



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.

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. 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

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.



Having arrived in the Promised Land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30

4:00 PM Paul T. Liptak Jr., requested by the Cressotti Family

Sunday, March 31

8:30 AM John Melo, requested by His Daughter & Family
 10:00 AM Bill Scanlon, requested by His Family
 11:30 AM Victor Franco Sr., requested by His Family
 5:00 PM In Honor of Renee & Riley Villeneuve

Monday, April 1

8:30 AM Gerard Mattia Sr., requested by Filomena Mattia

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 AM In Honor of the Diaz Family, Ray, Maria, Nick & Jake
 In Honor of the Flint Family, Ben, Rachel & Children requested by the Diaz Family

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 AM Catherine Tobias, 1st Anniversary, requested by Her Husband & Sons

Thursday, April 4

8:30 AM Agnes DiSisto, requested by Mrs. Joseph Zavarella
 John Batchelder, requested by His Family

Friday, April 5

8:30 AM In Honor of the Students & Faculty of STM Schools

Saturday, April 6

4:00 PM Domenick Pierri & Mary Pierri-Petri, requested by Their Family

Sunday, April 7

8:30 AM James & Rhea Martin, requested by Their Family
 10:00 AM Lorraine, 4th Anniversary, & Benjamin Bryla, 25th Anniversary, requested by Benny & Andrea Bryla
 11:30 AM
 5:00 PM Timothy Mahoney, 2nd Anniversary, requested by His Mother, Sisters, Brother & Family

Lenten Decorations on the Altar This Week are in Memory of William Scanlon, requested by His Family.

If you would like to contribute towards the Lenten decorations 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, APRIL 6

4 PM

Altar Servers: Patrick Ditto, Brendan Morrissey, Catherine Morrissey

Reader: Julian Swistak

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:30 AM

Altar Servers: Aidan Burke, Seamus Smith, Liam Webster

Reader: Cathy Sypek

10 AM

Altar Servers: Lindsey DeLand, Leah Howard, Emily LaFond

Reader: Chuck Dougherty

11:30 AM

Altar Servers: Tony Torres, Jade Ríos

Reader: Michael Navarro, Jaquelyn Luna

5 PM

Altar Servers: Tucker Costello, Stephen Hinck, Joshua Sturmer

Reader: Religious Education

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: Elizabeth Dimasi, Thomas Polaski, Cynthia Walowicz, June Weing, Diane Edgerton and Edward Potts Jr.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the upstairs Church will burn from 3/23/19 to 4/5/19 in Memory of Christine DiBiasio and Danny Frechette.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the downstairs Church is burning from 3/23/19 to 4/5/19 for Special Intentions, requested by Jennifer, Junior and Monica Delgado.

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.

PRAYER LINE

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary members have begun 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.

WE STEWARD OUR TREASURE

MARCH 24 & 24

420 Envelopes

Total in Envelopes: \$10,760.00

Loose Cash: \$686.00

TOTAL: \$11,466.00

Fuel: \$70.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

“The X-Ray Parable”

Without knowing what Christ's contemporaries might have called it, we have given His famous story at least two titles: “The Prodigal Son” and “The Loving Father.” Each name highlights the focus of the reader. The first title, the more familiar one, follows the wastrel son on his life's journey downward, as he breaks every rule regarding respect and religion. The second title, less known but equally accurate, regards the beauty of a father's love for both sons, including the dutiful but conceited older son, who accuses the father of second-hand treatment.

But here is where I make my case for yet another title for this beloved story. I call it “The X-Ray Parable.” Now, we all know what an x-ray is: a photo of our bodily interior that aids the doctor in diagnosing our medical problem. He can see what's out of sync with us; what's going on inside us that lies hidden beneath the outside. This parable does the same for our souls.

If we imagine the father in the story to be God the Father, and the prodigal son as ourselves at times, we readily get the meaning: we are every bit the sinner who disregards God's love and takes

various paths of waywardness. Our disregard for all that we pledged at our baptism through our godparents and have ignored later as adults comes to the fore. The parable's x-ray awakens us to see it on the imaginary screen.

This examination process isn't complete until we realize that we are also the elder son at times. His difficulty combines envy and jealousy. We have felt those, if we're honest. Someone's financial success makes our own look paltry. Someone else's beauty overshadows ours. Maybe their car makes ours look ready for the junkyard.

The parable x-ray reveals something else akin to the elder son's warped thinking. Have you ever caught yourself thinking like this: “I go to Mass every Sunday and holy day. I keep the rules. How come God sends me this illness? Why has my loved one died? How come I got laid off from work?” This is self-righteousness. And if your spiritual x-ray shows signs of it, you know what changes you have to make; what Lenten penance you must do.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



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, 2nd Lt. Andrea Watson, Ssgt. ANG Mitchell D. Kleciak, Sgt. Shaun P. Sweeney, and all of the Barnes ANGs.

THESSALONIANS 5:11

“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” The Saints are feeling blessed! We feel the prayers, love and support of our community. We thank you! We would like to pray for you, too! Each morning during the school year the students pray before classes begin. If you have a special request, we would be honored to pray for you. You can share the name of the person we are praying for or it can be anonymous. Please email prayer requests to kjaszek@stmsaints.org or call the high school at 413-568-5692.

SAVE THE DATE!



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



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 or call 568-1160. Thank you for your support!

NEW! Bible Study:

Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist

By diving into the story of God's love for His people in Scripture and the Church's teaching on this sacrament, “Presence” invites each one of us into a deeper, more intimate union with God. Join us for this powerful four-week study beginning Wednesday, April 10, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center. All are welcome! More information in upcoming bulletin!

Via-Crucis, Way of the Cross

La proxima reunion para ensayo del Via-Crucis sera el 31 de Marzo a las 3 pm en la Iglesia, si le gustaria participar en el Via-Crucis, por favor llamar a Juan Aquino, 413-537-1128, habra reuniones tambien en Abril 7 y 14, a las 3 pm en la Iglesia.



Next meeting for the rehearsal of the Way of the Cross on Good Friday will be on March 31, at 3 p.m. in the lower church, and the following meetings will be on April 7 and 14, at the same place, and at the same time. If you would like to be a volunteer to participate this year, call Michele Suhocki at the parish center.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**Monday, April 1**

- 9 am ESL - Center
- 4:15 pm CCD
- 6 pm Patrol Leaders Council - ES
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts 109 - ES
- 7 pm El Camino Reunión Consejo - Center

Tuesday, April 2

- 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, April 3

- 9 am Eucharistic Adoration - Church
- 9 am Reconciliation - Lower Church
- 9 am ESL - Center
- 9:30 am Bible Study - Center
- 5 pm Benediction - Lower Church
- 5 pm Reconciliation - Lower Church
- 6:30 pm Adult Committee Meeting (Scouts) - ES
- 7 pm Bible Study - Center
- 7 pm Juan XXIII - Lower Church

Thursday, April 4

- 6:45 pm Women's Prayer Group - Lower Church
- 7 pm El Camino Asamblea - ES
- 7 pm Encuentro Juvenil - Center
- 7 pm Ultrella - Center

Friday, April 5

- 8:30 am Mass - Upper Church
- 8:30 am Schools at Mass - Upper Church
- 7 pm Stations of the Cross - Upper Church

Saturday, April 6

- 9 am Lenten Lectio Divina - Center Upper Room
- 9 am Parish Spring Cleanup
- 1 pm Legion de Maria - Center

Sunday, April 7

- 10 am Little Church - Lower Church
- 10 am Second Grade Mass - Upper Church
- 10:45 am Coffee Hour - HS
- 11 am First Grade CCD (last class) - HS
- 5 pm Youth Mass - Upper Church
- 6:15 pm CCD (last class)



ST. MARY'S 2019 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Adoration, April 3 – April 17

Every Wednesday, 8 AM - 6 PM

Stations of the Cross, April 5 – April 12

Every Friday, 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 18

Mass at 7:00 PM in Upper Church
Adoration until 10 PM in Lower Church
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

Confessions from 2:30 to 3:30 PM
Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 (Spanish Mass)
in the Church. There will not be a Mass
at Stanley Park this year.

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

LENTEN CONFESSION & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 2:30-3:30 p.m.**Wednesdays: 9:00-9:30 a.m.; 5:00-6:00 p.m.****(with Adoration)**

**Confessions heard in all languages with absolution prayer available
in English, Spanish and American Sign Language**

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 7:00 p.m. (Upper Church)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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!

April 7th is a Special Mass for all children receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 Mass. Call the ORE to be a part of this Mass! The Parish Coffee Hour will follow.

FIRST GRADE CCD will meet April 7, following the 10:00 Mass in the **High School**. Remember to return all your papers.

COFFEE HOUR: On April 7, come over to the high school for a cup of coffee, donuts and fresh baked goods from our First Communion families! Always nice to see everyone! This will be hosted by the volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul Society! Come by to thank them too for everything they do for our community here at St. Mary's!

LAST CCD CLASSES: will be April 7, 8, and 9. Thank you to all the families for your participation and especially to the volunteer teachers that gave graciously of their time. Passing on the Catholic faith to the youth of this parish is a gift from God. They learn that through the eyes of faith, God is near and the source of all life.

CRS RICE BOWL (Catholic Relief Services): Encounter Kumba – We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE: The Office of Youth Ministry Diocese of Springfield is planning a pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 20-24, 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. 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, call Joanne at the Office of Religious Education. More info about NCYC can be found at <http://www.ncyc.info/>

LENT 2019

Not by Bread Alone - Daily Reflections
Saturday mornings,
April 6, 13, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary's Parish Center

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield MA 01085 413-562-3450

Founded in Faith "Why I am Catholic"

We invite you to join us for our Lenten Speaker Series
Wednesday evenings at 6:30-7:30 pm



Dan Kane
April 3

"Let us sing joyfully to the Lord; cry out to the rock of our salvation."
Psalms 95:1

Dan Kane shares his love of music as organist of St. Patrick Parish in Springfield. Discovering and developing musical talent is a gift shared through the Dan Kane Singers. Expressing his faith through music touches and excites the souls of all who hear.



Mark & Noreen DiPerri Tolosky
April 10

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Serving with the strength that God supplies, former Baystate Health CEO Mark Tolosky and his wife, Noreen DiPerri Tolosky, RN/author, built successful careers, shepherded their sons to utilize their talents, and actively share their faith in ministries at St. Mary's Parish, Longmeadow. A timely reminder to faithfully use your talents and skills for the benefit of others.



Dan & Megan Baillargeon
April 17

"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." Proverbs 22:6

Raising their family in the Catholic faith, first lay diocesan superintendent of schools, Daniel Baillargeon, along with his wife, Megan, parents of 8 children, ages 14 years to infant, will join us.

Optional: Join in the Rosary Wednesdays
at 6:00 p.m. before the program.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 — 12 to 3:30 pm

The Miracle of Saint Faustina

Meet Maureen & Bob Digan

Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet

PARISH YARD CLEAN-UP will be on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Join us for a day of raking, sweeping and cleaning throughout the grounds.

GARDENERS NEEDED: With Spring we are putting out a call for volunteers to take care of the parish grounds. Our staff will do the mowing and heavy lifting, but the landscaping could use some special attention. Areas include the front of the High School, Parish Center and Elementary School. If you would like to help, please contact John Parker at 568-5692.

The Bells of St. Mary's

DONOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Donation Amount: _____

*Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish
with "Bells of St. Mary's" in the memo.*

How would you like your name to appear for the donor plaque:
(Please print clearly!)

Submit this paper with your donation to:

St. Mary's Parish, 30 Bartlett St., Westfield, MA 01085

*You may also place your donation in the collection
basket in a clearly marked envelope.*

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