# Saint Mary Parish

77 MENDON STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA 01569 Telephone: 508-278-2226 • Parish Fax: 508-278-7949 www.stmaryuxbridge.org

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Nicholas Desimone, Pastor fathernick@stmaryuxbridge.org Rev. Dennis O'Brien, In Residence fatherdennis@stmaryuxbridge.org Deacon John F. Dugan, Deacon deaconjohn@stmaryuxbridge.org Mrs. Susan Leighton, Administrative Assistant sleighton@stmaryuxbridge.org Mrs. Annette Gion, Director of Faith Formation agion@stmaryuxbridge.org Mrs. Donna Featherstone, Faith Formation Secretary dfeatherstone@stmaryuxbridge.org Mrs. Patti Kane, Director of Family Life Ministry pkane@stmaryuxbridge.org Mr. Daniel Zabinski, Director of Music dezbnsk@verizon.net Mrs. Carol Dugan, Baptism Coordinator cdugan247@charter.net Mr. Dwain Robbins, RCIA Coordinator Mrs. Liz Wondolowski, Safe Environment Coordinator Mr. Peter McHugh, Parish Council Chairperson peter.two@charter.net

## 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



## **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.

#### 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 PAR	<u>ish, Uxbr</u>	IDGE
	#BMASS		
	INTENTIONS	Sun., Jan. 07	9:00ar
Sat., Jan. 06			om—2:00
Candle Intention	Donna Hudon	•	5:00-6
	Special Intention by a Parishioner	Mon., Jan. 08	6:30pr
Sun., Jan. 07	The Epiphany of the Lord	Tues, Jan. 09	7:00pr
7:30AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish	Wed., Jan. 10	10:00a
9:00AM	Connie Beland by John & Carol Dugan		3:00-6
11:00AM	Darren Michael Hamilton by Chad Bouvier	Thurs.Jan. 11	7:00-8
	The Baptism of the Lord	Fri., Jan. 12	6:30-7
7:00AM	Donna Hudon by the Family		
Tues., Jan. 09		Sat., Jan. 13	10:00a
7:00AM			1:00pr
Wed., Jan. 10		Sun., Jan. 14	9:00ar
7:00AM	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Helpers of The Holy Souls		1:00-3
Thurs.,Jan. 11	-		
7:00AM		Crotofully	
Sat., Jan. 13		Gratefully, we	
Candle Intention	Paulyne Lynch	and share the	
5:00PM	Edward C. Cahill by the LOTW Family	with increase	to the Lo
Sun., Jan. 14			
7:30AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish		Mary kep
9:00AM	Matthew Wallace by Carolyn DiSilvestri	heart." (LUKE	
11:00AM	Robert & Constance Beland by Michelle Beland	ardship lifestyle to be the Holy	

#### 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, Joan Smith, Paulette Girard, Theresa Benjamin, Randy Loomis, Elise Strickland, Elizabeth Kennedy, Sandra Goff, Donna Courtney.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for those who have died, Edward C. Cahill, 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 dfeatherstone@stmaryuxbridge.org.



Sun., Jan. 07	9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word—Hall		
12:00p	12:00pm—2:00pm Epiphany Open House—Rectory		
	5:00-6:30pm Chosen HS Program—Hall		
Mon., Jan. 08	6:30pm Adult Faith Formation—Hall		
Tues, Jan. 09	7:00pm SVdP Team Meeting—Hall		
Wed., Jan. 10	10:00am Neighbor to Neighbor Mtg.—Conf. Rm.		
	3:00-6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration/Chaplet-Church		
Thurs.Jan. 11	7:00-8:15pm Bible Study—Conf. Room		
Fri., Jan. 12	6:30-7:30pm First Reconciliation Ice Cream Social-		
	Church & Hall		
Sat., Jan. 13	10:00am First Reconciliation—Church		
	1:00pm Altar Server Training—Church		
Sun., Jan. 14	9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word—Hall		
	1:00-3:00 LOTW Reunion Gathering—Hall		

## STEWARDSHIP

Gratefully, we receive God's gifts. Responsibly we cultivate and share them in love and justice with other; and return them with increase to the Lord--USCCB

PRAYER

"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.

## WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 24, 2017

Ordinary	\$9,228.50
Fuel and Energy	\$93.00
Renovations	\$180.00
Christmas Collection	\$8,725.00
Christmas Flowers	\$14.00
Private Donation	\$5,000.00
Total	\$23,240.50

## WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Ordinary	\$6,441.50
Fuel and Energy	\$80.00
Renovations	\$20.00
Christmas Collection	\$600.00
First Offering	\$87.00
Private Donation	\$4,000.00
Total	\$11,228.50
Thank you for your	generosity

Thank you for your generosity.



EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE Today 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!

## BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DRIVE

This Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Troop 25 will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Recycling drive. All proceeds are donated to the People First Food Pantry in Uxbridge. 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:

UxbridgeTroop25TreeRecycle@gmail.com\_or Call 508-714-6307 and leave a message with your name and address.

# FAITH ENRICHMENT

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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.

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 )

 Option 1 – Wednesday, February 7, 2018
 7:00 PM

 Option 2 – Saturday, February 10, 2018
 1:30 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	
	GROUP 1		Group 1 For the
	9 AM-12:30		5 PM MASS
Sat.	PM	LOAVES &	CHILDREN
4/28	OR	FISHES RETREAT	Group 2 For the
	GROUP 2		11 AM MASS
	1 PM- 4:30 PM		CHILDREN
Thur		First Eucharist Pot	For the
5/0	6 PM – 8 PM	Luck Dinner fol-	5 PM MASS
5/3		lowed by Rehearsal	CHILDREN
Fri.		First Eucharist Pot	For the
<b>F</b> /A	6 PM – 8 PM	Luck Dinner fol-	11 AM MASS
5/4		lowed by Rehearsal	CHILDREN
Sat.	5 PM	Celebration of First	Group 1
5/5	MASS	Eucharist	
Sun.	11 AM MASS	Celebration of First	Group 2
5/6		Eucharist	



Welcome to **CHOSEN: YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD CONFIRMATION.** 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**.

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



MONDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION IN JANUARY THE SEVEN PILLARS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

## Matthew Kelly

We all need our spirituality reenergized from time to time. Matthew Kelly has been inspiring Catholics to explore the genius of Catholicism for over twenty years. If you are not quite sure where Catholicism fits into your life, have questions about the faith, or just need your spiritual life reinvigorated... this video series is for you.

> January 8<sup>th</sup>: January 15<sup>th</sup>: January 29<sup>th</sup>:

Confession & Contemplation The Mass Scripture, Fasting, Spiritual Reading, & The Rosary

Parish Center Hall 6:30 – 8:00pm All welcome, bring a friend!

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING BROWN BAG SUNDAY

Once again, the youth of St. Mary's parish will be par-

ticipating in a food collection for our local "People First Food Pantry" in Uxbridge. They will be passing out brown grocery bags at all Masses on the weekend of *January 27 & 28, 2018*. Bags will be returned on the weekend of <u>February 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup></u>. Grocery donations and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Students, families, and adults are welcome to participate

Help is needed at all Masses on the weekend of January 27/28 and February 3/4. We are looking for teens and adults to help us sort and weigh the canned goods in the parish hall following the 11AM Mass on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Then we need help transporting these items to the food pantry.

Please email Donna if you are able to help at <u>dfeatherstone@stmaryuxbridge.org</u>.

# **PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

# January 7, 2018

## 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 parish-



ioners 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 coop 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 negotiable. Email: jjolinsmic@optonline.net



## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 10, 2018, Valentine's Date Night. St. Mary Parish cordially invites all married (& engaged) couples to join us in celebrating the gift and joy of Christian Marriage us in the Parish Center for a fun-

filled evening of faith and fellowship. More details will be coming in future bulletins and on the website. Stay tuned.

## **UPCOMING TRIP**

Msgr. Doran, in collaboration with Collette Vacations, is sponsoring a trip to Sicily and Southern Italy from September 10-



21, 2018. Highlights include: Palermo, Agrigento, Mr. Etna Park, Sorrento, and Amalgi Coast and many UNESCO sites. Cost is \$4,349 (per person, double occupancy) or \$4,849 for singles. Cost includes airfare, all hotels and most meals. A presentation will be made at the St. Leo Parish Center, 20 Main St., Leominster, on Thursday, January 18, 2018., at 7:00pm. All are invited. For more information or a brochure, please contact Msgr. Doran at 978-808-5786.

#### 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 Catho-

lic 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

Please join us next Sunday, January 14, from 1-3:30pm in the Parish Center as we gather to celebrate a LOTW Family reunion and prepare to enter into the Lenten season by opening our hearts and minds to the message of humility and hope. Come listen to our guest speaker, John Zawacki, whom you may remember from his *participation* in the PRAE Evangelization Summit held here last fall. Light snacks and beverages will be available. All LOTW Alumni are invited to attend.

	6	
	倒	N
	The	
11	abt www.world.	
NU	ght the World. Emergences in trues	

# Light of the World

## YOU'RE INVITED 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



EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

The family is called the domestic church, and as such, each family serves as a place where faith is nurtured and love sustained. It is under fre-

quent attach, and we must do all we can to support each and every family. The greatest support we can provide is our sacrifice and prayers, A home blessing is a great way to protect and guard our families. Simply welcome any families interested in having their homes blessed to reach out to you or the Parish office Such blessings traditionally take place around the feast of the Epiphany. Many faithful bless their homes by marking, "**20+C+M+B+18**"—indicating the year of the blessing and the phrase: Christus mansionem benedicat (may Christ bless our home)—above their doorway.

We highly encourage all our chaplains to promote this beautiful tradition in their parishes and councils. Home blessing prayer: Lord God almighty, bless this home, and under its shelter let there be health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to your commandments and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May your blessing remain always in this home and on those who live here; through Christ our Lord. Amen

## **PILGRIMAGE TRIP TO FATIMA & ROME**



Father Donato is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima and Rome from September 21-30, 2018 with Deacon Steve Kohut of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Worcester and past president

of Serra Club of Southern Worcester County. This coincides with the annual diaconate ordination in Rome, at which a Worcester seminarian, Alfredo Porras, is on track to be ordained at. If you are interested in joining or seeing the itinerary, go to the website <u>http://www.johnpaultours.com/sjcc</u>



03-0385



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com