



# 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. John Salatino — *Administrator*  
Fr. Frank Furman — *Parochial Vicar*  
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**



The author of Wisdom speaks of “that night” of exodus from bondage in Egypt when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death. The Lord will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. Let us be prepared for his return. As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illumined by faith.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, August 10

4:00 PM Jack Regan, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Family

#### Sunday, August 11

8:30 AM Edward and Abbie Howe, requested by Their Family

10:00 AM Fran and Claire Casey + Birthday Remembrance, requested by Their Family

11:30 AM

5:00 PM In honor of John Goulette & William Hennessey requested by Their Mother

#### Monday, August 12

8:30 AM Leon & Ethyl Syriac, requested by Their Family

#### Tuesday, August 13

8:30 AM William Egan, requested by His Wife & Family

#### Wednesday, August 14

8:30 AM Roy Turcotte, requested by Patricia Hadley

#### Thursday, August 15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY

8:30 AM Joe Affenito, 14th Anniversary

6:15 PM Fr. Joseph Romano

#### Friday, August 16

8:30 AM Katherine K. Farmer, requested by Doris & Family

#### Saturday, August 17

2:00 PM Carina Soto & Gabriel DeLeon, Wedding

4:00 PM Elaine Noonan, + Birthday Remembrance & Wedding Anniversary Remembrance, requested by Her Family

#### Sunday, August 18

8:30 AM Mary Krutka, requested by Steve & Marcia Krutka

10:00 AM Filomena Raimo, requested by Filomena Mattia

11:30 AM

5:00 PM Charity Roberts, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by Her Son, Dylan Shrimplin and Parents, Cindy & Rick Patnode

### PLEASE PRAY FOR FR. MICHAEL

Fr. Michael Bernier, who was an associate here from 2006-08, suffered a stroke and will be in the hospital for a long time. Let's continue to support him! If anyone would like to send Fr. Michael a card or write a note, please bring them to the rectory and Fr. John Salatino will see that he gets them.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** in the upstairs Church will burn from 8/10/19 to 8/23/19 in Memory of Elaine Noonan.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** in the downstairs Church will burn from 8/10/19 to 8/23/19 in memory of Elaine Noonan.



### NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4 PM

**Altar Servers:** Lindsey DeLand, Catherine Morrissey

**Reader:** Peter Miller

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 AM

**Altar Servers:** Maggie McCarthy, Stella McCarthy

**Reader:** Cathleen Bastible

10 AM

**Altar Servers:** Abbey Hutchison, Abigail Moore

**Reader:** Aidelisa Lopez-Carrasco

11:30 AM

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

**Reader:** Mary Fernández, Zoria Santos

5 PM

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

**Reader:** Karen Hatch

### 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: Jeremiah Boucher, Jr., Edward Bara, Daniel E. Moore and Ann Wise.



Flowers on the Altar this Week are for  
Special Intentions for Aunty Rose from TLQ.

*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.*



**Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary**  
prayer line: for prayers call or text Betty  
563-0592 or Marguerite 531-5648.

### GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

#### AUGUST 3 & 4

348 Envelopes

Total in Envelopes: \$12,428.00

Loose Cash: \$710.75

**TOTAL: \$13,138.75**

Fuel: \$963.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## Death Has Lost Its Sting

The news came to me bunched together with an assortment of insignificant emails. My priest classmate had died. What a shock it was! He had been a generally jolly person who sat across the aisle of the seminary classroom from me for eight years. Like me, he went on from our initial assignments as parish assistant priests (now curiously known as “parochial vicars”) to more specialized jobs. He as a prison chaplain and yours truly as a high school teacher. In his case, the new task did not seem such a good fit. But he made it work. So well did he ply his task that he eventually rose to become chief of prison chaplains for my home state of Pennsylvania. In that foolishness we fall into, the shock most likely came because God’s plan did not coincide with my own.

Our Scriptures this weekend speak to us of three different matters. First the focus is on faith; then of waiting, and finally of vigilance. There comes a point in life when gray hair usually arrives, combined with news of the deaths of friends that forces us to be more cognizant of matters like our own death. It is a whole different outlook that was never a part of our youth.

The questions then arise as to how one is to maintain a youthful outlook in faith, and how one is to be vigilant about it. It seems to me that not only is youth not a matter of birthday count but a state of mind as well. I have known pessimists who seem to have died at 35, and optimists who remain so well into their 80’s.

Our basically joy-based faith comes from the resurrected Jesus, still very much alive, and not in any way a prisoner of time. When He told His Apostles that He would be with them until the end of time, and certainly that includes you

and me here in our time, then the only choice we have is to be sure in our faith, and glad of it.

As for vigilance, that certainly implies a certain attitude toward the material things of this world that frees us from being beholden to them. From overvaluing them. From identifying our self-worth with them. Certainly our vigilance is not to adopt a maudlin attitude. If the phrase “If I live that long” appears frequently in our conversation that is a signal to me that one has lost the taste for life, much less the gusto needed to enjoy it. Each new morning is either appreciated or not. How we say the words “O God, it’s morning” gives us away.

We hear Jesus say today “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” What a put down of our worst enemy at times, namely fear. Fear is the antithesis of the Gospel. It should have no place in a Christian’s heart.

Once upon a time a boy and his father were traveling in a car when a bee flew through the open window. The boy was so highly allergic to bee stings that he and his father knew that his life was in danger. As the boy frantically jumped around and tried to avoid the agitated bee, the father calmly reached out and grabbed the bee. When he opened his hand, the bee began to fly again terrifying the boy once more. The father then said, “Look, son,” holding up a hand with an implanted stinger, “his stinger is gone; he can’t hurt you any longer.”

As a bee loses its stinger when it stings, death lost its sting when it STUNG Jesus. Amen.

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*



### St. Mary's Family Fall Festival

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 15th

12:30- 4:30 pm

St. Mary's Parish School

Games - Live Music - Raffles  
Fun for the Whole Family!  
Food Catered by  
North Elm Butcher Block

**We will be selling tickets after all Masses  
on August 17, 18, 31 September 1, 7 and 8.**

**A FREE raffle ticket will be given  
with advance purchase of a Fall Festival ticket.**

### Women's Weekend Silent Retreat

The Spiritual Exercises are a weekend silent retreat with spiritual talks and time for personal meditation in silence. The Spiritual conferences are preached by the Priests of Miles Christi, according to the methods and the principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Apart from the conferences are time for prayer, Holy Mass, rosary, confession and spiritual direction.

The Retreat starts at 4:00 p.m. on Friday September 27 and concludes on Sunday, September 29, at 4:30 p.m. at 319 Concord Rd, Weston, MA.

Register by email [boston@spiritualexercises.net](mailto:boston@spiritualexercises.net) or call 248-596-9677.

### Atención

Por más de 10 años, a la familia Santos ha estado en coordinación de los servidores del altar hispanos de nuestra parroquia. Entendemos que hay otras personas capacitadas para ejercer este ministerio y queremos darle la oportunidad de que sirvan a Dios y a nuestra comunidad. Si alguna persona (adulto o joven) está interesado en ser el/la nuevo/a coordinador/a favor de comunicarse con el diacono Pedro.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

**Tuesday, August 13**

6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church

**Wednesday, August 14**

9 am Eucharistic Adoration - Church

5 pm Benediction - Lower Church

**Thursday, August 15 - ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

8:30 am Mass - Upper Church

6:15 pm Bi-lingual Mass - Upper Church

6:45 pm Women's Prayer Group - Lower Church

7 pm Encuentro Juvenil - Center

**FALL FESTIVAL TICKETS SOLD AFTER ALL  
MASSES THIS WEEKEND****Sunday, August 11**

10 am Little Church - Lower Church

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

*Annual Scout Retreat at Camp Holy Cross*

**What?** Retreat organized by the Catholic Committee on Scouting, Diocese of Springfield. This year's theme is "Strength in Numbers" and will be facilitated by members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting along with NET Ministries. Weekend includes skits, presentations, various games and activities, dance, campfire, climbing wall, lots of food, prayer experiences, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass.

**When?** September 27-29, 2019

**Where?** Camp Holy Cross, 108 Camp Street, Goshen, MA

**Who?** Open to all members of Girl Scout, Boy Scout and American Heritage Girl Programs who are in Grades 6-12 and youth interested in scouting and their adult leaders.

**Cost?** Early Bird Rate is \$35 per person if registration and payment are received by 9/1. After that, the Regular Rate is \$40 per person. Registration ends 9/20.

**Questions?** Contact Pam Kosnicki at 413-283-3242 or [pamdkos@verizon.net](mailto:pamdkos@verizon.net).

**Feast of San Gennaro 2019 - Bus Trip**

Eat the best Italian food, watch colorful parades, and attend free concerts! Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, 123 William St., will sponsor a bus trip to the 93rd Street Fair in New York City's Little Italy on September 15. The cost is \$60.00 for the trip. The bus will leave "Mom & Rico's" Shop, 899 Main St., Springfield at 7:00 a.m. The 11-day Feast of San Gennaro is your chance to check out Little Italy's best restaurants. The festival honors the patron saint of Naples and is probably the most famous American-Italian festival in the city. The feast day is September 19 in the Roman Catholic calendar.

For information, call Gina Daniele at 413-732-8941.

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH FALL FESTIVAL**

Sunday, September 15, 12 noon to 5 pm at Pilsudski Park, 200 Old County Rd., Holyoke. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Polish & American food, games, music by the Mark VI, raffles, bake sale. For more info, call 568-1506, Monday through Thursday.

**ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

**Thursday, August 15  
is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY  
are at 8:30 AM and 6:15 PM in the upstairs Church.

The 6:15 PM Mass is bi-lingual.  
There will NOT be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, August 14.

**Come Sing with Us!**

So many parishioners have great singing voices but are unable to join one of our parish music groups. During the month of August, you're invited to sing at the 10:00 Mass. We'll meet in the choir loft at 9:30 and have a brief rehearsal and then sing for Mass. There's no obligation. You can come for one Sunday or all four! This is open to parishioners of all ages. No solos or pressure; just the joy of singing and praising God with your fellow parishioners. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Lepage, our Director of Music at [rlepage@stmsaints.org](mailto:rlepage@stmsaints.org).

**St. Mary's Women's Group**

We gather every Thursday from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m., in a small group setting to provide a safe place for women to grow in their relationship with God and others. It is held in St. Mary's Lower Church. This is not a Bible Study. No Bible experience needed. All materials are provided for you. This is a simple evening of reflection on Sunday's gospel reading. Come, we look forward to meeting you! Use lower church entrance that faces Bartlett St. and the Mary Courtyard. Questions: Pastoral Minister: Michele Suhocki, [msuhocki@stmsaints.org](mailto:msuhocki@stmsaints.org), 413-563-5477, ext 144.

**CENTENNIAL  
PATIO BRICKS**

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

Do you have a special occasion coming up? 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 St. Mary's 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 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](http://www.stmsaints.org) under SUPPORT SAINTS. Please call the Advancement Office at 568-1160 or email Robin Jensen at [rjensen@stmsaints.org](mailto:rjensen@stmsaints.org) if you have any questions.