

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Corner of Main & Summer Streets, Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545 • Website: www.stmarysparish.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Mass

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 am, 11:00 am
& 5:30 pm.

Weekdays & Saturday: 8:30 am.

Holy Days: 8:30 am., 12:00 pm. & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30–4:00 pm.; anytime by
appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday: 6:00–9:00 pm, Church

Friday: 9:00–1:00 pm, Pastoral Ctr. Chapel

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Michael F. Rose, *Pastor*

Rev. Javier Julio, *Parochial Vicar*

Philip E. Devine, *Deacon*

Jeannie MacDonough, *Principal*

Gina Kuruvilla, *Director of*

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Kathy Canfield, *Gr. K–8 Rel. Ed. Coord.*

Richard Vacca, *Director of Liturgical Music*

Viola Jefferson, *Parish Nurse*

Juan David Parra, *Seminarian Intern*

CONTACT US

Pastoral Center 508-845-6341

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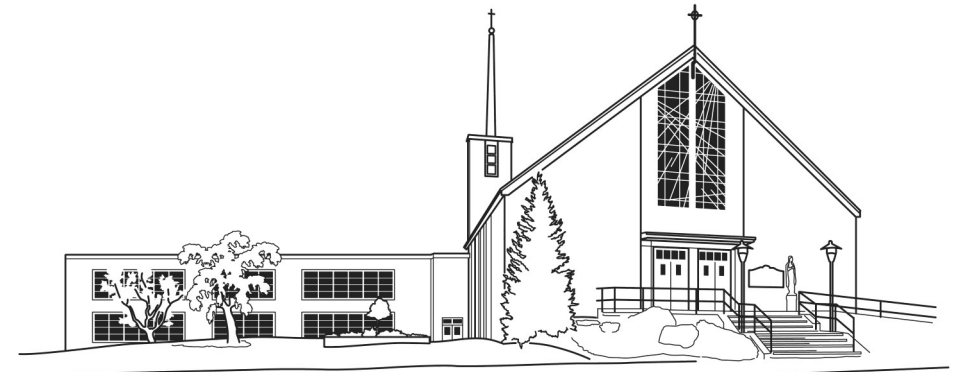
Religious Ed. Office 508-925-7801

Youth Ministry 508-925-7801

Parish Health Ministry..... 508-925-7647

Our Parish Mission

We, the people of St. Mary's, strive to be a community united with God, dedicated to continuing growth in knowledge and faith, giving witness to Christ through love, worship, education, and service. So that we may fulfill this mission and integrate spirituality with life, we shall reach out to all peoples within and beyond our faith community.



NEW PARISHIONERS: We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. Please contact the Pastoral Center to register or for more information.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms at St. Mary are held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Parents may also schedule to have their child baptized during one of the Sunday Masses. A preparation session for parents preparing for the baptism of their first child is held on the second Monday of the month in the Pastoral Center. Call the Pastoral Center for more information.

MARRIAGES: The policy for the Diocese of Worcester requires a period of one year preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the parish priest and participation at either the precana conferences or the Engaged Encounter weekend. Contact one of the priests for arrangements.

PASTORAL CARE: Arrangements for the reception of the Sacraments for homebound parishioners can be made by contacting the Pastoral Center. Please also notify the Pastoral Center when a parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise confined. Emergency sick calls at anytime.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Marilyn Blanchard 508-845-1567
Jean Campaniello 508-842-8288
Robert Doiron 978-568-3696
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Susan Zybert 508-842-7554

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Finance: Maria Lemieux 508-845-8732
Respect Life: Kurt Brenner 508-842-0322
Seniors Jet Set: Evelyn Baroni 508-845-3511
Social Justice: Gina Kuruvilla 508-925-7801
Outreach: Mary Daly 508-845-6819
Stewardship: Kelly Paulina 508-845-8557

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, Dec. 29	8:30 pm	Special Intention By a parishioner
	4:30 pm	† Ted Harney By the family
Sunday, Dec. 30	7:30 am	† Paul O'Dell, Jr. , 18th Anniversary By Mom, Dad and family
	9:00 am	† Edith Beninate By Jim and Sandy Marine
	11:00 am	† Leona M. Rose 4th Anniversary by the family
	5:30	† Geneva Guilford By the family
Monday, Dec. 31	8:30 am	† Ronald W. Yee 2nd Anniversary by the family
	4:30	
Tuesday, Jan. 1	8:30 am	†
Wed., Jan. 2	8:30 pm	Betsy Cashman , for improved health By the family
Thursday, Jan. 3	8:30	† Robert Maloney S.J. By the family
Friday, Jan. 4	8:30 am	† Harriet M. Carey By the family
Saturday, Jan. 5	8:30 am	Joan Finnerty By a friend
	4:30 pm	† Leonard Bellerose By Jean Marie Carey
Sunday, Jan. 6	7:30 am	† Eilyana Moynihan Turpin By the Turpin family
	9:00 am	† Glen Umphrey † Mark Umphrey By the family
	11:00 am	† Danielle Simas By the family
	5:30 pm	† Louis and Catalina Domenech By the family



PRAY FOR . . .

Repose of the souls of Elaine Nicco and Orene; Lucia diagnosed with kidney cancer; successful back surgery for Jim and

Molly and full and fast recovery for both; Howard with pancreatic cancer; Yli's safe travel; Maren; Sharon to gain relief from pain; Audra suffering with the flu to recover; Ava and her family after the loss of her Dad; all those who are alone, lonely, and estranged to know God's lovingkindness at this time and to give and receive forgiveness; Beverly's to fully heal following her third cancer surgery; Kim and her husband; Carol Quist; AM's speedy healing after surgery; Diane, in hospice care, to have comfort, care and pain relief; Lois to recover from a septic infection; Joan's wellness; Carol's recovery from a broken hand; Rosalita and her family; AH to gain robust health; Sarah's successful ankle surgery and full recovery; GD's malady to abate; Michelle's safe delivery of her baby; Eric MacDonald to open his heart to the light of Christ and His message of Salvation; Father George to return to good health; Kelly for healing of a throat ailment; Martin Finnegan full healing of cancer; special intention pf Tom Deliganis; and for Pam to gain lasting healthful treatment for a serious eating disorder.

Continued prayers for: Jim; Judy; Susan; Rev. Paul O'Connell following his knee surgery; Linda; Bishop Reuger; Tim C.; Kathy and her Dad; Lydia; Reilly; Matthew; Betty; Carly; Chase; Anne-Marie; Kathy; Christine; Christine O; Christine F.; Ivan and Jacob; BC; Jeff; Marianne; Tim M.; David; our country; baby Owen; Betsy C.; Bonnie; Gail; Sue; Lukas; Larry Sr.; Harry; Steve; baby L.; Angelo; Aileen; Justin; Ted; DJ; AG; DD; Shannon; Logan; Janice; Robert; Allison; Katie; Maddie; Chico; and safe pregnancies for several.

Thanksgiving for: God's family of loving support; the Boston food delivery movement; newlyweds whose celebration included toy-buying and delivery to those without this season; Bishop Reuger's return to his home; Kendra's happy engagement; baby JD's birth 12/6; all those who participated, volunteered and celebrated our recent cultural mass at 4:30 last weekend; Paula and her circle; the opening of the BORO Sugar Shack (Bridging Over to Right Opportunities) inside Westborough High School to foster educational development and vocational-technical life skills training in a real business setting; safety for two drivers during a car accident; and all answered prayers.

Prayer Line: Tracy at 508-450-0137

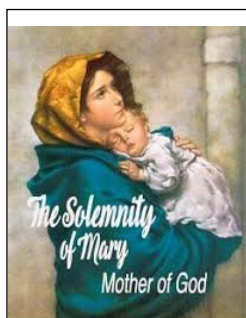
Liturgical Ministry Schedule January 5-6

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	T. Pitney	M. Damico, C. Engdahl, M/M Nelligan, P. Pennucci, S. Puthanangady, K. Van Atten	J. Karam, N. Podlipec, Z. Sargent	
Sunday 7:30am	P. Caouette	M. Benbenek, M. Blute, P. Caouette, T. Keegan, A. Lo, R. Mungovan, A. Noone	A. Corazzini, A. Johnson, A. Lo J. Thomas, K. Vona, R. White	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am		K. Canfield, M. Coghlin, K. Contreras, E. Ford, K. Ganger, J. Travers	R. Hannoush, K. Minton, E. Perkins, C. Salvan, S. Salvan	J. Sliwoski
Sunday 11:00am	J. McAdam	J.M. Carey, M/M cote, J. McDonald, M. Smith	A. Belanger, J. Malo	J.M. Carey
Sunday 5:30pm	K. Scheffel	H. Collins, J. Davidson, V. Eda, M.L. Nevins, M/M Thompson	E. Clifford, L. Collins, M. Farrell, K. Kelly	V. Moskowitz

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

What love you have bestowed upon us,
O good and gracious God,
in letting us be called your children,
and giving us your Son, Jesus,
to live as a child among us
in the family of Mary and Joseph

Let all who seek the face of Christ find
him,
not only here, in this house of prayer,
but in the households, large and small,
where your love is revealed
in our love for each other.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1 FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, December 31 at 4:30pm
Tuesday, January 1 at 9:00 and
11:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on
Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's).
Adoration will take place in the pastoral center
chapel on Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



A New Year's Wish

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
By making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you
most,
And by making you anxious to be their to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.



Sunday, December 30

9:00 St. Mary's Adult Choir-Media Center

Monday, December 31

8:00 CMSC Drivers Ed-Gathering Space

9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room

4:30 Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1

9:00 Solemnity of Mary Mass

11:00 Solemnity of Mary Mass

Wednesday, January 2

4:15 Children's Choir-Church

6:00 Brownies-Hall

Thursday, January 3

9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room

6:00 AOL Den Meeting-Hall

6:30 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room

7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall

7:00 Liturgy Committee Meeting-Mary's Room

Friday, January 4

9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel

2:30 Mass at Shrewsbury Nursing Home

6:00 Daisy Troop 30315-Hall

6:30 Girl Scouts-Gathering Space

Saturday, January 5

9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR

10:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry-Mary's Room

11:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-School/Hall/LMR

Sunday, January 6

8:00 Sunday Coffee-Hall

9:00 St. Mary's Adult Choir-Media Center

9:00 Grade 3 Mass

9:00 Children's Choir

10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-School/Hall/LMR

12:30 Baptisms-Church

2:00 Girl Scouts-Hall

3:00 Girl Scouts-Gathering Space

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME

To our new Altar Servers

Congratulations to our new altar servers who have completed
their training with Fr. Javier:

Emma Clifford	Kaitlyn Minton
Liam Collins	Emily Perkins
Macie Farrell	Cristian Salvan
Rita Hannoush	Audrey Scheffel
Teddy Hruskoci	Bridget Sullivan
Kieran Kelly	Ryan White



Saint Mary School

Classroom Tours and Shadow Days Available

As you consider options for the next school year, schedule a visit to our Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School classrooms while school is in session. Meet our dedicated faculty, staff and students and explore our commitment to faith, academic excellence and authentic examples of service.

Our After-School Program is available for
Kindergarten through Grade 8 students
from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm.

Saint Mary School welcomes students and families from
all faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

SAVE THE DATES: January 2019 Open House & Registration

Sunday, January 27, 2019 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Thursday, January 31, 2019 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Please contact our Admissions Director, Cheryl Dolan at
Cheryl.Dolan@stmarysparish.org
or, (508) 842-1601

To learn more about our commitment to faith,
academic excellence and service,
please visit: <https://school.stmarysparish.org/>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Liturgy



of the Word

Do you have a gift for story telling, acting, or hosting trivia games? Are you creative, entertaining or just enjoy sharing your faith? We need YOU! The Children's Liturgy of the Word team is seeking volunteers to help at the 9:00am Sunday Masses. This program is intended to provide meaning and color to the weekly Scripture readings. Volunteers are typically scheduled for one Sunday a month, but volunteer for as little of as much of your time as you can share. Leaders are needed for pre-school, K-2nd grade or 3rd-5th grade levels. Lesson ideas are provided. For more information, please contact Larry Cardani (thecardanis@verizon.net).



IN THE HOSPITAL

CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED

Each week Msgr. Mike and Fr. Javier go to the Worcester hospitals to visit St. Mary's parishioners. Depending on how patients are admitted into the hospital, we do not always have an accurate list. Please call the Pastoral Center (508-845-6341) if a family member or a neighbor who lives alone has been hospitalized so that we may visit them.



PROJECT RACHEL

Thankfully through Project Rachel the Catholic Church post abortion healing ministry, men and women can find forgiveness and peace of heart through compassionate counseling and the sacrament of reconciliation. Call 508-791-HOPE(4673).

YEAR END GIVING

Many people enjoy using Christmas and year's end as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions and also positively impact their federal and state income taxes. Christmas and year end giving provides many advantages to you.

- All gifts made on or before December 31 are tax deductible for the tax year in which your gift is made.
- The knowledge that your gift is assisting a favorite Catholic institution and advancing the mission of the Catholic Church.
- A last reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you've wanted to.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ST.
MARY'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



DON'T MISS OUT. CONNECT WITH US SIGN-UP FOR FLOCKNOTES TODAY

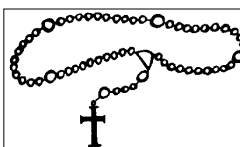
Join the 487 people from our parish community who receive communications from St. Mary's Parish through Flocknotes. When you subscribe to Flocknote you will receive news and updates from St. Mary Parish via text message or email.

3 ways to subscribe:

1. Visit the parish website - stmarysparish.org/flocknote
2. Text STMARYPARISH to 84576
3. Scan the QR code on the posters at the church entrance

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Tuesday from 6:00 -9:00 pm in the Church and every Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in St. Theresa's Chapel in the Pastoral Center. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to come and spend some time in prayer and adoration before the Eucharist, praying not only for their own personal needs but also for the needs of our parish community and the world.



DAILY ROSARY

Please join us at Mary's statue after the 8:30 am Mass Monday through Saturday to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. All are welcome!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Mary Parish offers you a source of comfort and God's love. If you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, please

contact Deborah at 508-842-8653 and she will make arrangements to deliver a "hug from God."

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

UMass Memorial Medical Center

Memorial Campus, 119 Belmont St., Worcester

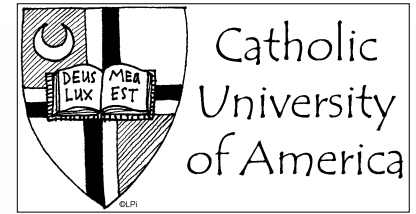
Has volunteer openings for Eucharistic Ministers to administer Communion to Catholic patients during their hospital stay.

Volunteer commitment is one day a week for 2-3 hours

Please contact Tatjana Abovich-Coordinator, Volunteer Services
508-334-6308



Diocese of Worcester
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December 28, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, I appeal to you to give generously next weekend to the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887, the University has served the Church, students and the community for generations and is the only American University with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.

Catholic University is helping to renew and strengthen the Church. The University has always been the research institution where the Church comes to think. Through hosting a national conference series focused on laity response to the sex abuse crisis, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA), where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability in the areas of education, finance, canon law, culture, and more, Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Catholic University serves the Church by engaging its students to discover knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the University provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. By way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Spanish language and Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics the University prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today.

I encourage you to be generous in the special collection for The Catholic University of America, to be taken at the Lord's Day Masses in all the parishes throughout the Diocese of Worcester next weekend, January 5 and 6.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester