



# 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.*

## **EUCCHARIST**

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*  
Deacon Roger Carrier  
Deacon Pedro Rivera

Mrs. Michele Suhocki - *Pastoral  
Minister*

Mrs. Nadine Huertas -  
*Director of Young Adult Ministry*

Mrs. Robin Jensen  
*Director of Advancement*

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	568-1160
St. Vincent de Paul	568-5619
High School	568-5692
Office of Religious Education	568-1127

**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.



In Baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul, his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, February 23

4:00 PM Bill Noonan, 11th Anniversary, requested by His Family

#### Sunday, February 24

8:30 AM George & Rita Cole, requested by Their Family

10:00 AM Angie Sipitkowski & Dorothy Haber, requested by Rose Morin & Family

11:30 AM Julio Cruz, 1st Anniversary, requested by His Family

5:00 PM In Honor of Ray, Maria, Nick and Jake Diaz

#### Monday, February 25

8:30 AM Albert Nardacci, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Wife and Children  
Gary Allen Walker, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Family

#### Tuesday, February 26

8:30 AM Taddeo Mattia, requested by His Wife, Filomena

#### Wednesday, February 27

8:30 AM Joe & Ronnie Affenito

#### Thursday, February 28

8:30 AM Nguyễn Thi Gung

#### Friday, March 1

8:30 AM Arthur & Marion Baillargeon, requested by Their Family  
Irene McKeever, requested by The Barry Family

#### Saturday, March 2

4:00 PM Richard Buzzee, 7th Anniversary, requested by The Family

#### Sunday, March 3

8:30 AM M/M Vincenzo Campione, + Birthday Remembrances, requested by Their Family

10:00 AM John, 40th Anniversary, & Barbara, 5th Anniversary, Pellan, requested by Their Family

11:30 AM

5:00 PM Rollande D. Cote, requested by M/M Mark Wagner

### NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

4 PM

**Altar Servers:** Jessica Crosby, Amelia Willenborg, Luke Willenborg

**Reader:** Sheila Green

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 AM

**Altar Servers:** London Adams, Marianna Bushey, Kylene Mielke

**Reader:** Elizabeth Devillez

10 AM

**Altar Servers:** Katelyn Corriveau, Trevor Corriveau, Maddie Koziol

**Reader:** Jeanne DeBolt

11:30 AM

**Altar Servers:** Kristal Torres, Destine Pacheco

**Reader:** Jaquelyn Luna and Adianez Colombani

5 PM

**Altar Servers:** Justin Haluch, Anthony Suhocki

**Reader:** Michele Suhocki

### 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: Patricia Elliott, Carol Robinson, Robert Lauer, Lawrence Madden Jr., Victor Berard, Lynn Boscher, Andrew O'Brien, James Mayne and Sr. Mary John Bosco Lyons, SP.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** in the upstairs Church is burning from 2/23/19 to 3/8/19 in Honor of Students and Teachers at St. Mary's Parish School.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** in the downstairs Church is burning from 2/23/19 to 3/8/19 in Memory of Deceased Members of the Dupont & Murphy Families, requested by Their Family.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLES** in the Main Church and Lower Church are burning in memory of living or deceased parishioners, family members, friends or a personal intention. The Sanctuary Candle will burn for your intention for a two-week period and will be acknowledged in the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$20 for the two weeks. This is a wonderful way to offer your intentions to our Lord as they stay lit next to HIS Real Presence in the Tabernacle. Please contact the office to book a time slot.



### WE STEWARD OUR TREASURE

**FEBRUARY 16 & 17**

**429 Envelopes**

**Total in Envelopes: \$11,008.00**

**Loose Cash: \$889.00**

**TOTAL: \$11,897.00**

**Fuel: \$251.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



Flowers on the Altar this Week are in Honor of Angie Sipitkowski, 18th Anniversary, requested by TLQ; Angelina Curro, 23rd Anniversary, requested by Her Daughters; and "Ted" Lane, 24th Anniversary, requested by Connie

*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.*

## FORGIVING OUR ENEMIES

## REFLECTION BY REV. LEONARD N. PETERSON

**This item was first reported** in a Canadian newspaper in 2011 and was updated last May. "Jobless Canadians who make even the smallest of errors on the employment insurance application forms wait extra weeks and sometimes months for their first benefits payment to arrive as a result of technological inflexibility and staff shortages." If those applications are completed with no errors the approval process is quick. Sometimes it can be completed within 24 hours. But any mistakes or omissions will create extended delays because *the computer system is unforgiving*. (my emphasis)

Sound familiar? For all the good our computers can do for us, these machines do not tolerate mistakes. So there they are, as common as toasters in our homes, and nestled neatly in our cell-phones and car consoles, but secret tyrants when it comes to human error, making them likely causes of frequent frustration. All because they cannot forgive.

There is a parable in there somewhere, but I'm not capable of composing one. If our blessed Lord were still here among us in physical form I'm positive that He would not only tell one on the spot but would make it as immortal as the Prodigal Son. All I can say is that we owe a great debt to God that He is so forgiving of our sins mortal and venial alike. Can you imagine a world where He was not such?

This weekend's readings from the Bible highlight this ever vexing problem for us of practicing forgiveness when every fiber of our being wants to exact form of sweet revenge. When we are told to include even our enemies in forgiveness we bristle. We almost wish Our Lord had made a mistake, or at least retracted His statement in a later Gospel passage!

Note how in the suspenseful passage from the Book

of Samuel David had an easy opportunity to slay Saul, his erstwhile friend but now a sworn enemy. What held David back? His belief that Saul was nonetheless than "the anointed of the Lord." Just think of that whenever you are tempted to rake your local parish priest or bishop "over the coals" by your rash judgment and gossip. David's belief was an actual grace that precluded any notion of committing the much worse evil of actual murder.

The Gospel focuses on the first of many lessons Jesus would teach His new disciples, His "recruits" if you will. It's the same lesson we need to hear, who became His disciples at our baptism. End your inflexibility toward other people and forgive them, even if they are real or perceived enemies of yours. Add in the belief that perception is not always reality. After all, I might add in this context, we are not pre-programmed machines that compute according to limited software.

Granted, our computers compel us to be as accurate as we can and to deliberate before we choose a path of action. But none of them ever will match the ability of our informed consciences to know what the Lord wants in a given situation.

The good news has to include the fact that our God is more than tolerant, and when we confess and repent of our bad choices to sin, He is more loving than we can imagine.

Meanwhile, we are not computers either. Most of us are broad-minded enough to admit there are two sides to every question—our own side, and the side that no intelligent, informed, sane and self-respecting person could possibly hold. Right?



**MILITARY** If you would like the name of your loved one in the military listed in the bulletin, email them to [bulletin@stmsaints.org](mailto: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, 2nd Lt. Andrea Watson, Ssgt. ANG Mitchell D. Kleciak, Sgt. Shaun P. Sweeney, and all of the Barnes ANGs.

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

**Attention Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary:** The date for the Evening of Reflection has been moved to Tuesday, May 14. More information to follow in April.



## auction & raffle

St. Mary's Parish School will hold its *Premier Event*, the *Annual Spring Auction & Raffle* on Saturday, April 27, at 5 p.m. in the St. Mary's High School Gymnasium and we need your support! Would you like to be a sponsor of this year's auction? Do you have a new item you would like to donate such as concert tickets or a gift certificate? If so, please contact Robin Jensen at [rjensen@stmsaints.org](mailto:rjensen@stmsaints.org) or call 568-1160. Thank you for your support!

### SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mary's Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 22 at Tekoa. For information, please contact Robin in Advancement at [rjensen@stmsaints.org](mailto:rjensen@stmsaints.org) or call 568-1160.



### ADORATION

In the event of inclement weather, Adoration on Wednesdays will be cancelled during the winter months if there is a two-hour delay or school is cancelled.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

**Monday, February 25**

- 9 am ESL - Center
- 4:15 pm CCD
- 6:30 pm Praise & Worship Night (PWN) - Lower Church
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts 109 - ES
- 7 pm El Camino Reunión Consejo - Center
- 8:30 pm Sharing Time after PWN - Center

**Tuesday, February 26**

- 6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church
- 4:15 pm CCD
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack 109 - ES Café
- 7 pm Renovación Carismática - Lower Church

**Wednesday, February 27**

- 9 am Eucharistic Adoration - Church
- 9 am ESL - Center
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study - Center
- 5 pm Benediction - Lower Church
- 7 pm Bible Study - Center
- 7 pm Juan XXIII - Lower Church

**Thursday, February 28**

- 7 pm El Camino Asamblea - ES
- 7 pm Encuentro Juvenil - Center
- 7 pm Ultrella - Center

**Saturday, March 2**

- TROOP 109 BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE
- Super Phipp's Sign in the Plaza
- 1 pm Legion de Maria - Center

**Sunday, March 3**

- 10 am Little Church - Lower Church
- 11 am First Grade CCD - ES
- 5 pm Confirmation Interviews - Center
- 7 pm Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church



**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 6**  
**Masses 8:30 AM**  
**& 6:00 PM**

**To keep in touch with Fr. John Tuohey,**  
**contact him in care of: St. Patrick's Parish,**  
**30 Main St., South Hadley, MA 01075**

## COLLECTION OF PALMS

Baskets will be at the church doors through March 3 for the collection of last year's palms. They will be burned and used for the blessing with ashes on Ash Wednesday.

## CCD CORNER

**The children and families are invited** to participate in the 10:00 Mass each Sunday by *greeting, reading, or bringing forth the Offertory gifts*. Please take advantage of this special ministry to be an active participant at Mass. Call the CCD office to volunteer!

**FIRST GRADE CCD:** Meeting for parents and children will be March 3, start with the 10:00 Mass, then we will all stay in the church for the **church tour**.

**"IRISH COFFEE HOUR":** Come celebrate St. Patrick at our *Irish Coffee Hour* on Sunday, March 10, after the 10:00 Mass in the High School Gym. *Erin go bragh!*

**EUCCHARIST PARENT MEETING:** On March 10, we will have a meeting for all adults whose children will receive Holy Communion. Please come to the 10:00 Mass and then proceed to the high school. More information will follow!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Our Wednesday night Bible Study group has decided to delay the beginning of our new study "**The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus**" until April 24, so that we may be able to attend the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament's "Founded in Faith, Why I Am Catholic?" Lenten Series. This series will run on Wednesdays from March 13 through April 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. More information will follow with the details. We invite everyone to join us for this wonderful program.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE:** The Office of Youth Ministry Diocese of Springfield is planning a pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 20-24, 2019, for any youth in high school in the 2019-20 school year. NCYC is an exciting three-day experience of prayer community and empowerment for over 20,000 teenagers and their adult chaperones. It consists of engaging keynote speakers, workshops, music, and interactive exhibit and more.

This conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. We would love to send a group of high school students from St. Mary's to this conference. To sign up or to ask questions, please contact Joanne at the Office of Religious Education. More info about NCYC can be found at <http://www.ncyc.info/>

**Basketball Tournament**

Holy Trinity Church in Westfield will host a second annual 3 on 3 (co-ed optional) fundraiser Basketball Tournament on March 29 and 30. The age groups are: 8-10, 11-13 & 14-16. Times will depend on registration numbers. The cost will be \$60 per team (singles are also welcome at \$20 per player). The cost includes a hot dog, chips, bottle of water and a t-shirt. Concessions will be sold. Cash prizes and basketballs will be awarded to the winners. If interested in this popular event, please call the Holy Trinity Office at 568-1506 or email at [htoffice@comcast.net](mailto:htoffice@comcast.net). The deadline to register is Monday, March 18.

### CRISIS OF ABUSE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH LISTENING & DIALOGUE SESSIONS

Springfield Bishop Mitchell Rozanski invites the Catholic community in western Massachusetts to participate in one of four regional listening/dialogue sessions addressing the sex abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. The sessions will allow the faithful to make their concerns known, offer observations, and ask questions of the bishop and diocesan officials.

The sessions are scheduled for: Monday, March 18, at St. Mary Church, Westfield, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 24, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, 10 Hawley St., Northampton, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The current (mid-February) issue of *The Catholic Mirror* will provide information on past responses and our current procedures. This will hopefully clear up many misunderstandings that exist.

### TROOP 109 BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

Please save your returnable bottles and cans (including CT water bottles), and donate them to St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 109's annual Bottle & Can Drive on March 2 next to the Super Phipp's sign in the plaza. Proceeds will help buy troop camping gear and pay for other expenses related to their activities, events, and service projects.

**This year the scouts will also have a collection trailer parked in the Elementary School parking lot in late February during Mass hours. THANK YOU!**

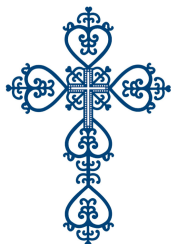
### Inquiry Sessions for Men

#### Considering the Life of a Deacon

If you believe the Lord may be calling you to serve as a deacon, please speak to your pastor and let him know about your desire. Then, find out more about the diaconate and formation process by attending one of **two inquiry sessions which will be offered** on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon: one in Springfield at the Marshall Center on March 16 and the other in Pittsfield in the North Chapel of St. Joseph's on March 23. If married, please attend with your wife. For more details, please contact the Office of the Diaconate: [diaconate@diospringfield.org](mailto:diaconate@diospringfield.org) or call 413-452-0674.

### PRAYER LINE

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary members will begin a prayer line. We will take prayer requests for you or your loved ones. Please call or text: Betty Mitchell, 413-563-0592, or Marguerite Murphy, 413-531-5648.



## LENT 2019

### Not by Bread Alone - Daily Reflections

Saturdays mornings,

March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 13, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
St. Mary's Parish Center, 86 Mechanic St., Westfield

Please join us as we prayerfully journey through Lent with author Mary DeTurris Poust's fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. In just minutes per day, the insightful meditations of "Not by Bread Alone" can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance and prepare you to participate more fully in the joy of the great Easter Mystery!

This is a free study and all are welcome! Please register with Pastoral Minister Michele Suhocki at 413-562-5477, ext. 144 or [msuhocki@stmsaints.org](mailto:msuhocki@stmsaints.org).

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Westfield City-Wide Lenten Penance Service

Sunday, March 10, at 6 PM

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish at 127 Holyoke Road, will host the Westfield City-Wide Lenten Penance Service. Many priests will be on hand to hear individual confessions. Please join us for this wonderful Lenten opportunity!

### HOSPITAL LIST

If you have a family member who is a patient at Baystate Noble Hospital, Baystate Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center or Holyoke Hospital and has not seen a priest or an Eucharistic Minister, please call the rectory. With the new privacy laws the hospitals will not give out patients' names, so please call us and let us know when family members are there so someone can visit.

### CALLING ALL CHURCH PARISHIONERS, SCHOOL PARENTS, ALUMS, DONORS

If you would like to help, volunteer, are alum or chair an event that raises funds for St. Mary's or just want to be a part of our STM FUTURE, please join our new Advancement Director, Robin Jensen and Father Matt on Monday, March 18, in the high school cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. for a quick intro, meet & greet, and Q&A.

You are also invited to join us afterwards in the gym at 7:00 for the Bishop listening session.



## ST. MARY'S 2019 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Ash Wednesday, March 6

Masses 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

### Lenten Penance Service, March 10

6:00 PM

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, 127 Holyoke Road

### Sacrament of Reconciliation, March 13 - April 17

Every Wednesday, 9-9:30 AM and 5-6 PM

### Adoration

Every Wed. 8:30 AM- 6 PM

**March 6 – April 17**

### Stations of the Cross, March 8 - April 12

Every Friday, 7:00 PM

### Holy Thursday, April 18

Mass at 7:00 PM Upper Church

Adoration in Lower Church 8-10 PM; Night Prayer at 9:45 PM

### Good Friday, April 19

Parish-wide Via Crucis 3 PM

Good Friday Service 7 PM

### Holy Saturday, April 20

Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

### Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 in the Church.

There will not Mass at Stanley Park this year.

**THERE IS AN ELEVATOR FOR THE HANDICAPPED IN THE CHURCH.**