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. John Salatino – *Pastor*
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

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.

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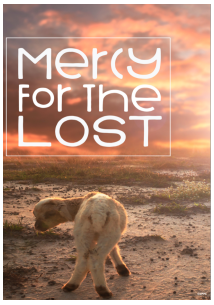


Moses intercedes on behalf of the people who had turned away from the covenant. The Lord delights not in sin, but in turning back to Him, for a contrite and humbled heart God will never spurn. He sent His Son into the world not to condemn but to save sinners.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 14
4:00 PM Gert Buzzee, 3rd Anniversary, requested by Her Family

Sunday, September 15
8:30 AM Shirley Melo, requested by Her Daughter & Family
10:00 AM Rosemarie & James Moran, Sr., requested by Family
11:30 AM Santiaga Matos, requested by the Luna Family
5:00 PM Adrien Dion & Jeanne Burns, requested by M/M Clement Blanchet

Monday, September 16
8:30 AM Christopher Regensburger, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Family

Tuesday, September 17
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Fallon & Murphy Families, requested by Their Family

Wednesday, September 18
8:30 AM Special Intentions for Lauren, requested by L. S.

Thursday, September 19
8:30 AM Jeanne Burns, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by Her Family
In Honor of Natham Chapman, on His Birthday

Friday, September 20
8:30 AM Adrien Dion, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by M/M Fernand Aube

Saturday, September 21
4:00 PM Frank Cressotti, requested by the Cressotti Family

Sunday, September 22
8:30 AM Joseph Hastings Aquadro, + 2nd Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Family
10:00 AM Lionel Dion, 31st Anniversary, requested by His Sister
11:30 AM
5:00 PM Margaret Parker, requested by Chris & Patty Schweitzer

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: Hideko McCarthy, Kenneth MacDonald, James French, Judith Pac & Sr. Mary Adrianella Grise, SP.

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

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
4 PM
Altar Servers: Justin Haluch, Seamus Smith, Anthony Suhocki
Reader: Jay Ricci

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:30 AM
Altar Servers: Liam Ramos, Colin Ramos, Paighton Ramos
Reader: Paulette Hall
10 AM
Altar Servers: Stella McCarthy, Maggie McCarthy
Reader: Ben Howes
11:30 AM
Altar Servers: Gabriel Mojica, Xavier Félix
Reader: Juan Aquino, Mary Fernández
5 PM
Altar Servers: Maddie Koziol, Sophie Lawry, Brigid Lawry
Reader: Religious Education

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the upstairs Church will burn from 9/7/19 to 9/20/19 for Anna Fattorini, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Her Family.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the downstairs Church will burn from 9/7/19 to 9/20/19 in Memory of Bonnie Jean Barnes, requested by a Friend.

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.

Important Announcement!

Effective Sunday, October 13, St. Mary's will only have a 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday if there is CCD. Please call the rectory if you have a 5 p.m. Mass Intention so it can be rescheduled for another time. Thank you.

WE STEWARD OUR TREASURE

SEPTEMBER 7 & 8
351 Envelopes
Total in Envelopes: $10,962.00
Loose Cash: $636.27
TOTAL: $11,598.27
Fuel: $468.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

FATHER FRANK

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST, PART 1

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice in which Our Savior Jesus Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, is contained, offered, and received under the appearances of bread and wine. It comes from the Greek word for *thanksgiving* because it is the chief way we give thanks to God.

Christ instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper when he said, "Take and eat; this is My body," as well as "All of you drink of this for this is My blood of the new covenant which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins." We take Jesus at His word that bread and wine are really transformed into His body and blood because there were many who left Jesus due to its difficulty (i.e. John 6). The *form* of the sacrament is those words. The *matter* of the sacrament is bread and wine. For Holy Eucharist to take place, the priest needs to say the right prayers over unleavened bread, made from wheat without any additives, and wine made from grapes. If any of those things are missing, then everyone is at Mass but Jesus.

Here is a comment on the symbolism behind the matter: the visible matter portrays invisible grace. The bread, prepared with water and the flour of wheat and baked with fire, represents the Body of Christ which was subjected to cruel suffering. The wine, the juice pressed from grapes, represents the blood of Christ which flowed from the wounds of His sacred body. The bread is unleavened to denote the purity of Christ's body; it is round in shape because it conceals Him Who is without beginning and without end (Hebrews 7:3). Water is mixed with wine to signify the intimate union of the Godhead and manhood in the Person of Jesus. Bread and wine being the principal means of nourishment for the body signify that the body and blood of Christ are the chief sustenance of the soul.

He gave his Apostles the commission to "Do this in remembrance of Me," so bishops and priests are able to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass. Every Mass is offered as a sacrifice to the Father commemorating and renewing Christ's sacrifice on the cross. This is why the Mass is the most powerful prayer that we have: we are actually invited into the prayer among the Trinity and allowed to participate in it.

To be continued next week.

INVITACION

El Circulo de oracion Santa Maria, llevara a cabo una asamblea de oracion diocesana el Martes 10 de septiembre a las 7 pm Estara el Ministerio de musica San Miguel Arcangel tendremos predica y testimonio. OREMOS JUNTOS AL SEÑOR.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR MILITARY, especially: 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, Marine Corporal Thomas P. Flaherty, and all of the Barnes ANGs.

Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for Us!

Anniversary Mass for Married Couples

Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski cordially invites all married couples to celebrate their significant wedding anniversaries in 2018-19 with a special Mass on Sunday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. Many couples celebrating 25th and 50th anniversaries attend every year, but *any* couple wishing to remember their anniversary with this special liturgy is also most welcome. Please notify the parish office of your name and address before Monday, October 14, to receive a personal invitation from Bishop Rozanski.

Crafters Wanted!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

Our Lady of the Lake Church in Southwick announces its annual **Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale.** On Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, November 17, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon, they will have wonderful Christmas crafts and baked items for sale. There are spaces available inside and outside and it is handicapped accessible. Funds raised will go toward **Faith Formation Activities.**

There will be a raffle of crafters' handiwork and the K of C will provide hot dogs and hamburgers for sale on Saturday as well. Doughnuts will be available on Sunday. For more details, please call (413) 569 - 0162 or go on their website at http://www.ollsouthwick.org where a crafter's form and a poster of the fair will be available to download. Come and begin the Christmas season at Our Lady of the Lake Church!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

STM Family Fall Festival THIS SUNDAY!

Monday, September 16
- 4:15 pm CCD
- 6 pm Folk Group Rehearsal - Upper Church
- 6 pm PAC - Center
- 6:30 pm Baptism Class - Center

Tuesday, September 17
- 6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church
- 6 pm Back to School Night - ES and HS

Wednesday, September 18
- 9 am Eucharistic Adoration - Church
- 9:30 am Bible Study - Center
- 5 pm Benediction - Lower Church
- 7 pm Bible Study - Center

Thursday, September 19
- 6:45 pm Women's Prayer Group - Lower Church
- 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Upper Church
- 7 pm El Camino Youth - Center
- 7 pm Encuentro Juvenil - Center

Sunday, September 22
- 10 am Little Church - Lower Church
- 5 pm Youth Mass - Upper Church
- 6:15 pm CCD - HS

Invite Someone to Come and See

If you (or someone you know) have questions about the Catholic Faith - whether thinking about becoming a Catholic or have been away for a while and want an update, consider the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Most people are seeking something – whether they call it a deeper 'relationship with God' or more simply, 'meaning and purpose' in life. Whatever the reason, we welcome you. The RCIA is a time to come together and examine our lives in light of the Gospel and grow as the person God calls us to be. For more information, contact Deacon Roger Carrier at 413-562-5477, ext. 148 or email him at deacon_roger@att.net.

LIVING AFTER LOSS

Firtion-Adams Funeral Service Grief Support Center sponsors **LIVING AFTER LOSS,** a six-week Grief Support Group offering education and information about the grief process, discussion and exploration of practical strategies for coping and the opportunity to receive support and understanding from others. The support group will meet at Genesis Spiritual Life Center, 53 Mill Street, from 5:30 from 7 p.m., on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4 and 11. Facilitators are Jill C. Adams, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W. and MaryAnn Rode, B.A., M.S. The program is open to the public and free of cost. **Registration is required as space is limited.** Refreshments will be served. Please contact Jill Adams at (413) 562-3133 to register for the program or for more information.

YOUNG ADULTS: Annual Scout Retreat

Retreat organized by the Catholic Committee on Scouting, Diocese of Springfield, 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 at Camp Holy Cross, 108 Camp Street, Goshen. 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 is $40 per person. Registration ends 9/20. Questions? Contact Pam Kosnicki at 413-283-3242 or pamdkos@verizon.net.

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 or call 248-596-9677. Parishioners, Valenda Liptak, Michele Suhocki, Yvette Duncan, Cheryl Wilcox and Lynne Corriveau, from St. Mary's will attend. We hope you can join us! We will be carpooling up to the retreat! Contact Pastoral Minister Michele Suhocki,at msuhocki@stmsaints.org, or call 413-562-5477, ext. 144.

St. Mary's Women's Day Retreat

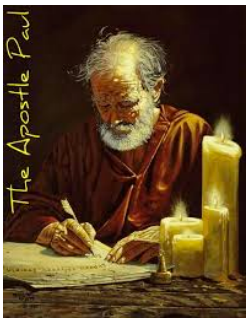
Come to the Table - YOU ARE CALLED DAUGHTER
Saturday October 12: Genesis Spiritual Life Center, Westfield, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register online at: www.genesisspiritualcenter.org. Click on "Retreats and Programs," click on "Registration." Cost is $35.00, includes continental breakfast and lunch. Contact Pastoral Minister Michele Suhocki for questions: msuhocki@stmsaints.org, 413-562-5477 ext. 144. All are welcome!

St. Mary's Family Fall Festival

COME JOIN THE FUN!

THIS SUNDAY
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



First Corinthians: The Church & the Christian Community

The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In this eleven-part Bible study, learn how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift, the Eucharist. *First Corinthians* begins on **Wednesday, September 18, from 9:30 to 11 a.m**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The study is free, the cost for the book is $27.00. For more information or to register contact Joanne Bagge at 562-5484, or jbagge@stmsaints.org.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother at St. Mary's Parish Center in Westfield beginning **Wednesday, September 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**, and continuing for eight weeks. The study is free, the cost for the book is $25.00. For more information or to register for the study, please contact Joanne Bagge at 562-5484, or jbagge@stmsaints.org.

Come to the Table of Plenty Feed Your Soul at Noontime

Are you in the **downtown Springfield area at noontime**?

Take advantage of the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel for Mass, 254 Bridge Street, Springfield

Masses are celebrated Tuesdays through Fridays, 12:05 p.m.

If you are looking for a little **peace** in the midst of a busy day, try spending time with God and receive the Eucharist. You can feed your **soul** as well as your stomach on your lunch hour! Hope you can join us!

CCD CORNER

"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 any time to visit and meet the other children and families! You can watch the Mass on the "big screen" if you stay with your children.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS and MONITORS NEEDED! We are in the process of putting together our Religious Education program for the year. We have found that we are in need of more CCD teachers and monitors for all of our classes. Please consider sharing your faith with our students. We are always here in the Office of Religious Education to help and support you. Please call us with any questions, or to volunteer. We look forward to hearing from you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORMS for the school year (2019-20) are in the back of the church, rectory and there is an envelope in the front of the Parish Center. **Thank you to all who have registered for CCD! If you haven't sent in your paperwork, please register now so your children may begin CCD Class!**

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY AND PIUS X: This **September 15,** at the 10 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate *Catechetical Sunday*. At that time, we will pray for all of our teachers for the upcoming year. We will also be honoring our **Pius X winner, Mrs. Lynne Mee**, who has taught in our CCD program for the last 10 + years. Lynne is a great example to all of us of sharing her faith with the 7th grade students, and always helping where she is needed. Please join us at the 10 a.m. Mass this weekend and help us celebrate and welcome all of our teachers to this new year.

FORMAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin **Monday, September 16, 4:15-5:15 pm** in the High School building for Grades 2-8.
If you attend Sunday evening, the first night will be **September 22**. It begins with the 5:00 Mass, followed by Pizza and classes are 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. in the High School building for Grades 5 – 11.
First Grade will begin **Sunday, October 6,** with the 10 o'clock Mass followed by Class in the Elementary School building.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED: On Sunday, October 6, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., all of our 11th grade Confirmation candidates will attend a retreat run by Net Ministries. We have had them at our parish for several years and have been very pleased. Net is a group of young people ages 18-22 who spend a year of their lives spreading the Word of God to other young people around the country. We are looking for a few families who could host two or three of these team members on Sunday and Monday night. They would need a place to sleep and breakfast in the morning. If you can help with this or for more information, please contact Joanne at 562-5484 or email - jbagge@stmsaints.org

Thoughts on Parenting, Family

"Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of peace of the world."

— Mother Theresa

"You must read to your children and you must hug your children and you must love your children. Your success as a family, our success as a society, depends not on what happens in the White House, but on what happens inside your house."

— Barbara Bush