

ST. MARY'S PARISH

OUR LADY OF MERCY

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**St. Mary's
Parish,
Orange MA**

Fr. Shaun O'Connor, Pastor

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**A parish family, growing
as followers of Jesus, as
we learn from Mary the
path of faithful
discipleship**

Angela Duga,
Faith Formation
Coordinator

Stephen Rogalski,
Music Director

Kathy and Frank Schiappa,
St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Armand Bouthillier, G.K.
Knights of Columbus

Maureen Riendeau,

St. Mary's Women's Club

CONFESSION

Saturday 3-3:30pm and
by appointment

**BAPTISM, MARRIAGE &
BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

Please contact the parish
office for information

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Before surgery, during an
extended illness, or in
emergencies, please do
not hesitate to call on Fr.
Shaun to receive the
Anointing of the Sick

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sundays, 11:10am —
12:10pm; Call for schedule

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
AND ADORATION**

Following Mass on Fri.,
and First Saturday

ROSARY following Mass,

Monday-Thursday, First
Saturday; First Friday,
5:30pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday, 3:40pm

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA**

Tuesday Before 7am Mass

Facebook: stmarysorange
Twitter: @StMarys_Orange
Web: stmarysorange.online

22d Sunday, Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept 1

4pm Nelson Colon *r/b friend*

Sunday, Sept 2

8am People of St. Mary's Parish

10am Doris & Leopold Cormier *r/b family*

Monday, Sept 3

7am Rita Castellón *r/b her sister*

Tuesday, Sept 4

7am Louis Talbot *r/b family*

Wednesday, Sept 5

6pm: Helen Mary de

Lagarde Bocardy

(40th Anniv) *r/b*

Maureen Riendeau

& family

Thursday, Sept 6

7am Emerenciana &

Marcial Yandoc

r/b family

Friday, Sept 7

6pm David Coolidge *r/b*

family



23d Sunday, Ordinary Time

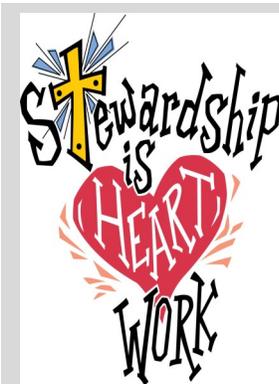
Saturday, Sept 8

4pm Carl Paoletti *r/b Janet*

Sunday, Sept 9

8am Cavaliere Family *r/b Lucia*

10am Doris Paoletti *r/b family*



**Final Results of the
Increased Weekly
Giving Campaign
at St. Mary's**

91 of 541 registered
parishioners
responded,
72 increased their
weekly giving and
17 parishioners stayed
the same.

2 one-time special donations were recorded.

All 91 parishioners have been thanked.

Average per person weekly increase: **\$6.39**

Estimated Yearly Increase If Each Keeps
To Their Pledge = **\$23,933.00**

**Thank you to all who support our
parish through the collection —
Your gifts are appreciated!**

Inspiration for the Week

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with **condemnation**, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees.

Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites — this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As you move into this week, consider the state of your own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in **His mercy** as soon as we turn to Him.

This week, allow your heart to be transformed!

In an effort to reach out to those who aren't able to attend weekly Mass at church, there will be a Mass at



**King James Court on
Monday, September 10, 10am**

We will try this monthly through the end of the year to gauge the response, and will continue if response merits



Candles on the Altar
*Burn this week in memory of
James Donelon*



The Sanctuary Candle
burns this week for intentions of
Deceased Parishioners

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
PANTRY**

This week we are asking for donations of **tissues**. Place items in the basket in the front vestibule.



If you know someone who could use the help of the Pantry's programs, you can call 978-544-6814



Scouting is back at St. Mary's! We're happy to welcome our new groups: **Boy Scouts of America, Nashua Valley Council Cub Scout Pack 40**, cub master Jeremy Gelinas, Nate Pierce, Committee chair; **Boy Scout Troop 40**, scout master Mark Cole; Charlie Tower, Committee chair.

St. Mary's Women's Club

The 2018-2019 Club year begins with a Mystery Ride and Shepherd's Pie dinner Tues., Sept. 11. Meet at the Center parking lot 5:30 pm. Membership books with the yearly programs will be distributed, and new members will be introduced and will feature a Preview and sign-up for Fair Committees. Call Maureen, Kathy Schiappa or Mary Carey to reserve your spot if you haven't been contacted yet.

Parish members, please start to think of ways you can help with the **Parish Fair October 6**. Do you have jellies, canned fruits or veggies from your garden or handcrafted items you can donate? Do you bake? We will need pies, cookies, breads and cakes, and baked beans and chili always sells out. Perhaps a hot fudge or caramel sauce, or fudge, taffy, or peanut brittle? Such items will be in demand. Or perhaps you can give a few hours to work one of the booths? We will also need help setting up tables and chairs.

**Knights of Columbus
Council 16798**

St. Mary's Church, Orange MA
Meetings: 3rd Tuesday each month; Next meeting: Tues., Sept. 18, 7pm in Parish Hall



Sunday School starts on Sunday, Sept. 9!

No time like the present to sign your children or grandchildren up for CCD! Help your children learn about the Catholic faith and grow in love for Christ.

Registration forms have been emailed to families who participated last year ... for new families the forms can be found at the entrances of the church. The forms will also be on our website soon.

Please register ASAP ...(so we can order materials!). Please contact **Angela Duga, Faith Formation Coordinator** at **978-249-3323** with any questions!



**Parish
Events
Coming Soon!**

Parish Picnic/BBQ Chicken at the Parish Hall on September 30th. 1/2 BBQ chicken with 4 sides and dessert. Tickets on sale before and after the mass. Adult: \$10, Child 11 and over \$5 and family of 4 or more \$25.

Bible Study on Wednesday nights resumes in September with a video series on **the Parables**, "Short Stories By Jesus" which looks at the way his Jewish listeners would have heard these teachings.

Would you like to be an Usher ?

Anyone interested please call **Kevin at 978-249-5527.**

Ushers are particularly needed at 10am Mass!

Counting Team Members Needed

We're looking for a few people to help with our counting teams for the weekend collection. The work requires being available after the 8am Mass on rotating Sundays, through the 10am Mass. You will be trained by current counters. If you're interested, **see Fr. Shaun or leave a message by phone or email** for the office.

Orange Christian Youth Group

Regular Youth Group meetings will begin on Sunday, Sept. 9, 5pm at Pastor Mary's house. Contact Pastor Mary: hendrickson.mary55@gmail.com 978-544-7651

St. Mary's Parish October Fair

Have you ever considered yourself as either Martha or Mary when they appear in the Gospel readings? What roles would each play if they had the opportunity to work on the October 6 Parish Fair? Would one be more behind the scenes, knitting, shopping, baking, setting up the tables or cleaning up after the Fair? Would the other be phoning parishioners for contributions, chairing or working at a booth, selling tickets, or serving our guests at the Fair? Think about it, then call us to let us know what you have decided. We could really use your help. **After all, isn't there a bit of Martha and Mary in each of us?**

Call **Maureen Riendeau at 978-413-6867, Kathy Schiappa at 978-544-6814 or Mary Carey at 413-658-5087** to offer your help for the October Fair. Don't forget the Women's Club Mystery ride and dinner on **Tuesday, Sept. 11**. If you haven't been contacted, please call Maureen to reserve your space. Cost is \$10.

**St. Mary's Parish
Calendar Corner**

PH=Parish Hall
R=Rectory
CH=Church **Other

Sat., Oct. 6: St. Mary's Fair; Annual Harvest Fair, Orange United Methodist Church

Sat., Nov. 3: Church Fair, Bethany Lutheran Church

Sat., Nov. 17: Church Fair, Universalist Church

Liturgical Calendar

Some saints days are optional memorials

Week of September 2, 2018

Sunday: 22 Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

Tuesday: 22 Ordinary

Wed: St. Teresa of Calcutta

Thursday: 22 Ordinary

Friday: 22 Ordinary

Saturday: The Nativity of the Virgin Mary; Our Lady of Charity (in Cuba)

Sunday: 23 Ordinary Time

Pope Francis'

August Prayer Intention:

The treasure of Families:

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

What do they not see, who see Him in all things?

—St. Gregory the Great



The bulletin goes to the printer early on

Tues. morning.

Notices to be included must be in the office by email or in writing by

Monday Noon. Thanks!