



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 HISPANICO: Tenemos muchos: Círculo de Oración, Cofradas, Hijas de María, Juan XXIII, Ultrella 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 Osvaldo Mendez

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

THE KNOTS PRAYER

Dear God:

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind. Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God,

I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back,

especially the thought that I am not good enough.

AMEN



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit, and live by that same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to remind them of all that Jesus said and did, and to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 8

4:00 PM Mary Anne Templeman, requested by Rich & Lucy Discenza

Sunday, June 9

8:30 AM William J. Manning, 39th Anniversary, requested by His Family

10:00 AM Christine DiBiasio, requested by Nancy Boistelle

11:30 AM Benita Lopez, requested by the Luna Family

5:00 PM Teddy Mattia, requested by Joseph, Gerry & Vinny

Monday, June 10

8:30 AM Vincenzo & Angela Iarrusso, requested by Josephine Nardacci

Tuesday, June 11

8:30 AM Theresa & Teddy Cieplinski, requested by Betty Mitchell
Fred & Grace Froelick, Carol Koltz & Mary June DeFrate, requested by Their Daughter & Sister

Wednesday, June 12

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Rasta Family, requested by Richard & Lucy Discenza

Thursday, June 13

8:30 AM Ruth Kinsey, 15th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance, requested by Her Sister, Barbara Messier
6:00 PM St. Anthony Mass

Friday, June 14

8:30 AM Raymond Cross Sr., requested by His Wife & Children
Diane Batchelder, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by Her Daughter & Grandchildren

Saturday, June 15

4:00 PM Flora Robinson, requested by Her Daughter, Lisa

Sunday, June 16 FATHER'S DAY

8:30 AM Arnold Hotaling, requested by His Family

10:00 AM Gerardino Rizzolo, + Birthday Remembrance & 36th Anniversary, requested by His Family

11:30 AM Rafael Vazquez Cruz, 4th Anniversary, requested His Wife & Family

5:00 PM Michael Discenza, requested by Rich & Lucy Discenza

**Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for Us!**

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

4 PM

Altar Servers: Katelyn Corriveau, Trevor Corriveau

Reader: Paulette Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 AM

Altar Servers: Colin Ramos, Liam Ramos, Paighton Ramos

Reader: Jay Ricci

10 AM

Altar Servers: London Adams, Calae Vieweg

Reader: Jeanne DeBolt

11:30 AM

Altar Servers: Yadira Rodríguez, Xavier Félix

Reader: Awilda Colombani, Zoria Santos

5 PM

Altar Servers: Declan Matthews, Deirdre Matthews, Patrick Willard

Reader:

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: Rachel Wellspeak, John Beattie, Jr., Judith Doherty, Margaret Duhaime, Lynne Reilly and Jean Wojcek.



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 6/1/19 to 6/14/19 for Special Intentions for Fr. Matt.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the downstairs Church will burn from 6/1/19 to 6/14/19 in Memory of Ronald Rash.



WE STEWARD OUR TREASURE

JUNE 1 & 2

399 Envelopes

Total in Envelopes: \$11,898.00

Loose Cash: \$473.25

TOTAL: \$12,371.25

Fuel: \$752.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.” These words of the late Nelson Mandela have a particular relevance to this weekend’s great feast of Pentecost. For Pentecost is mostly about language, and what the Holy Spirit did with it to launch a Church. Our Church. So rightly do we think of it as the birthday of the Church. Ordinary men were chosen beforehand for an extraordinary mission. Now they were given one of their primary tools to speak to the world about a man who happened to be God in the flesh.

They knew, and we know from the Gospel that this God-Man, Our Lord Jesus Christ, spoke forcefully and prayed intently for unity among peoples. So it must have come as no surprise, once they stepped back from their initial amazement at the method, to recognize it as the Holy Spirit’s way of supporting their mission and encouraging their faith.

Now we moderns know the power of language. In a world suddenly grown smaller from what it was, say 20 or even 10 years ago with the arrival of electronic wizardry, language is still our basic tool of communication. The linguistic arts, in writing and storytelling still are our most popular form of entertainment. But there is another side to language, aside from its slips into slang, that has the power to destroy unity. That is softening the reality, to the point that inhumane activities go unchecked. One widespread example: the use of the words “pro choice” to hide “pro murder of the unborn.”

There is another softening device, if you will, that involves using so-called “modal verbs” like “would, could or might” to create a little distance between your honest and true strong

The Power of Language

opinion and your choice of words to express yourself. It comes with a hope that your listeners will be more receptive to what you say.

Nowhere in His discourse did Jesus turn to such words. In fact, His very directness repeatedly got Him in trouble. That is why, in our politically over-sensitive context, the mere mention of His name is off-putting for so many people. His Church and her teaching suffer the same disdain.

So here we are at the great feast of Pentecost, hearing again about the marvelous event that started it all. If we really pay attention, this task of the apostles that began with a touch of the spectacular is nonetheless our task as well. In our ordinary circumstances, we are to be proclaimers of Christ. No matter what our native language is. We take courage from what St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, namely “to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

Yet we have to be careful and wise. Many believers who would share Christ have more zeal than knowledge and offend more than they communicate. You may have heard of the barber who was newly saved and was eager to witness to his experience with Jesus Christ. As he met his first customer the next day, he was sharpening his straight razor on the leather strap. His initial approach to his customer was, “Are you ready to die?” One can imagine what went through the customer’s mind as he viewed the finely honed razor. As the cliché goes, “If we don’t use tact, we may lose contact.”

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

MILITARY 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, Airman 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.

REMINDER

REMINDER, the next meeting of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary will be Monday, June 17, after the 8:30 Mass.

STANDOUT COLLECTION FOR SVdP THIS WEEKEND

On Saturday and Sunday June 8 and 9, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Standout Collection after all Masses. The St Vincent de Paul Society tries to meet the emergency needs of Westfield residents who need help with rent, utilities, food and other necessities. Many times people are in need because of illness, accident, or death in the family, or a sudden job loss, family separation or divorce. Children and the elderly are very often the recipients of this help. Thank you for your generous support in the past. We are continuously blessed by your support for SVdP.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, June 10

- 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, June 11

- 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, June 12

- 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, June 13

- 6:00 pm St. Anthony Mass - Upper Church
- 6:45 pm Women's Prayer Group - Lower Church
- 7 pm El Camino Asamblea - ES
- 7 pm Ultrellas - Center

Friday, June 14

- 1 pm End of School Year Mass - Upper Church

Sunday, June 16 - FATHER'S DAY

- 10 am Little Church - Lower Church

Workshop for Catechetical Leaders - June 17

The Office of Faith Formation is beginning a move to prepare future Catechetical Leaders. At any time, any parish could find themselves without a coordinator for their Faith Formation program. Currently, there are three parishes in this very position. The Diocese has come to realize that they are lacking experienced or prepared personnel to assume these roles as they occur. A workshop is scheduled on Monday, June 17, at St. Elizabeth's in Ludlow from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to highlight the responsibilities of a typical Director/Coordinator of Faith Formation and answer questions of those who might consider a leadership position in the future. The hope is to encourage our faithful to begin the process of training and certification so they are ready to answer the call of catechesis and evangelization. Everyone who might be interested in a position of this kind is encouraged to attend this workshop. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Faith Formation, 452-0812.

GO TO BAT FOR BABE RUTH WORLD SERIES

Excitement this summer as the city of Westfield hosts the 13-year old Babe Ruth World Series August 8-15 at Bullens Field. Coming up on the weekend of June 15/16 after all Masses, members of Westfield's team will sell discounted advance tournament passes granting access to all 25 games. You can purchase advance individual tournament passes for \$20 and advance family tournament passes for \$45 until June 30. Please support Westfield's team and help to make this tournament a success. Thank you!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA MASS: A Mass in honor of St. Anthony of Padua will be held on Thursday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church (Upper Church). Donations will be accepted by Filomena Mattia. Contributions over and above expenses will go to the three orphanages of St. Anthony of Padua in Italy. Fr. John Salatino will be the celebrant.

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY 7TH BULLETIN will be Wednesday, June 26. This is due to a revised printing schedule for the Fourth of July holiday.

**MISSION WEEKEND – JUNE 22 & 23**

Fr. Roy will be here the weekend of June 22 and 23 to speak about his mission in India. Please be as generous as you can.

**157th STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

to Benefit **Westfield Soup Kitchen**

Thurs JUNE 20th 2019

4:00PM – 6:00PM Church of the Atonement

6:00PM – 8:00PM The Westfield Green

Featuring *Sundaes with Strawberries* from *Kosinski Farms*
Ice Cream from *The Summer House*

Tickets \$5

Available to Purchase at the Events

-Or- in Advance at Church of the Atonement Tue–Fri, 9:00AM – 12:30PM

Come join us for Festival Fun, Tasty Treats, and to Help Support Those in Need!

Special thanks to the support of our friends and
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield

St. Mary's Parish School will hold its **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield on **SATURDAY, JUNE 22**. The tournament will have a shotgun start and be a scramble format.

This year through the support of several local businesses, we were able to install high-speed internet throughout the St. Mary's campus. The funds raised from this event will be used to continue to strengthen academic programs through enhanced instructional technology.

You do not need to be a golfer to support this fundraiser. Please consider joining us as a volunteer, join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. for \$35 or buy a tee sign for \$125. And check out the details about Sarat's Lincoln Give Back Program!

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 and meet the other children and families! High school students may volunteer!

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS! Yes, it’s that time of year again to register your children for Religious Education Classes for the 2019-20 school year. Registration letters and forms will be mailed soon! IF you do not receive one, call the ORE.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS/ MONITORS needed! As you are relaxing this summer, please consider teaching or monitoring in our Religious Education Program. We are always looking for people willing to share their Catholic faith with our students. If you would like to help in any way, please call the ORE. We are always here to support you in any way!

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our office will officially close on Thursday, June 13! We will stop in over the summer for the mail and messages! * Please keep sending in your registrations for the “early bird” special postmarked by June 30! Have a great and blessed summer! Be safe and we’ll see you in the fall.

St. Mary’s Early Childhood Program



St. Mary’s Parish School’s Early Childhood Program offers a preschool program for 3-year-olds as well as two Prekindergarten programs for 4-year-olds. We offer a comprehensive, theme-based curriculum that embraces children’s natural curiosity and

encourages them to explore and connect to the world around them. We provide opportunities for children to participate in physical education, music, health and safety, and to visit the library in the elementary school. Students of all faiths are welcome at St. Mary’s.

FR. MICHAEL BERNIER

Fr. Michael Bernier would like to express his appreciation for all the well wishes and cards he has received from the parishioners of St. Mary’s Parish. He asks for your continued prayers as he recovers from his recent stroke.



THE 2020 MASS BOOK is open 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 Wednesday, June 5, at 9 a.m. Multiple Mass intentions are allowed two days a week, except weekends and holy days. Weekends and holy days may only have one intention per Mass. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.



LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS doing any number of tasks are needed for the STM Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 22. This is a major fundraiser for St. Mary’s Schools. Please contact Kathy Labrie at labrie118@gmail.com, if you are willing to help. Thank you!



STM NEEDS YOU AT OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT ON JUNE 22
EVEN IF YOU DON'T GOLF!

Sarat Lincoln Ford will host their Lincoln Give Back program at Tekoa on June 22 at our Golf Tourney where we have the ability to raise \$8000 that day. The maximum number of households is 300, but if husband and wife attend the event and they both drive a car, it will only count for one drive at \$30. However, we also have the ability to do 200 bonus drives at \$20/each and the husband and wife can do one of those. The big hook is to invite all your neighbors, teachers, friends, aunts and uncles as well as grandparents. As many addresses as possible and it only takes 20 minutes out of their busy Saturday schedule. Class of 2020 will help us with this so they can raise class funds, but we welcome other groups if you need funds for next year! **Please call Robin: 568-1160, ext. 147.**

CENTENNIAL PATIO BRICKS

IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A LOVED ONE OR IN COMMEMORATION OF WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES & FIRST COMMUNION

Consider purchasing a **Patio Brick**, a gift that will last forever in our Centennial Patio Garden. The garden, home to a beautiful statue of Mary, the Blessed Mother, 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 or \$150 with 3 lines, 17 characters (including spaces) per line.** You can now order and pay online with a credit card at www.stmsaints.org under SUPPORT SAINTS. Please call the Advancement Office at 568-1160 or email Robin Jensen at rjensen@stmsaints.org if you have any questions.

****As of July 1, 2019 - 3 lines will cost \$150. Thank you.**

Do you know that the state is changing laws that will affect you and your children?

FIVE CHANGES TO THE MASSACHUSETTS ABORTION LAW:

1. Expands late-term abortions for virtually any reason.
2. Late-term abortions are no longer required to occur in hospitals. This permits abortions in clinics without critical medical care.
3. Physicians no longer required to “take all reasonable steps” to “preserve the life and health” of a baby that survives an abortion.
4. Eliminates the requirement that minors under 18 must have the consent of a parent, guardian, or judge. (This protects sexual predators and human traffickers who impregnate minors).
5. Expands tax-payer funding of abortions by adding abortions to the state’s “Healthy Start Program.”

BE INFORMED ABOUT THE ROE ACT

You are encouraged to attend an important information session on a proposed legislation called the “Roe Act” which would expand abortion right up to and even after birth, while at the same time removing current and important protections and safe guards. As a parent, grandparent or Massachusetts resident, you need to know how troubling this proposed law is, especially to minors.

Find out why even abortion supporters like Gov. Charlie Baker agree that this proposed legislation would go too far!

Come get the facts, and decide for yourself.

Attend an information night sponsored by the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission.

Date & Time: June 12, 7 p.m.

**Location: Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center,
Holyoke Road, Westfield**

Additional information available at <http://diospringfield.org/r-o-e-act/>