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

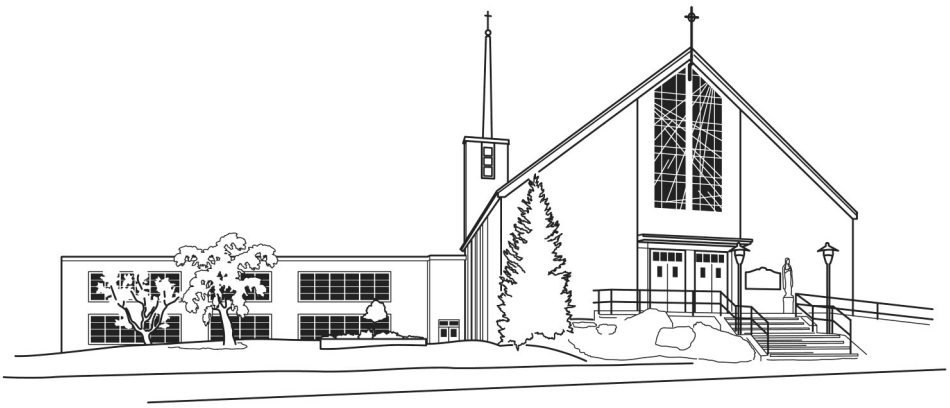
Rev. Msgr. Michael F. Rose, *Pastor*
Rev. Javier Julio, *Parochial Vicar*
Philip E. Devine, *Deacon*
Jeannie MacDonough, *Principal*
Gina Kuruvilla, *Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry*
Kathy Canfield, *Gr. K–8 Rel. Ed. Coord.*
Richard Vacca, *Director of Liturgical Music*
Viola Jefferson, *Parish Nurse*
Juan David Parra, *Seminarian Intern*

Contact Us

Pastoral Center 508-845-6341
School Office 508-842-1601
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

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Council of Ministries

Finance: Maria Lemieux 508-845-8732
Respect Life: Kurt Brenner 508-842-0322
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Outreach: Mary Daly 508-845-6819
Stewardship: Kelly Paulina 774-275-1911

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, April 20	8:30 am 7:30 pm	**Morning Prayer** **Easter Vigil**
Sunday, April 21	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	**Easter Mass** **Easter Mass** **Easter Mass** **No 5:30 pm Mass**
Monday, April 22	8:30 am	**†Eileen Moriarty Moynihan** 40th Anniversary, by her grandson, Michael D. Turpin & family
Tuesday, April 23	8:30 am	**†Marie Walsh** By the family
Wed., April 24	8:30 am	**†Laura D'Amelio** By Pat and Jack Avis
Thursday, April 25	8:30 am	**†Dr. Alfred P. Iacobucci** 12th Anniversary by his wife & family
Friday, April 26	8:30 am	**†Pam Cawley** By St. Mary Parish
Saturday, April 27	8:30 am 4:30 pm	**†James G. Reardon,** 20th Anniversary By the Suuberg and Reardon families **†Jose & Theresa Fernandez, Manny Chaves, Alipio Martins, Hilda Corriea, Armando Sousa, Filomena Sousa, Paul Dirth, Ruth Foley, Pam Cawley, Carol Singh and Anne Dealy** By Joe and Elisa Sousa
Sunday, April 28	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	**†Michael A. Perri** 1st Anniversary by the family **†Paul MacDonald, Jr.** By the family **†Danielle Simas** By the family **†Bernard C. Moore, Jr.** By the family

PRAY FOR . . .

Full recovery following Joe T's heart attack; a smooth transition for Matt and Linda to a new home and state and for Matt's health; Kathy's complete healing from a hip fracture; Nelly; R to receive an accurate diagnosis and path to health; full recovery for a man's illness; Linda diagnosed with pancreatic and kidney cancer; Bill for successful surgery on April 16 and full healing of throat cancer; special intention for a couple; Brian recently diagnosed with cancer; employment for three men; David's successful medical procedure and good news following a biopsy; all immigrant families to be kept intact; peace for a woman; and a fruitful remainder of Lent and the upcoming Holy Week.

Continued prayers for: Entonio; babies Luke, Hannah and Dalton; Carole; Stanley; Anna and baby Theo; Maddie and Chico; Tyler; Alex; Sheila; Elaine who remains in hospital; Patricia; Tim C.; Christine; Bill's surgery 4/16; SL; a couple; Chris O; the mother of 8 children; AS; Erin's pregnancy; MB; Ellen; Mary Jane; Cindy; Sarah W.; Mark; Jim P.; Angelo; Jacqueline; Lisa; Beth; Ben P.; Erika; Marianne; Sarah's pregnancy; Addie; Linda A.; Brad; Bill; Nardina; Jim; Susan; David; Rylie; Ashok; Michael; two teens; Doug; Caleb; Lee; George; Jim; Susan; Lukas; and all those with no one to pray for them.

Thanksgiving for: employment for Zack Brown; and a successful milestone in Nursing education for Regan Winstead; encouraging medical news; B's improved health; an excellent father; a surprising gift; a good medical report for baby D.; the Health Department's Medication Take Back Event, 4/27; health care; Sue's "special event" and gift of teaching; Fr. Mike's help; AB's aid and expertise; service opportunities; and all prayers, answered and unanswered.

Prayer Line: Tracy at 508-450-0137

Rest in Peace

Doris Condon

Liturgical Ministry Schedule April 27-28

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	T. Pitney	S. Goodwin, M.L. Lordan, K. VanAtten, C. Engdahl, S. Puthanangady, M. Damico, S. Gallerani	E. Clifford	L. Nelligan
Sunday 7:30am	T. Kennedy	R. Mungovan, A. Noone, M. Lemoine, M. Blute, M. Benbenek, T. Keegan, P. Kelly	R. White, P. Hastings	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am	J. Parra	K. Contreras, M. Coghlin, J. Barry, S. Hannoush, K. Ganger	E. Jorda, B. Jorda, R. Hannoush C. Salvan, S. Salvan, N. Hannoush	J. Sliwoski
Sunday 11:00am	K. Paulina	I. Berkowitz, J. Sousa, M. Vallejo, J. McDonald, M. Smith, K. Paulina, J. McAdam, S. Howard, E. Korpi	J. Karam, M. Johnson	J. McAdam
Sunday 5:30pm	D. Corcoran	A. Figueiredo, V. Eda, L. Perreault, A.M. Blute, N. Duquette, H. Collins	E. Chillo, L. Collins, T. Buricatu, T. Hruskoci	A. Figueiredo

As we come together today to celebrate the great Feast of the Resurrection, let us rejoice in the hope and promise that Christ's victory over death brings to all of us. For 40 days during Lent we have prepared for this day. This past week we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper, Passion and Death on the Cross. And now we celebrate the Resurrection. The Lenten fasting has ended and the Easter feasting begins. We will celebrate Easter for the next 50 days!

I want to express my deep thanks to the many parishioners who helped to make our liturgies of Holy Week and Easter such inspiring and faith-filled celebrations. Thank-you to Rick Vacca, Christine Carter, choir members, musicians and cantors for the wonderful music which enriched our liturgies so much. Thank-you to Fr. Javier, the members of the Liturgy Committee and the Art & Environment Committee for the careful attention given to planning our celebrations and decorating the church and parish hall. Thanks to the lectors, ministers of communion, altar servers, greeters and ushers for serving in these ministries throughout the year. It was an added blessing to have our seminarians with us for Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter – Juan Parra, Christian Cortes & Jose Carvajal. Thank you to Susan Zybert for coordinating the Palm Sunday passion readers and to Lisa Powers and all those who assisted and participated in the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Thank-you to the parish staff for your extra efforts throughout Lent and Holy Week. May the Lord bless you, your families and all of us at St. Mary's throughout this Easter season. May we experience the joy and the promise that Jesus' Resurrection brings.

Happy Easter!

Msgr. Mike

Divine Mercy

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Mary's will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 28
Confessions from 2:00 – 3:00 pm with Eucharistic Adoration
Prayer Service at 3:00 pm will include Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction

St. John Paul II stated that the message of Divine Mercy formed the image of his pontificate. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have reiterated the centrality of mercy as found in the teachings of Pope John Paul II who said:
It is truly marvelous how her devotion to the merciful Jesus is spreading in our contemporary world and gaining so many human hearts! This is doubtlessly a sign of the times – a sign of our 20th century. The balance of this century, which is now ending, in addition to the advances, which have often surpassed those of preceding eras, presents a deep restlessness and fear of the future. Where, if not in Divine Mercy, can the world find refuge and the light of hope? Believers understand that perfectly. (Homily, Beatification of Sister Faustina Kowalska, April 18, 1993)

Sunday, April 21
7:30 Easter Sunday Mass
9:00 Easter Sunday Mass
11:00 Easter Sunday Mass
Monday, April 22
9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
3:00 Commission for Women –Large Meeting Room
4:30 First Communion Rehearsal-Church
5:30 Eastpoint Services-Large Meeting Room
Tuesday, April 23
4:30 First Communion Rehearsal-Church
5:30 Eastpoint Services-Large Meeting Room
6:00 Eucharistic Adoration-Church
Wednesday, April 24
4:15 Children's Choir-Church
4:30 First Communion Rehearsal-Church
6:00 Brownies-Hall
Thursday, April 25
9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
4:30 First Communion Rehearsal-Church
6:30 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room
6:30 Confirmation Meetings-Pastoral Center
7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall
Friday, April 26
9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
6:00 Girl Scouts-Gathering Space
6:30 Father/Daughter Dance-Hall
6:30 Confirmation Meetings-Pastoral Center
Saturday, April 27
10:00 First Communion-Church/Hall
10:00 Children's Choir-Church
1:00 First Communion-Church/Hall
1:00 Children's Choir-Church
Sunday, April 28
8:00 Sunday Coffee
9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
2:00 Divine Mercy-Church
3:30 Confirmation Sponsor and Candidate Retreat & Rite of Election-Church/Hall/LMR/GS
7:00 33 Days to Morning Glory-Media Center
7:00 Light of the World –Large Meeting Room

PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2019

Dear Parishioners,
Over the past several weeks we have been conducting the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal here at St. Mary's. If you have already made a gift to the appeal, thank you sincerely! This appeal enables the work of 28 diocesan agencies, ministries and programs, to serve the people of all our parishes, as well as thousands of others throughout Worcester County. I know that the parishioners of St. Mary's will continue to respond as generously as they have in past years. I ask that you take one of the pledge envelopes found on the window sills of the church and return it to the pastoral center or in the offertory basket during Mass in the coming weeks. Thank-you and God bless you.
Msgr. Mike

St. Mary's Parish Goal	$180,500
Amount Collected/Pledged	146,954
Number of Gifts.	325

Saint Mary School

Registration for the 2019 - 2020 School Year
Saint Mary School is now accepting applications online for our Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 through 8 classrooms for the 2019 – 2020 school year.
Schedule a tour or a Student Shadow Day to see how Saint Mary School is making a difference for our students, our community and our world through 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 – 5:30 pm.

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

For more information, please contact our Admissions Director, Cheryl Dolan at Cheryl.Dolan@stmarysparish.org or 508 842-1601.

Visit our website to complete an application and learn more about Saint Mary School: https://school.stmarysparish.org/application-packages

Plant the Seeds, Watch them Grow!
The Fund for Saint Mary School

Thanks to the kindness of a generous Donor, every dollar given to The Fund for Saint Mary School from
Monday, April 1, 2019 through Tuesday, April 30, 2019
will be matched DOLLAR for DOLLAR up to $10,000!
Our Goal: $10,000 in donations from our School Families, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Alumni Parents and Friends of Saint Mary School
Suggested gifts: Young Alumni - $10, College Students - $25, Alumni & Alumni Parents – Share your treasure!
The Fund for Saint Mary School:
* Provides need-based tuition assistance
* Affords enrichment materials to promote hands-on learning activities
* Fortifies the Endowment to support the long-term viability of our school

Donate Online: Visit Saint Mary School's website to share your gift today: https://school.stmarysparish.org/online-giving

Donate via Check: Payable to: The Fund for Saint Mary School
Mailing Address: 16 Summer Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Share your gift with Saint Mary School, plant the seeds for our students' academic foundation and support our Mission for Catholic education! We thank you for your participation, your prayers and your continued support of Saint Mary School

Saint Mary School

Science Fair Judges Needed

Saint Mary School in Shrewsbury will hold their 2019 Science Fair for students in Grades 5 - 8 on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

If you would like to serve as a Judge, please REGISTER online at the Saint Mary School website:
https://tinyurl.com/stmsciencefair2019

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Muzzy, Advancement Director at: stephanie.muzzy@stmarysparish.org

The Family Festival Planning Committee Needs YOU!!

Please consider becoming a part of the planning team for this cherished event (or volunteer your spouse!!)

The current festival team is ready to train and transition to the next generation of St. Mary Families to carry on this beloved event. The goal this year is to have all preplanning completed by June 1st.

Please contact any of us for more information:

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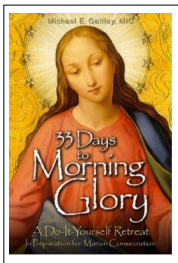
Colleen Clifford - cmclifford@live.com
Jeannie MacDonough - Jeannie.MacDonough@stmarysparish.org
John Sliwoski - johnsliwoski@gmail.com

St. Mary's IHN Week

St. Mary's IHN Group will be volunteering at the IHN house during the week of April 21st-28th. We will be covering the Evening Shift from 5:30-9:00pm and the Overnight Shift from 9:00pm-6:30am. If you are interested in taking a shift or learning more about IHN, please email:
Terry Waite at twaite@townisp.com or
Bridgid Rubin at rubin@townisp.com.
Thank you.



33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

Saint John Paul II understood that true devotion to Mary is Christocentric, and also a pathway to becoming a saint. Join us in a 33 Days to Morning Glory retreat. **We will start Sunday evening April 28th, and meet on subsequent Monday evenings (May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th).** On Friday May 31st we will have one final meeting to say our consecration prayer together. This retreat involves short daily readings. You do not have to attend all of the meetings, and the books will be provided free of charge. For more information, please email:
Andrea Malo (andreamalo2@gmail.com) or
Lisa Powers (lisarthomas@aol.com).

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 11 at 8pm
Assabet Valley Singers Concert
St. Mary's Church
Concert tickets may be purchased at Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union after April 15th, discounted $3 (three) from both the general price of $25 (twenty-five) or $20 (twenty) for students and senior citizens. Tickets may also be purchased through www.AVMsingers.org without the discount. Large print programs will be available.
There will be a limited number of complimentary concert tickets available at Shrewsbury Senior Center after April 22nd. Further information is available on the website or by calling (978) 562-9838.

The next meeting of the Cluster book club will be on Thursday, 25 April, at 7 pm in the St. Anne's rectory. We are reading "Jesus of Nazareth- Holy Week: from the entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection" by Joseph Ratinger (Pope Benedict). If you have any questions, please call Tom Schonhoff at 774-262-6174.

Diocese of Worcester
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Easter 2019

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"*He is not here; He has been raised!*" The angel's Easter greeting echoes down through the centuries to bring hope, joy and courage to us all.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the single most significant event in the history of the world. It carries momentous meaning for each of our lives. For every widow who has wept at a grave, for every parent who has mourned a child and for all who grieve, their tears, mourning and grief will end. For all who have suffered injustice, betrayal or abandonment, Christ's triumph over sin, death and evil is cause for hope, inspiration to persevere, and reason to go on. Christ's Resurrection was not just for His own glory. It was for all of His followers that they might share in His glory not for a day or a season, but forever.

What we celebrate today is the reason we can always live for tomorrow. Whether we are 8, 18 or 88, it is literally true that our best days are ahead. This life, with all its great joys, beauty and wonder, is not always easy, happy or fair. It is a fallen world but Our Savior has risen. Hope grows in our hearts, confidence builds in our souls and joy lifts our spirits. The Easter sequence says, "Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous." At times, like Good Friday, it seems that death and evil might prevail. But Easter shows that they do not. In time – God's time – good will definitively triumph over evil, Redemption will wipe out sin, and life will conquer death for all who believe in and follow Jesus Christ. May Easter be the optic through which we view the whole of life.

Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. May the joy of Christ's triumph resonate in your heart and may the realization of that victory guide you and your loved ones as you journey through this life on the way to Eternal Life.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester