# Saint Mary Parish

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## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Sunday Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm Weekday Mass: 7:00am (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.) 7:00am (On Civic Holidays) Holyday Masses as announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 4:00pm and at other times by appointment

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The baptism of infants and children is celebrated monthly. A gathering of parents preparing for the baptism of their child is held periodically in the parish center. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should contact the Pastor one year prior to the wedding. A Program of preparation is required of all couples planning to marry in the church.

#### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

If you wish to receive the Sacraments (Reconciliation, Anointing, Communion) at home or in the hospital, please contact a member of the pastoral staff.

## R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adults who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Community are invited to contact the Parish Office.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-4:00pm Sundays 8:30am-12:30pm Closed Fridays & civic holidays Telephone: 508-278-2226

#### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-5:30pm Closed Fridays & civic holidays Telephone: 508-278-3777

#### OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY SCHOOL Mrs, Marilyn Willand, Principal

Telephone: 508-278-5851 mwiland@worcesterdiocesek12.org

## SAINT MARY CEMETERY Steve Marsh, Caretaker

Telephone: 508-278-6592



## Welcome!

If you are a visitor to our parish, we welcome you to our celebration of the Liturgy. Your presence blesses our gathering in prayer! We are also happy to welcome new people to our parish family. If you live in the area and would like to become a part of our parish community, please contact Susan Leighton in the Parish Office at 508-278-2226.

# ST. MARY PARISH, UXBRIDGE



#### Sat., Dec. 30 Candle Intention Robert H. Norton

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	5:00PM	Louise Gadbois by Lorraine Lussier			
Sun.,	Dec. 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph			
	7:30AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish			
	9:00AM	Susan Esposito Larson by Genna McMurray			
	11:00AM	Lucille Carolo by David & Liz Archembault			
Mon.,	Jan. 01	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God			
	9:00AM				
Tues.,	Tues., Jan. 02				
	7:00AM				
Wed.,	Jan. 03				
	7:00AM				
Thurs.	.,Jan. 04				
	7:00AM	Paulyne Lynch by Diane King			
Sat.,	Jan. 06				
Candle Intention Donna Hudon					
	5:00PM				
Sun.,	Jan. 07	The Epiphany of the Lord			
	7:30AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish			
	9:00AM	Connie Beland by John & Carol Dugan			
	11:00AM	Darren Michael Hamilton by Chad Bouvier			

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick of our parish and others especially Sheila Jeziorski, Laura Wayland, Tim Crowley, Michelle Mashak, Cynthia Gluck, Joe Deslouriers, Frances Gaffney, Jack Stafford, Dr. Ken Burgwinn, Lisa Martini, Lena Bonaventura, Frances Gniadek, Joan Mulligan, Sr. Yvette Beford, James Clark, Stephen Fearebay, Steven Forman, Grace McInnis, Maureen Bernard, Todd Smith, Alex Larsen, Carl Speight, Deborah Carmichael, Madeleine Jolin, Gary and Donald Havumaki, Elizabeth Minicozzi, Greg Anacki, Frances Bachant, Vanessa Dexter, Donna Hardy, Bob Gray, Philip Harcourt, Kairo Santiago, Linda Poulin, Chloe Holden, Bill Cote, George Shaheen, Peter DiBattista, Alan Titus, Elizabeth Brennan, Lily Agostino, Rosemary Marshall, Jacquelyn Kleya, Kevin Larson, Sandra Robbins, Edward Cahill, Danielle Anacki, Robbie East., Ellis Guthrie, Andi Zagami, Ronald Valliere, Seth Updergraff, Mat-thew Jackson, Elizabeth Cybulski, Elaine Ethier, Debbie Stafford, Ann Markwith, Morgan Creighton, Sr., Theresa Aldrich, Lisa Firth, Bruce Palmer, Larry Grenier, Randy Loomis, Donna Marie Dodge, Joan Smith, Paulette Girard, Theresa Benjamin, Elise Strickland, Elizabeth Kennedy.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for those who have died, and for all the victims of war and terrorism.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

In the charity of your prayers please pray for all those serving in the armed services, especially, Sgt. Michael St. Jean, Ashley Wallis, Sgt. Brian Suchanek, Ryan Carnell, Capt. Eric Calvey, Lt. Evan Depetrillo, Ens. Samuel P. Rose, and Capt. Michael Dion, Lt Col. Sean Cahill, Airman Felice Covino IV, Cpl. Timothy Strom, John Flood.

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you wish to have a personal intention or special needs remembered in prayer, please contact Donna Featherstone at 508-278-3777 or at <u>dfeatherstone@stmaryuxbridge.org</u>.



#### EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE Saint Mary Rectory Sunday, January 7, 2018 Noon – 2:00 pm

Please join with us on Sunday, January 7 anytime between noon and 2:00 pm to celebrate this joyous season as a parish family. The open house is a great opportunity for us to share some time together with our fellow parishioners as we continue in the celebration of our Savior's coming into the world. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

#### CALENDAR

9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word—Hall	
New Year's Holiday—Office Closed	
7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.—Hall	
3:00-6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration/Chaplet-Church	
7:00-8:15pm Bible Study—Conf. Room	
6:30pm Baptism Gathering—Hall/Church	
9:00am-12:00pm First Reconciliation Session 3—	
Church/Hall	
1:00pm Altar Server Training—Church	
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word—Hall	
12:00-2:00pm Epiphany Open House—Rectory	



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we begin a new year, the liturgy directs our attention to Mary whom we greet as "full of grace." New Year's Day is called the *Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God* in the Church's calendar. This is no coincidence.

With Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as our model, we are called to look to the coming year as a time that is "full of grace." We can certainly choose to look at the next 365 days simply as a series of deadlines, projects, and goals to accomplish. We can look at our calendar as "stuff to get through." We can also view it as something more. We can choose to embrace 2018 as an opportunity to grow in grace. We can begin the New Year trusting as Mary did that life and the journey ahead will be filled with "grace-filled" moments and opportunities.

The New Year will certainly present opportunities to grow in our understanding of ourselves and of others. Surely, 2018 will challenge each of us to mature in our faith and to serve our neighbors in need. The next twelve months will be graced moments beckoning each of us to be more aware of God's presence in our lives.

The woman we greet as "full of grace" points to a path ahead brimming with new life and opportunities. She who is "grace filled" invites us to walk with her, following Christ, as fellow pilgrims through time.



#### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (LUKE 2:19) Mary is the perfect role model for living a Stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

#### SERVICE

"Part of the Light of the World small group experience is service projects. In the past they have collected items for unwed mothers and a homeless shelter, cleaned parish hall chairs, served at the Mustard Seed, sent cards to homebound parishioners, collected items for Camp Sunshine, and the list goes on...

#### FINANCIAL GENEROSITY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

Because of early bulletin submission deadlines, financial reporting for the weekend of Sunday, December 25th will appear in the January 7th Bulletin.



#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

For 7th & 8th Grades coming to Family Faith Formation, there is a Junior High program put out by Ascension Press called: "ALTARATION"—THE MYSTERY OF

THE MASS REVEALED, by Mark Hart. Jr. High Students are asked to learn for the January session the Family Vocation Prayer being sent home in December.

**The younger grades are asked to learn this phrase:** *"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."* 

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 12:15-3:15PM	MONDAY 5:30-8:30PM	
January 21, 2018	January 22, 2018	
February 11, 2018	February 12, 2018	
March 11, 2018	March 12, 2018	

## ST. MARY FIRST RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE FIRST RECONCILIATION SESSIONS

All classes will be held in the Parish Hall @ St. Mary Children need to be accompanied by a parent. If you need to make special arrangements, please call Mrs. Gion.

Sat.	01/06/2018	9:00 AM—12:00 PM	Third Class
Fri.	01/12/2018	6:30 PM—7:30 PM	Rehearsal & Ice Cream Social
Sat.	01/13/2018	10:00 AM	FIRST RECONCILIATION

## ST. MARY FIRST EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

#### PARENT MEETING – (Please attend one parent meeting if you have never attended)

**Option 1** – Wednesday, February 7, 2018 7:00 PM **Option 2** – Saturday, February 10, 20181:30 PM

If you need babysitting, please contact us at 508-278-3777 by January 29, 2018

#### All classes will be held at the Parish Hall @ St. Mary Parish

Children need to be accompanied by a parent. If you need to make special arrangements, please call Mrs. Gion.

Sat. 3/24	9:00 AM – Noon	First Class	
Sat. 4/7	9:00 AM – Noon	Second Class	
Sat. 4/28	GROUP 1 9 AM-12:30 PM OR GROUP 2 1 PM- 4:30 PM	LOAVES & FISHES RETREAT	Group 1 for the children who signed up f <u>or</u> <u>the 5 PM Mass</u> Group 2 for the children who signed up for the 11 AM Mass.
Thur. 5/3	6 PM – 8 PM	First Eucharist Pot Luck Dinner followed by Rehearsal	For the 5 PM MASS CHILDREN
Fri. 5/4	6 PM – 8 PM	First Eucharist Pot Luck Dinner followed by Rehearsal	For the 11 AM MASS CHILDREN
Sat. 5/5	5 PM MASS	Celebration of First Eucharist	Group 1
Sun. 5/6	11 AM MASS	Celebration of First Eucharist	Group 2



Welcome to <u>CHOSEN: YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD</u> <u>CONFIRMATION.</u> This program is for all high school students entering grade 9 and older and wish to be confirmed. Teens who have been confirmed and would like to deepen their faith are also welcome.

Below are the schedule dates for the gatherings. All gathering times, except for the Kick-off and Retreat ate **5:00-6:30pm**.

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January 7	March 18	April 25
January 28	March 25	New Spirit
February 4	April 8	Retreat
February 25	April 22	

## PRAYER FOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MOST HOLY TRINITY

We adore You and praise You, for Your plan is ever perfect and Your promises are ever faithful.

We dedicate the Family Faith Formation Program to Your honor and glory. We seek to be Your obedient servants. Teach us to yield to Your will and guide us in the truths of the Catholic Faith. Refresh us and keep us steadfast in your mission to help Your families know You and live the Catholic Faith.

United as Core Group, we lift these intentions and place them into Your loving hands. We implore Your mercy, help, and grace. We trust You completely and surrender all our requests to Your divine will and merciful care. Help us trust Your perfect timing. Send Your Spirit to touch each of these lives, trials, and circumstances.

We ask for an outpouring of Your Holy Spirit on our world and a new awakening to Your love and mercy. Strengthen our families as a witness to Your love. With gratitude and confidence, through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen

Please pray for the volunteers, catechists, families, and children involved in Family Formation. Please also include in your prayers Fr. Nick, Fr. Dennis, Deacon John, and the staff. "Prayers are stronger than any trouble here on earth could ever be



Join with St. Bernadette Parish, Northborough, MA, for the **March for Life** in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19, 2018!

for Life • The bus fee is \$90 per seat. You will meet at St. Bernadette Parish at 6:45pm and attend the 7:00pm Mass. Please eat dinner before arrival.

# • <u>Please make checks out to St. Bernadette Parish. Registration deadline is January 5, 2018</u>

• All teens 18 and over, and adults need a CORI check and attended safe environment training—permission slips for St. Bernadette and the diocese are needed

• Bus will leave at 8:00pm and travel to Washington DC. The bus usually makes a couple of stops at rest areas. Participants will be dropped off at the Verizon Center, or D.C. Armory

• Plan on bringing food with you as well as your rosary.

• Following the March, board the buses for the return trip promptly

• Arrival back at St. Bernadette by 1:00am Sat., January 20. Call Annette Gion at 508-278-3777 for more information.

#### ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT THANK YOU!

We wish to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who participated in our Pageant on December 17<sup>th</sup>! It was such a wonderful way to remember the true reason we celebrate Christmas, "The Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ".

A special thank you to Dan Zabinski, Music Director, & our great Choir members, and to our Narrator, Hank Kosiba.

# PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS December 31, 2017

## FAMILY LIFE HAPPENINGS.....

The Family Life Ministry serves to promote all aspects of family life at St. Mary's Parish by developing and maintaining relationships



with parishioners and connecting parishioners for a more vibrant community of faith. Our church is a family connected by a love for Christ who is our Savior and Redeemer. Current Family Life initiatives include: providing resources to our single Catholic community, coordination of the marriage prep program and being a resource for marriage enrichment, creation of a playgroup and babysitting co-op for young families, compiling a sitter directory to connect teens and young families, provide outreach to divorced members of the parish and guidance through the "new" process of annulment and creating a grief support network. Parishioners are encouraged to utilize their God-given spiritual gifts and identify opportunities to best use those gifts to support the Family Life Ministry. Patti Kane is the new Director of Family Life and has a Master's degree in Counseling and is currently enrolled in the Catechetical Certificate program at The Theological Institute for the New Evangelization.

## ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Uxbridge couple seeking home health care aid for a quadriplegic female. CNA with three year's experience familiar with operating a Hoyer lift. Duties include bathing, clothing, feeding, diabetic blood testing and insulin administration—approximately 3 hours of service from 8:30am—hours can be flexible. Weekdays and/or weekends or back-up—can be negotiated. Thank you. Contact: jjolinsmic@optonline.net

## WEEKDAY MASS IN THE EVENT OF WINTER STORMS

When a winter storm occurs and school is cancelled, it is important that non-essential travel be avoided for the sake of safety and to assure the timely removal of snow from streets and parking areas. As a parish, it is important that we cooperate in these efforts. Therefore, our winter storm policy for weekday Mass is as follows:

WHENEVER SCHOOL IS CANCELLED DUE TO A WINTER STORM, THE WEEKDAY (7AM) MASS IS CANCELLED AS WELL.

## MASS FOR THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE

On Saturday, January 6th, 2018 at 10:00am, a bilingual (French & English) Mass will be celebrated in observance of the Memorial of Saint Brother Andre Bessette (1845-1937). "Le frère Andre" or Brother Andre" is known as the founder of Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. He was above all else, a friend of the sick and the poor. Inspired by Saint Joseph, his chosen patron, he worked tirelessly to bring healing and comfort to the afflicted. He was canonized in 2010.

The Mass will be celebrated at **Saint Joseph's Church**, 35 Hamilton Street, Worcester, MA. Veneration of the relic of Brother Andre will conclude the liturgy. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult confirmation will be celebrated on February 12, 2017 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester, MA at 3:00 PM.

This ceremony is for baptized, catechized Roman Catholic adults - 18 years old and older. Catechized is a person who knows enough to practice faithfully and contribute to the mission of the Church.

If you are interested or any questions about adult confirmation, please call Annette Gion 508-278-3777

## or email agion@stmaryuxbridge.org

## THANKS A MILLION!

My sincerest thanks to all those who gave of their time and talent to make the celebration of Christmas at Saint Mary Church such a joyous one. Thank you to all of the liturgical ministers, ushers, greeters, musicians, cantors, choir members, and decorators who contributed to the beauty of the liturgy. Thank you also to all of the parishioners who were warm and welcoming to the many guests who were here to worship with us on Christmas. You are a shining example of what a Christian community should be!

Light of the World YOU'RE INVITED

# Light + World.

## TO THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD KERYGMATIC RETREAT

Ever wonder what's the purpose of your life? What gives your life meaning? Can we really know God's plan for our lives? If you've asked yourself these questions and others like it, you are not alone. During the *Light of the World* Retreat, we seek answers to these questions as we experience Jesus as Lord of our lives.

Since October, 2014, we have had over 150 parishioners from St. Mary's participate in one of our LOTW retreats and over 10 small faith sharing groups continue to go strong. The goal of the retreat is to provide every retreatant with the opportunity to have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### NEXT RETREAT: MARCH 2-5, 2018 Call the parish office for more information, or find us on our website, www.stmaryuxbridge.org



## BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DRIVE

On Sunday January 7th Boy Scout Troop 25 of

St Mary's will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Recycling drive. All proceeds are donated to the People First Food Pantry in Uxbridge. After the holidays is when they really need help.

The fee is \$10.00 per tree. Check or cash can be attached to the tree. To sign up to have your Tree picked up email: <u>UxbridgeTroop25TreeRecycle@gmail.com</u> or Call 508-714-6307 and leave a message with your name and address.

## THANK YOU

The Boy Scout Troop would like to extend their gratitude to the Parishioners and Community at large for all their support this past year, especially with the Christmas Tree sales in December. Your patronage allows the scouting program to continue to grow, develop our youth, and to give back to the Community.





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