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.

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*
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

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.

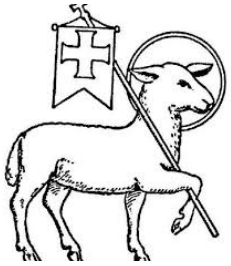
St. Mary's Parish School: For more information regarding registration and enrollment in our Preschool (3 year olds), PreK, Elementary School please call (568-2388) or High School please call (568-5692).

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.

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.



Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd His flock and give them eternal life. In His name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the Word of God to Jews and Gentiles alike.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11
4:00 PM Jack Regan, requested by His Family

Sunday, May 12 - MOTHER'S DAY
8:30 AM Richard Drenga (6th anniv. from wife & children
10:00 AM Ann MacDonald
11:30 AM Souls in Purgatory, requested by R & L S
5:00 PM Flora Robinson, requested by daughter, Lisa

Monday, May 13
8:30 AM Sylvia Allard, 3rd Anniversary, requested by Carmen Cross
Eleanor Orlandi, requested by Mary Hansen

Tuesday, May 14
8:30 AM David Thomas, requested by Betty Mitchell
Special Intentions for Steve & Toni Robiero, requested by Danielle Batchelder

Wednesday, May 15
8:30 AM Lorraine Thomas, requested by Betty Mitchell

Thursday, May 16
8:30 AM Angelina & Geraldina Mattia, requested by Maria Del Guercio

Friday, May 17
8:30 AM Bud Swayger, 13th Anniversary

Saturday, May 18
4:00 PM Jack Griffin, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Wife & Sons

Sunday, May 19
8:30 AM Madilyn & Emma Grant, requested by Their Family
10:00 AM Emil Morin, 11th Anniversary, requested by His Wife & Family
11:30 AM Trino Rivera Moran, and Special Intentions for the Health of Trinidad Rivera Chevere requested by Deacon Pedro & Family
5:00 PM Barbara Gosselin, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by Her Family

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: Irene Gailius, Katherine Hebert and Sr. Mary Frances O'Leary S.P.

Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary Evening of Reflection will be held May 14, with Mass at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at the Genesis Center. *The next Confraternity meeting will be Monday, May 20, after the 8:30 Mass.*

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 18
4 PM
Altar Servers: Katelyn Corriveau, Trevor Corriveau
Reader: Paulette Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 19
8:30 AM
Altar Servers: Tucker Costello, Joshua Sturmer
Reader: Barbara Queenin
10 AM
Altar Servers: Jake Diaz, Nicholas Diaz
Reader: Jeanne DeBold
11:30 AM
Altar Servers: Gabriel Mojica, Xavier Félix, Mikael Pacheco
Reader: Mary Fernández and María Sanabria
5 PM
Altar Servers: Morgan Gagnon, Maya Guillotte
Reader: Elizabeth Devillez

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.

Flowers on the Altar this week are in Memory of Marion Parenzo, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Her Children and Grandchildren.

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 celebrate a great event in someone's life.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the upstairs Church will burn from 5/4/19 to 5/17/19 for Healing for Lorraine Kalisz and Colleen Gaffey from Red Alcombright.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the downstairs Church will burn from 5/4/19 to 5/17/19 in Honor of Don Ouimet's 100th birthday, from Rose.

WE STEWARD OUR TREASURE

MAY 4 & 5
393 Envelopes
Total in Envelopes: $12,043.00
Loose Cash: $688.00
TOTAL: $12,731.00
Fuel: $892.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Happy Mother's Day! thank you ¡Feliz Día de la Madre!

Mary & Motherhood

One of life's joys is the powerful bond of love that connects us to special persons. In our country we think in these terms this weekend because it brings Mother's Day. We celebrate our unique love and respect for these wonderful women who gave us birth and loved us from the first moment of our existence in their wombs. Spiritually, we children of God extend that love to our heavenly Mother Mary. We know that her tender care for us is much like that of our natural mothers. That's why the Church dedicates this beautiful month to her. We also note that Mary always points our attention toward her Divine Son, one of whose titles is that of the Good Shepherd.

On this annual occasion, we try all sorts of traditional ways to honor the bond with our natural mothers. If we are fortunate enough to still have her with us, this becomes a sweet duty. But cards and candy, flowers and fine dining do not mean as much to her as our presence, our smile, our hug and kiss, our declaration of love. We know that we can never thank her enough for all that she has done for us. If ever there was a link between love and sacrifice beyond that of Our Lord Himself, hers is it. As we ponder over reasons to admire our mothers, one of them for sure is their tremendous trust in God as they partnered with our dads to raise us to adulthood. Humbly we have to admit that it could not have always been an easy chore.

A similar trust lies in the heart of Jesus, as we hear about it in this weekend's gospel. While Jesus Good Shepherd speaks of *His* flock, and that they will never be snatched from *His* hand, He acknowledges the Father's role as well. Indeed, He says that it is the Father who has given Him the flock in the first place.

The writer William Barclay beautifully notes that "Jesus was so sure of Himself because He was so sure of God." And there you have the good news captured in the Scriptures for today. Those words capture quite well the kind of trust our mothers have or had as the case may be. And they become a foundational example for all of us sons and daughters to emulate.

The source of any self-confidence you and I have certainly springs from our loving God. He raised His Son from the dead to show us that even the greatest hurdle can be overcome if we believe and trust in Him.

Any good shepherd will frequently check the fencing of his corral for any weaknesses that will make his flock vulnerable to attack from predators. So this weekend is an opportunity to check our bonds of connection with our mothers and with the Master. Love does such things.

In a country as large as ours, and in a world beyond our borders that embraces literally billions of people, there most likely are millions of stories of all kinds about mothers. I prefer the humorous ones because they capture this sense all moms need. This one comes from a man named Gerald Loffredo. He tells us this: *"My mother once had a small decorative windmill in her yard. A storm broke one of the blades, causing the windmill to shake violently. Dad announced that he would 'take care of it', and so he did. He re-balanced the windmill by snapping off the opposing blade. Afterward, Mom remarked, 'I sure hope I never break a leg!'"*

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Once again, we are offering, on a first-come, first-serve basis, eight individual wonderfully handmade raised gardens (one per family), measuring 4 x 8 feet. They are located on the left side of the rectory. Stop by and take a look. There is no charge, but a request to give some of your bounty to the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that their clientele may have fresh vegetables during the summer. If interested, please call Regina at the rectory 562-5477.

HOSPITAL VISIT

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 a 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.

SCAM ALERT

We are getting reports of an attempt to trick parishioners into sending money via gift cards under the guise of responding to a fake request from their parish priest.

Somehow they get parishioner cell phone numbers and/or email addresses. Posing as the parish priest they are able to trick folks into sending them funds usually via a gift card which the scammers ask parishioners to buy and then send them the gift card number and pin, which is all the scammers need to cash them in, leaving the unsuspected parishioner out of luck. In almost all cases the money is not recoverable.

We never solicit funds via text messages or emails that involve gift cards, and that if they should receive any type of communication that seems suspicious they should report to local police and the parish office. Anyone asking for help via a gift card of any type should be viewed suspicious.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, May 13
9 am ESL - Center
6:45 pm Boy Scouts 109 - ES
7 pm El Camino Reunión Consejo - Center
7 pm St. Vincent de Paul - Center

Tuesday, May 14
6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church
6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack 109 - ES Café
7 pm Renovación Carismática - Lower Church

Wednesday, May 15
9 am Eucharistic Adoration - Church
9 am ESL - Center
9:30 am Bible Study - Center
5 pm Benediction - Lower Church
7 pm Bible Study - Center

Thursday, May 16
6:00 pm Pocketbook Bingo - HS
6:45 pm Women's Prayer Group - Lower Church
7 pm El Camino Asamblea - ES
7 pm Encuentro Juvenil - Center
7 pm Ultrellas - Center

Friday, May 17
STM HS Half Day of School

Saturday, May 18
1 pm Legion de Maria - Center

Sunday, May 19
10 am Little Church - Lower Church

Daily Reflections for Easter 2019

There is no better season to renew one's relationship with God than Easter. In just minutes per day, the insightful meditations of *Rejoice and Be Glad* can help you embrace, live, and share the good news of the great Easter mystery. With this book you may feast on God's Word during each day of glory from Easter to Pentecost. Please join Pastoral Minister, Michele Suhocki, on Saturday mornings, May 18, 25, and June 1 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the St. Mary's Parish Center, 86 Mechanic St., Westfield. Please call or email Michele to register: 413-562-5477, ext. 144, msuhocki@stmsaints.org.

THE 2020 MASS BOOK opens for Masses offered for those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (living) on Wednesday, May 1, at 9 a.m. and intentions for the deceased on Wed., June 5th at 9 a.m. Multiple Mass intentions are allowed two days a week, excepting weekends and holy days. For our 2020 Mass Book weekends and holy days may only have one intention per Mass. The Mass stipend is $10 per Mass.

MEMORIAL DAY: On Memorial Day, May 27, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cemetery at 8 a.m., rain or shine. The celebrant for this Mass will be Fr. John Salatino. All are most welcome to attend. There will be a limited number of chairs available so please bring a lawn chair if you need to be seated.

The Bells of St. Mary's

DONOR INFORMATION

Name:_____

Address:_____

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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 on line below!*)

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Submit this paper with your donation to:

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

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

CCD CORNER

NEW EVENING BIBLE STUDY: We have begun a new Bible Study called "The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus," from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This video-based seven-week program compares the particular insights found in the Passion and Resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. Everyone is welcome to join this study, no matter the level of Biblical knowledge. Please contact Joanne at 562-5484, or jbagge@stmsaints.org to register, or with any questions.

Congratulations to all the teenagers who received their **Confirmation** last Sunday, May 5. It was a beautiful celebration for these students as they received their final Sacrament of Initiation.

SENIOR HONOR MASS: This Sunday, May 12, at the 10 a.m. Liturgy, we will honor and acknowledge all of the high school seniors who are members of St. Mary's Parish Community. This is a very special celebration as it provides an opportunity for parishioners to extend their support and prayers to those young adults who are seniors in area high schools. All are welcome to attend this Mass to honor our high school graduates.
Altar Server Award: Patrick Ditto, Stephen Hinck, Leah Howard, Emily LaFond, Brendan Morrissey, Thomas Lawry, Fionnuala Matthews, William Webster, Luke Willenborg.
The Religious Education Scholarship Award: The recipients for this year's scholarship are Brendan Morrissey and William Webster.
Please join us at the Coffee Hour following Mass to wish our seniors your personal well wishes.

TIMELESS – The *Encuentro Juvenil Committee* presents a weekend for our youth prepared by our youth. This three-day bilingual retreat consists of music, prayers, games and reflections centered on our Catholic faith. This event is for high school-aged youth in Grades 9 through 12, from May 24-26 at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen. For more information, or to register, please contact Mari Cruz at encuentroretreats@gmail.com or 562-8947.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: "VBC" will be held at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield. It will be from July 29 to August 2, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. They have a wonderful facility and the kids have a great time! All are invited to participate! Please call 562-3450 for more information.

PERMANENT DEACON ORDINATION

Osvaldo Mendez and Angel Delgado, members of our parish, will be ordained as Permanent Deacons on Saturday, May 18, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral. Everyone is invited to attend the Ordination.

Thank you for the Generous Flower Donations for First Holy Communion:

In Loving Memory and Honor of Christy Fedor and Jackie Keene.
With Love, Rob, Dylan & Logan Fedor

In Memory of Helen Jachym, April 27, 1990.
Love your great granddaughters, Stella & Charlotte Salls

In honor of Amelia Moltenbrey, Love Mom & Dad

In honor of our Granddaughters, Delaney Beltrandi & Isabella Fini on their First Holy Communion Day!
May God bless ALL these little Angels today!

In honor of Isabella Fini - Congratulations on your First Communion. May you feel the warmth and comfort of God's love with you every day! Love Dad, Mom, Adriana & Danica

In honor of Delaney Beltrandi, to our sweet girl on her First Communion. We are proud! Love, Dad & Kendall

Generous donations for the flowers that adorned our Altar on Confirmation:

In Loving memory of Louis Pallotta and Helen (Korbut) Pallotta.
When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. You are always in our hearts.
With love, Vinnie, Deana, Alexis & Mario

In honor of Jenna Blake on her Confirmation &
In memory of the Blake, Devlin & Giordano families.

In honor of Tim Cordes and his classmates in celebration of their Sacrament of Confirmation.

In memory of Clifford Angelica from Deana Tortoriello and Family

In honor of the Confirmandi, Sponsors, Families & Friends on this Special Day! May God Bless you!
From the Office of Religious Education

ST MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

TEE IT UP FOR THE SAINTS

Saturday, June 22, 2019

(Registration deadline June 15, 2019)

Tekoa Country Club, Westfield, MA

- Includes golf, cart, goodie bag, lunch, dinner, hole-in-one contests for a Car, Braces, Spa, vacation trip, hole contests: longest drive, closest to pin, men, women, coed division.

1:00 Scramble Shotgun Start • 11:30 Lunch • 6:30 Dinner

ONLY $100.00 PER GOLFER! (16 and younger $85.00)!

Sponsor Information:

- Event Sponsor includes (2) foursomes, banner, tee signs, reserved seating & logo golfer gift
- Eagle includes one foursome, banner on leader board and a tee sign
- Birdie sponsor: one foursome and a tee sign
- Par Sponsor: Two players and a tee sign
- Tee or green signs $125.00

Mail To: Golf Tournament
St. Mary's School
27 Bartlett St.
Westfield, Ma 01085

REGISTER ONLINE: https://www.stmsaints.org/

or

Sponsorship/Donor/Golfer/Dinner Mail In Registration Form

☐ **Event Sponsor $10,000.00** ☐ **Dinner Sponsor $5,000.00** ☐ **Lunch Sponsor$2,500.00**
☐ **Eagle $1,000** ☐ **Birdie $750** ☐ **Par $600** ☐ **Tee Signs $125** ☐ **Donation: $_________**

Sponsor/Donor Info

Name **Address** **Phone** **Email**

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GOLFER INFORMATION

Name **Address** **Phone** **Email**

1: ____

2: ____

3: ____

4: ____

Dinner Only $30.00(Under 10 $15.00) Qty: ________**Name(s)** ________________________________

Make check to and mail: Golf Tournament - St. Mary's School - 27 Bartlett St. - Westfield, MA 01085

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO SAINT MARY'S SCHOOLS!

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Robin Jensen • Director of Advancement • 413-568-1160 x147• rjensen@stmsaints.org