

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*

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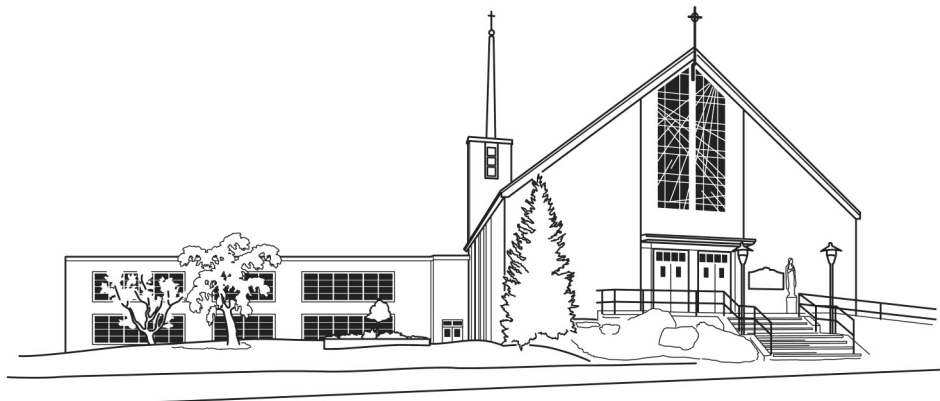
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Our Parish Mission

St. Mary Parish is a diverse and welcoming Catholic community giving witness to Jesus Christ through love, worship, faith formation, and service. We fulfill our mission by living the Gospel through word, action, and evangelization within and beyond our 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 pre-cana 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.

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FR. JAVIER and MSGR. MIKE WILL CELEBRATE PRIVATE MASSES DURING THE WEEK FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. MARY'S AND FOR YOUR INTENTIONS LISTED BELOW. PLEASE CALL KERRY AT THE PASTORAL CENTER IF YOU WISH TO MOVE A SCHEDULED MASS INTENTION TO ANOTHER DATE.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, April 4	8:30 am	
	4:30 pm	† Esther Bialecki 1st Anniversary By the Bialecki/Kerekon family
Sunday, April 5	7:30 am	Safe Baseball Season for SHS By the Lo family
	9:00 am	† James Capello , 15th Anniversary By the family
	11:00 am	† James Goodwin , 1st Anniversary By the Children's Choir
	5:30 pm	† David A. Rose, Sr. 18th Anniversary By the family † June Maloney , 4th Anniversary By the family † Paul and Dorothy Tivnan By the family
Monday, April 6	8:30 am	† Patty Holloway By Joan
Tuesday, April 7	8:30 am	† A. Gordon Turpin 50th Anniversary by the Turpin family
Wednesday, April 8	8:30 am	
Thursday, April 9	8:30 am	
Friday, April 10	8:30 am	
Saturday, April 11	8:30 am	
	4:30 pm	
Sunday, April 12	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	
	11:00 am	
	5:30 pm	



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please pray for: Repose of the soul of Ted due to Covid 19; Charlie's successful medical procedure and full healing; Allie, Patrick, and Kendra all being tested for the virus; Robbie, Becca and their four children all with virus symptoms and for Becca's safe delivery of her baby in May; Sarah; Sara; Christine; Brian to receive the aid he needs during a very difficult time; Joe; Karen following a loss; Carmen; Joy's recover after a severe fall; successful chemo treatment for Matt Baugher suffering from inoperable cancer of the spine and peace for his wife Lisa and their three children; Doug; Paul and every other health care provider nationwide overwhelmed and endangered by this pandemic; Margaret; Larry D's full recovery from severe bed sores; and all those with anxiety and mental wellness issues to be safe and supported.

Continued prayers for: babies Mason and Caleb; Mary O.; Pat; Marilyn; Paul; Frank; Sherri; Darlene; Velma; GR; BO; SD; Bruce; Megan; Carol; Judy; Fr. Marcin; Gloria; MF; M.; Jackie; Sue; Sarah; John; Sara; K; David C.; Martin Finnegan undergoing chemo for prostate and bone cancer and peace for his wife Brenda and family; Angelo; RSM; Martin Kendra; Scott; Michael; Tim C.; Tim M.; Dan W.; Darla; Fred; Ron; Janine; Christine; Wesley; Jacob; Carlos; Matthew; Jeremiah; Chris; Mary; Ray; Lilly; Toni; Caleb; Stan; Pam; Mark; Bailey; Richard and Helen.

Thanksgiving for: Bob's improved health; everyone following social distancing protocols and safe practices; all educators and students who are adapting to on-line instruction; all public officials and first responders; every health care worker on every level who continue to work despite the risks; all the essential businesses who support the rest of us; for all those adapting to changes in lifestyle and for the countless volunteers who donate time, money, energy and resources to help their neighbor, our community, our world.

Prayer Line: Call or text Tracy at 508-450-0137



Rest in Peace

Oleh Tkai, Edwin Matuzek, Anna Goodney
and Kern Narva, Sr.



NEW PARISHIONERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following people who joined St. Mary's parish during the month of March: Marie LeBlanc, Dominic and Janice Machado, Justin and Danielle Poche, Stephen and Ellen Shorey, and Mindy Truong.

WELCOME TABLE

If you are a new parishioner, we are very glad to welcome you to St. Mary's. In the coming months we hope that you will take time to GET REGISTERED ... GET CONNECTED ... and GET INVOLVED. Parishioners involved in our Welcoming Ministry are here to help you in any way we can.

To register in the parish, you may call or stop by the Pastoral Center and Kerry, the parish secretary, will help you. You can also register online at the parish website at www.stmarysparish.org.

FROM THE *Pastor's Desk*

PALM SUNDAY 2020

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

Today is Palm Sunday when we typically join the crowds of long ago in the streets of Jerusalem commemorating Jesus' entrance into the holy city and claiming him once again as our Messiah and Lord. *Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.* Our streets are empty on this Palm Sunday 2020 as we are unable to gather in our churches to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week. Since the earliest days of the season of Lent we have been preparing our hearts for this week's celebrations through our acts of penance and charity. We never imagined that the ending of our Lenten days would look like this. We long to be together for Mass today, but we must stay apart and at home.

Today the entire human race and the whole world are united as one as we fight a common enemy – not a dictator's army nor totalitarian state, not a terrorist threat nor one nation attacking another. Instead, we find ourselves battling the invisible, insidious coronavirus. This is a virus that knows no boundaries nor can it be contained by any wall. Today we reflect upon Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem and call to mind his incredible suffering and death on the cross. We cannot help but think of all the sacrifices that people are making these days out of loving concern for others and the cross of suffering that so many other people now carry. This year the Palm Sunday crowds will not be found on the streets, but in the hospitals where doctors and nurses and health care teams are working around the clock to care for the sick as they comfort the dying. And it is right there where the Lord Jesus is walking in the midst of them. And we, the scattered sheep of His flock, are in our homes united in our prayer being safe and keeping others safe. Although apart we are together still in our prayer for the world. Our St. Mary's parish community completed 24 hours of praying from 12 noon on Friday until 12 noon on Saturday for *an end to the coronavirus pandemic, the healing of the sick, the salvation of the dead and the protection of healthcare workers and those who keep the necessities of life flowing in our nation and throughout the world.*

Let us continue those prayers today and throughout these holy days. While there will be no Masses in the church on Palm Sunday or Easter, please pray with us at Mass on the parish website, facebook page and Shrewsbury Media Channel 28. Palms will be available today in the church parking lot and in the church as well as during the week for those who wish to make a visit. Our St. Mary's Parish & School staff will continue to pray for your continued health and safety.

God's Peace in this Holy Week,

Msgr. Michael Rose



HOLY WEEK 2020 FROM ST. MARY'S PARISH

The liturgies of Holy Week and Easter will be celebrated privately this year without a congregation and livestreamed on the St. Mary's Facebook page @stmarysshrewsbury or our parish website www.stmarysparish.org

The Church will be open for private prayer during Holy Week from 10:00 am to 6:30 pm.

PALM SUNDAY April 5

Sunday Mass from St. Mary's Church

8:00 am and 6:00 pm on Channel 28 and 328 on Shrewsbury Cable 8:00 am Mass will be posted to www.stmarysparish.org and on St. Mary's Facebook page

9:00 – 11:00 am Blessed Palms available for pick up in St. Mary's Parking Lot

MONDAY April 6

9:00 am Mass on Facebook @stmarysshrewsbury

TUESDAY April 7

9:00 am Mass on Facebook @stmarysshrewsbury

WEDNESDAY April 8

9:00 am Mass on Facebook @stmarysshrewsbury

HOLY THURSDAY April 9

9:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook @stmarysshrewsbury

7:00 pm Private Mass of the Lord's Supper Livestreamed on www.stmarysparish.org

GOOD FRIDAY April 10

9:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook

7:00 pm Private Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death Livestreamed on www.stmarysparish.org

HOLY SATURDAY April 11

9:00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook

7:30 pm Private Easter Vigil Mass Livestreamed on www.stmarysparish.org

EASTER SUNDAY April 12

Easter Mass from St. Mary's Church

8:00 am and 6:00 pm on Channel 28 and 328 on Shrewsbury Cable

8:00 am Mass will be posted to www.stmarysparish.org and on St. Mary's Facebook page

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God,
whose Only Begotten Son
bore the weight of human suffering
for our salvation,
hear the prayers of your Church
for our sick brothers and
sisters
and deliver us from this time of trial.
Open our ears and our hearts
to the voice of your Son:
Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

Bless all doctors and nurses,
researchers and public servants;
give us the wisdom to do what is right
and the faith to endure this hour,
that we might gather once again
to praise your name in the heart of your Church,
delivered from all distress
and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



EASTER FOOD GIFT CARDS for ST. ANNE'S HUMAN SERVICES NOW.....MORE THAN EVER

With children home from school and adults with reduced work schedules, the need to keep our food pantries stocked is vitally important. The Easter Food Gift Tags can still be found at the entrances of the church. Even if you do not take a tag, we will be collecting food gift cards from any local supermarkets for St. Anne's. Drop them off in the Pastoral Center mail box or mail them to 20 Summer Street, Shrewsbury, MA.



SHOPPING FOR SENIORS

Volunteers are ready to assist our Seniors or any parishioners who wish to remain in their homes as a precaution. If you need groceries or someone to run an errand for you, please contact Msgr. Mike at 508.845.6341 ext. 2 or Michael.rose@stmarysparish.org

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the families and the children who were baptized during the month of March: Elizabeth Chong and Owen Mitchell.

May they grow in the faith that we profess in Christ Jesus.

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm. Please call the pastoral center to make arrangements for your child's baptism. Parents who would like to have their first child baptized will be asked to participate in a Baptism Preparation session which are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the pastoral center.



PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2020

Understandably this year's Partners in Charity Appeal is off to a slow start. Nevertheless many parishioners have already made their gift/pledge. THANK-YOU for your generous response. Please support this important lifeline for our local church when you are able and as you are able. The funds raised from Partners in Charity help to support more than 25 vital ministries and agencies in our diocese that assist tens of thousands of people throughout Worcester County.

You may return your pledge/gift envelope to St. Mary's Parish at the pastoral center or mail it to 20 Summer Street, Shrewsbury. You may also return your gift directly to the Partners in Charity Office at 49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609. Perhaps you may take a few minutes to watch this year's Partners in Charity video and make your gift through the online portal at www.partners-in-charity.net.



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3 Ways to Subscribe

1. Visit the parish website at stmaryparish.org
2. Text STMARYPARISH TO 84576 from your phone
3. Scan the QR code on the posters in the church

ON LINE GIVING THROUGH WE SHARE



As Disciples of Jesus we are called into community – a community where we are family and where we share our many gifts generously. Thank-you for your support of our parish which is expressed in many ways throughout the year. The sharing of "treasure" with your parish is not only appreciated, but it is also necessary for us to continue to thrive and reflect the Kingdom of God.

In these present days with the suspension of Sunday Masses I invite and encourage you to continue your support of St. Mary's through our online giving tool called WeShare. WeShare has implemented the safest security standards for online transactions and your privacy will be protected at all times. You will be able to set up one-time or recurring donations and choose when and how to give to any of our different collections. You will also be able to view your complete, accurate financial records at any time during the year.

Sign up on our parish website www.stmarysparish.org. If you have any questions about the WeShare program, please do not hesitate to call Kerry at the parish office at 508-845-6341.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Liturgy in a Time of Pandemic

FUNERALS

Will Funerals be celebrated during the pandemic?

Yes –with restrictions. Bishop McManus has given priests permission to celebrate the Funeral Mass with the immediate family (limited to fifteen people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing and other precautions to keep us all as safe as possible.

Could we postpone the Funeral?

Yes. Families could request that prayers be said at the cemetery (Rite of Committal) and a public Funeral Mass be celebrated once these difficult days are over. In any case, the Priest will always say a private Mass for the repose of the soul of your loved one on the day of their burial.

WEDDINGS

Can weddings still take place?

Yes –with restrictions. Bishop McManus has given priests permission to celebrate Weddings, but only with the witnesses (Best Man and Maid of Honor) and immediate family present (limited to twenty people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing and other precautions to keep us all as safe as possible.

What about all my family and friends?

One person could be streaming the wedding on FaceTime or other social media platforms for family and friends to watch at home. Alternatively, once the pandemic is over, a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of the Marriage can be scheduled.

Can my Wedding be postponed?

Yes. You may choose to postpone your wedding until after the pandemic is over.

BAPTISMS

Can my child be baptized?

Yes. Bishop McManus has given priests permission to celebrate Baptisms of individual children in the presence of their immediate family and Godparents (limited to twenty people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing and other precautions to keep us all as safe as possible.

MASS INTENTIONS

I have a Mass scheduled for the anniversary of my mother's death. Will it still take place?

Yes. While public Masses are not allowed during these difficult days, be assured that the Priests will be offering private Masses for all the scheduled intentions.

Can I still request a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention?

Yes. You can always write, phone or email to your Priest and ask that he offer a Mass for a particular intention in the usual way. Know that your Priests are spending their time in prayer for you and your loved ones during these days.

PLEASE NOTE: With the most recent restrictions ordered by Governor Baker the number of people present for a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral has been reduced to 10.