Saint Mary's Church

30 Bartlett Street ~ Westfield, MA 01085

A Roman Catholic Community Serving God and Neighbor

WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family or marital situation,
No matter what your current personal history, age, background, or race,
No matter what your own self-image—
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Saint Mary's Parish.
We are here to welcome and serve you.
Together we are all called to conversion in Christ.

Baptism: Usually celebrated the last weekend of the month. Please contact the rectory to get started.

Confession: Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm, twice a year at our Westfield Communal Reconciliation Service or any time by appointment.

Marriage: Please call any of the priests or deacons to begin the preparation process at least one year in advance.

New Parishioners: Welcome! Please call the rectory to register.

St. Mary's Parish School: For more information regarding registration and enrollment in our Preschool (3 year olds), PreK, Elementary School please call (568-2388) or High School please call (568-5692).

Religious Education: CCD for grades K-11 takes place Sept. to April. Contact the Office of Religious Education for more details.

Ministerio Hispánico: Tenemos muchos: Círculo de Oración, Cofradas, Hijas de María, Juan XXIII, Ultreya y más. Llama al Diácono Pedro.

Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
(11:30 am Misa en Español)
Daily Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days as posted but usually 8:30 a.m. & 6:15 p.m. (Bilingual)

Staff

Fr. Matthew Alcombright – *Pastor*
Fr. John Tuohey – *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Roger Carrier
Deacon Pedro Rivera
Mrs. Michele Suhocki – *Pastoral Minister*
Mrs. Nadine Huertas –
Director of Young Adult Ministry
Mrs. Kay Mowatt – *Pre K – 6 Rel. Ed.*
Mrs. Joanne Bagge - *Grade 7+ Rel. Ed*
Mr. Rob Lepage – *Music Director*

Telephone

Rectory & Pastoral Ministry	562-5477
Fax	562-5478
Elementary School	568-2388
Advancement	568-5692
St. Vincent de Paul	568-5619
High School	568-5692
Office of Religious Education	568-1127

REFLECTION PRAYER

This is My Parish. It is composed of people like me.
We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love, or fearlessness and faith, and
a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself
to the task of being all things that I want my church to be.

The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 3
4:00 PM Marion Serra, 7th Anniversary, requested Her Family

Sunday, November 4
8:30 AM Enrico Iommazzo, requested by Dominico Marigliano
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Morin & Callini Families, requested by Mark Morin & Family
11:30 AM Theresita Del Valle, 19th Anniversary, requested by Her Family
2:00 PM Our Deceased Families & Friends
5:00 PM Margaret Schnopp, requested by The Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Monday, November 5
8:30 AM All Souls

Tuesday, November 6
8:30 AM Calvin Annino Sr., + Birthday Remembrance
Deceased Members of the Iarrusso & Iommazzo Families, requested by Maria Iommazzo

Wednesday, November 7
8:30 AM Special Intentions for Lynn F. Boscher, requested by St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, November 8
8:30 AM All Souls

Friday, November 9
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Mattia Family, requested by Maria Del Guercio
M/M Edward J. Wrobleski, + 50th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance, requested by Dominic J. Grimaldi Jr. & Michael Figueroa

Saturday, November 10
4:00 PM Ruth M. Boldini, 13th Anniversary, requested by Her Family

Sunday, November 11
8:30 AM Living & Deceased Veterans
10:00 AM Jeremiah & Anne O'Connor Sr., requested by Their Family
11:30 AM All Souls
5:00 PM Colleen Fallon O'Connor, 19th Anniversary, requested by Her Family

If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful flowers on our altar, there is a notebook in the main entrance of the Church. It is easy to fill out a request and a great way to honor someone who has passed away or to celebrate a great event in someone's life.

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
4 PM
Altar Servers: Jake Diaz, Nicholas Diaz
Reader: Julian Swistak

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
8:30 AM
Altar Servers: Olivia Lawry, Paul Lawry, Thomas Lawry
Reader: Glorina Angco

10 AM
Altar Servers: Marianna Bushey, Abbey Hutchison
Reader: Denise Noonan

11:30 AM
Altar Servers: Kristal Torres, Destenie Pacheco
Reader: Cofradas - Tina Franco

5 PM
Altar Servers: Katelyn Corriveau, Trevor Corriveau
Reader: Aidelisa Lopez-Carrasco

CENTENNIAL PATIO BRICKS

IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A LOVED ONE WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES & BAPTISMS

Do you have a special occasion coming up this fall? Are you looking for a truly special gift? Consider purchasing a **Patio Brick** as a way to celebrate or honor someone special in your life. A patio brick is a gift that will last forever in our charming Centennial Patio Garden. The garden is home to a beautiful statue of Mary, the Blessed Mother, and is located between St. Mary's Church and the Rectory. Bricks can be purchased for $100 and are engraved with 2 lines, 17 characters (including spaces) per line. For more information, or to order your special gift, please call the Advancement Office at 568-5692 or email Audrey Ritchie at aritchie@stmsaints.org.

LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick in our parish, our families and friends. Please also pray for our beloved deceased: Elaine Hewins, Dorothy Auvine, Betty Murphy, Antonio "Fefo" Lopez, Nina Kristine Adasiewicz, Sr. Marita Callahan, SP, Jack Duncan and Elaine Henshon.

Pastoral Minister Asks

Do you know of any parishioners or family members that are ill, in nursing homes or hospitals? Please contact Office of Pastoral Ministry at 413-562-5477, ext. 144, and speak to Michele Suhocki so a pastoral minister visit may be scheduled.

If you have moved or changed your phone number, please all the rectory at 562-5477. God may be omniscient, but we could use a heads up to stay connected!

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Every coin is double-sided. Every give comes with a take. Every choice brings a rejection. That's all part of life, allowing for the rare exception. Even so, we are at our best when we strive for unity in our living and promote harmony. Coins can be engraved the same way on both sides. We can be all-giving with our donations with no "take." We can love many people with only differences of degree.

In our gospel scene for this weekend, we watch Jesus take up the challenge of a scribe's time-worn question about which is the greatest law. At that time, the Jewish code included no less than 613 laws, so this would be a problem that ordinary men could fill with whole hours of rabbinical discussion. Of course, Jesus is no ordinary man. Just as He was no ordinary twelve-year-old in a discussion with His elders in "His Father's House."

So Jesus comes at the question with a human and divine perspective. He is not in any way hidebound by inflexible tradition. What does He do for the searching scribe? He combines love of God with love of neighbor.

"All well and good as an ideal," some of us might respond all these centuries later. But almost all of us immediately see a conundrum. Loving God is usually rather easy, especially when all is right in our little worlds. But if one figurative "curve ball" is thrown our way; when life takes an unexpected turn that we do not welcome, then we have a problem with God. The relationship cools, or winds down to practically nothing. We have to struggle to get it back.

The clerical abuse scandal is a good example of such a "curve ball" thrown our way. I believe, behind the human wrong-doers, stands the devil. What a clever strategy the prince of darkness has chosen to attack the Church he hates! Combine sex, which gets most people's immediate attention, and celibate clergy involvement, when most people don't understand celibacy or mock it as an impossibility.

Make the victims vulnerable children and adolescents. Add to the mix bishops and priests, who are supposed to represent Christ, and then have many of the bishops involved in a cover-up, supposedly for the sake of saving face for the Church. Truly diabolical. It takes great faith to believe that those hellgates will not prevail. They certainly do in the headlines.

It is a tribute to our many faithful lay Catholics, that despite their anger, pain and shame, including that of all the good priests and bishops, they have stayed with Christ and His Church despite the criminal and sinful behavior of some vow-taking clerics.

Meanwhile, when it comes to love of neighbor, the matter becomes challenging in ways quite ordinary. We rightly ask, "Am I really to love him or her as much as I love myself?" Even that guy who runs the leaf vacuum at 6:30 on a Saturday morning, my only day to sleep late? Or the neighbor who blasts his stereo? Or the person with a verbal tic that has him/her say "y' know" after most sentences? Or the annoying tailgaters who prowl the roads? On a much broader scale, what about those politicians we can't stand? Or the terrorists and the school shooters whose actions defy easy understanding?

No matter who our neighbor is, we must make that decision of the will that we call "love" and apply it to the point where we can resist an ugly hatred from forming in our hearts.

So much else I could say about this second half of the great commandment. Instead I'll let the great poet Carl Sandburg speak for me. He once said: "Love your neighbor as yourself; but don't take down the fence."

If you would like the name of your loved one in the military listed in the bulletin, email them to bulletin@stmsaints.org. Many of the congregation would certainly offer prayers for their safety and service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR MILITARY, especially: Capt. Daniel P. Williams, Sgt. Nathan DiSessa, SSgt. Preston Hallett, Soldier Steven Irwin, Marine Kikki Green, 2nd Lt. James F. Lentini, Sr. Airman Patrick Liptak, Sgt. Luke Dengler, USCG Adam Morin, Petty Officer Joseph W. Nieves, Airman Jack Clark, 2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Vasquez, SPC Jaymes Hoyt, Captain John Velis, Lance CPL Bailey French, 1st Lt. Henry Desilets, 2nd Lt. Ryan Clark, and all of the Barnes ANGs.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again provide food baskets for the less fortunate in our community - with your help! Last year we provided 100 families with Thanksgiving baskets that included everything needed for a Thanksgiving feast! We would like to do the same this year and are in need of monetary donations from parishioners for the purchase of turkeys. If you are able to contribute please mail your donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 30 Bartlett St. Or place your donation in an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul in the collection basket. You folks are really the best of the best and we thank you for your continued support!

WE STEWARD OUR TREASURE

OCTOBER 27 & 28, 2018
388 Envelopes
Total in Envelopes: $10,419.00
Loose Cash: $682.00
TOTAL: $11,101.00
Fuel Collection: $137.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, November 5
9 am ESL - Center
4:15 pm CCD
4:15 pm 7th Grade CCD: Called to Protect
6 pm Patrol Leaders Council - ES
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 109 - ES
7 pm El Camino Reunion Consejo – Center

Tuesday, November 6
NO SCHOOL/NO CCD - VOTING TODAY
6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church
7 pm Renovación Carismática - Lower Church

Wednesday, November 7
9 am Eucharistic Adoration - Church
9 am ESL – Center
9:30 am Bible Study - Center, Rm. 4
5 pm Benediction - Lower Church
6:30 pm Adult Committee Meeting (Scouts) - HS
7 pm Juan XXIII - Lower Church
7 pm Bible Study - Center

Thursday, November 8
7 pm El Camino Asamblea - ES
7 pm Encuentro Juvenil - Center
7 pm Ultrella - Center

Saturday, November 10
1 pm Legion de Maria - Center
3 pm Cofradia - Center

Sunday, November 11 - VETERANS' DAY
8 am Meals Ministry - HS
10 am Little Church - Lower Church
7 pm Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church

CCD CORNER

ST. PEREGRINE MEDALS: (Patron Saint of cancer patients) with prayer cards can be picked up at the Parish Center or the Rectory. Please stop by during office hours. These blessed medals were donated by a very special parish friend!

"LITTLE CHURCH" *Sunday School is Cool!* For young children, which is held every Sunday in the lower church during the 10:00 Mass. Come by any time to visit and meet the other children and families! High school students may volunteer!

FIRST GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) CLASSES: will be held November 4, following the 10:00 Mass. Children and parents will meet in the Elementary School.

FOOD COLLECTION: The Religious Education classes will collect food for the next few weeks to help *St. Vincent de Paul Society* with their "Thanksgiving Baskets." Donations may be brought to the CCD Office or to their classes.

PIUS X AWARD: Our winners for this year and last year are Jessica Tansey and Sean FitzGerald who will be honored at a special Mass with Bishop Rozanski on November 6, at 7:00 pm at Mary, Mother of Hope Parish, 840 Page Blvd. in Springfield. All are invited to attend!

JESUS: *The Savior Among Us*

Join us at St. Mary's every Saturday, December 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Parish Center. This is a free Advent study and all materials will be given to you. We will ponder questions like: (1) What does it mean to say that the Savior is among us? (2) Does God's everlasting gift of His Son make a tangible difference in our lives? (3) Do our actions match our belief that Christ, the Savior of the world, was born in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago, that He died to save us from our sins and that He will come again? (4) Do we trust in His goodness and mercy? (5) Do we have faith that He is always by our side?

These are questions worth pondering during this holy season. It is very easy to get caught up in the external planning for the holiday without taking the quiet time needed to prepare for the holy day and season of Christmas. ADVENT is meant to be a time of spiritual preparation for both the celebration of Jesus' birthday and for the second coming of Christ at the end of the world. As we come together each week, I pray our time of prayer and reflection, as we meditate on the words of Scripture and the teachings of Pope Francis, will bring us into a deeper relationship with Christ and help us to more fully embrace Jesus' call to a life of love and service.

To register or ask questions: contact Michele Suhocki, Pastoral Minister: msuhocki@stmsaints.org, 413-562-5477, ext. 144.

Catholic Communications

The Catholic Communications Corporation is a separate non-profit 501C3 organization created to support the Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield by providing print and electronic programming for the Catholic community. As an extension of our ministry, we also provide valuable media support services for the Diocese, its ministries, agencies, parishes and schools.

The Chalice of Salvation

At the heart of The Catholic Communications Corporation is "The Chalice of Salvation" program now in its 60th year. It is the region's only one-hour weekly televised Mass and is seen every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. on NBC affiliate WWLP TV-22. Join host, Brother Terrence Scanlon, C.P., each week from the Holy Spirit Chapel, at St. Michael's Cathedral Springfield.

You can learn more about offering a Chalice Mass and/or flowers by calling 413-452-0643 during normal business hours. If you would like to submit a name for the Birthday, Anniversary, Illness or Book of Remembrance please send at least two weeks in advance to: Chalice of Salvation, PO Box 1730, Springfield, MA 01102-1730. Attn: Chalice names

Diocesan publication

REAL to REEL

From insightful profiles on inner city life, to engaging segments on rural existence throughout New England, *Real to Reel*, Western New England's longest running television magazine program, runs Saturday evenings at 7:00 on WWLP 22News. Drawing upon the talents of a seasoned team of professional reporters and journalists, Real to Reel explores the topics and trends that make us who we are and shows us where we are going. From the cutting edge to the down home, *Real to Reel* is about you, your neighbors, your careers, your lifestyle, your dreams… all carefully drawn together in a fast-paced half hour of original programming.

Join program host Sharon Roulier as she brings you stories from Western Massachusetts and beyond. The program also runs on Sundays 8:00 p.m., Thursdays 8:00 p.m., Fridays 12:30 p.m., Saturdays 2:30 a.m.on Catholic TV (Comcast 268/Charter 101).

iObserve

Diocesan website that has links to regional, national, and world news relating to the Church, *Real to Reel* episodes, *The Catholic Mirror,* Diocese of Springfield, and calendar of events.

Catholic Latino Ministry

The mission of Catholic Latino Ministry of the Diocese of Springfield is to offer the Catholic Latino communities of Western Massachusetts the opportunity to express their faith in their own language and according to their particular cultural expression. In such, Catholic Latino Ministry has a responsibility to insure that all services afforded to diocesan Catholics be made available to the Catholic Latino community. In edifying the Catholic Latino community, it must challenge and encourage the already established parochial, Catholic Latino community to take responsibility for their parishes in maintenance and mission. Additionally, whereas the Latino community is growing rapidly by way of new migration and immigration, evangelization and outreach to this newly arrived Latino population must be of paramount interest. Catholic Latino Ministry, in conjunction with parish-based ministry and apart from it, must find ways to offer pastoral and social support to the entire Latino population within the boundaries of the Diocese of Springfield.

Contact Deacon Pedro J Rivera Moran, Director, 413-452-0638; E-mail: p.riveramoran@diospringfield.org or Lucy Ramos, Executive Secretary, 413-452-0631; E-mail: l.ramos@diospringfield.org. Mailing address: 65 Elliot St., P.O. Box 1730, Springfield, 01102-1730.

Departar (which means *Awakening*) *Latino* is a newspaper for the Latino community in the Springfield Diocese and can be accessed at the diocesan website.

Voz Catolica (Catholic Voice) is the Diocese's Christian radio ministry that runs 24/7 at 102.5 FM and features music, events and other items of interest to the Latino community as well as news. Its website is also linked to the diocesan website.

Women of the Parish

Join us every Tuesday from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. to study the upcoming readings for the weekend Holy Mass. All materials will be provided for you. In November, we will meet every Tuesday at Michele Suhocki's Home: 32 Sunnyside Road, Westfield. Come join us at His table, all sinners and saints are welcome here! Questions: Michele Suhocki 413-562-5477, ext 144, msuhocki@stmsaints.org.

Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

All are welcome at the next meeting of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary on November 19, after the 8:30 Mass. The Confraternity will also hold its Christmas luncheon on December 4, at noon at Tucker's Restaurant in Southwick. Entree choices are chicken pot pie, Yankee pot roast, or grilled salmon. The cost is $24.00. All reservations, entree choices, and money MUST be sent in to Toni Hills at 50 Highland View by November 26. Hope to see you there!

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

The printing schedule for our bulletins will change during the holiday season, as will our own deadlines. For the November 25th bulletin, **Tuesday, November 13, at noon.** For the December 23rd bulletin, **Tuesday, December 11th, at noon.** For the December 30th bulletin, **Monday, December 17, at noon.** For the January 6th bulletin, **Friday, December 21st, at noon.** Thank you for your co-operation during this busy season!

FIRTION-ADAMS FUNERAL SERVICE

Grief Support Center
sponsors
COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

This program offers information and education on the grief process, discussion and exploration of practical strategies for coping, and provides participants with a opportunity to receive support on how to manage grief during the holiday season.

Location:	***Genesis Spiritual Life Center*** ***53 Mill Street*** ***Westfield, MA 01085***
Time:	***5:30 to 7:30 p.m.***
Date:	***Monday, November 12***
Facilitators:	***Jill C. Adams, MSW, LICSW*** ***MaryAnn Rode, BA, MS***

The program is open to the public and free of cost. Registration is required, as space is limited. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Jill Adams at 413-562-3133 to register for the program or for more information.