheduling and once we have a date we will communicate it to everyone.

## 2021 Year End Financial Tax Statements

Year-end financial acknowledgement statements for tax purposes for those who use **envelopes and/or online giving** are available by contacting the parish offices at 781-326-1071 or 781-326-5858.

## Baptism of the Lord — January 9, 2022

Our gospel recounts the story of Jesus' baptism and the important words spoken by God about Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Isaiah uses similar words "Here is my servant, my chosen one with whom I am pleased..." During the coming week, take some time to pray and reread these scriptures. Hear God say these words to you, "I formed you and set you as a light" "You are my beloved. . . with you I am well pleased." As you acknowledge God's love and delight in you, ask God for the courage to witness to his love in your actions and words this week.

## 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.



## St. Denis Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated winter clothing and gift cards to our giving tree for the arriving Haitian families! We collected many items, and were especially blessed by the staff and families of the residents at Bridges by Epoch on University Ave who partnered with us for their first ever giving tree to donate to this worthy cause.

## Jesus is Here: Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress (6/18/22)

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2022 Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here — a day-long event featuring Mass with the Cardinal, dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Daniel Flores, Bobby and Jackie Angel, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Adoration, and a Eucharistic procession. Visit [jesusishereboston.org](http://jesusishereboston.org) for more information and to register!

## Religions Education for Children and Young Adults with Special Needs

If you have a child or young adult who, for whatever reason, would be better served learning in a different formation, St. Margaret Mary in Westwood offers a Religious Education Program individually designed for him or her (beginning at age 6). This one-on-one program includes weekly gospel study, preparation for Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation which will take place in the lower church. Bob Smith is the Director and Lead Catechist. The multi-age class meets every other Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the lower hall at | St. Margaret Mary. The next class will be January 22, 2022.

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

Contact St. Margaret Mary at (781) 326-1071 if you are interested in learning more about this program which accommodates for individual student's needs.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mass Links

St. Margaret Mary's Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday 10 AM and 5 PM , as well as the daily Masses are livestreamed on the website at [www.saintmmparish.org/live-streaming](http://www.saintmmparish.org/live-streaming). The 5 PM is also streamed on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/saintmmparish.org](http://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 Janice D'Andrea and Charles Duffy who were recently born into eternal life, as well as all of our sick and those who have asked for our prayers.

## Events

**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.

**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.



**St. Denis**

Sat, Jan. 8	4:30 PM	Pro Populo
Sun, Jan. 9	8 AM	Ann E. Bean
Sun, Jan. 9	10:30 AM	
Mon, Jan. 10	9 AM	
Tue, Jan. 11	9 AM	Arthur Viens
Wed, Jan. 12	9 AM	

**St. Margaret Mary**

Sat, Jan. 8	4:30 PM	Pro Populo
Sun, Jan. 9	10 AM	Marilyn Hardiman
Sun, Jan. 9	5 PM	Agnes M. Miniham (5th Ann)
Tue, Jan. 11	7:30 AM	Esther Doyle
Tue, Jan. 11	7:30 AM	Ellen Follett
Wed, Jan. 12	7:30 AM	Craig Joseph Mazzini
Thu, Jan. 13	7:30 AM	John Tuttle
Fri, Jan. 14	7:30 AM	Rosemary Watts

**St. Denis Lector Schedule**

Sat, Jan 15	4:30 PM	Joe Lahiff
Sat, Jan. 16	8:00 AM	Pat Gover
Sat, Jan 16	10:30 AM	John Loughnane

**Sacramental Giving**

**Collections: Christmas (Clergy Benefit Trust)**

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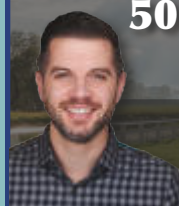
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