Saint Mary Parish

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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

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 PARISH, UXBRIDGE



Sat.,	Jan. 20	
Candle	e Intention	Barbara Glidden
	5:00PM	Stasia & Joseph Klocek, Jr. by the Family
Sun.,	Jan. 21	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Edward Rice (29th Anniv) by Una Rice
	9:00AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish
		Barbara Glidden by the Family
Mon.,	Jan. 22	
	7:00AM	Special Intention by John Saich
Tues.,	Jan. 23	
	7:00AM	No Mass
Wed.,	Jan. 24 St	t. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of Church
	7:00AM	No Mass
Thurs.	.,Jan. 25	The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
	7:00AM	No Mass
Sat.,	Jan. 27	
Candle	e Intention	Thomas McMurray
	5:00PM	Leo Ethier by the Family
Sun.,	Jan. 28	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	7:30AM	For the People of St. Mary Parish
	9:00AM	Matthew Wallace by Carolyn DiSilvestri
	11:00AM	Florence Rogan by the Parish Staff

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, Joan Smith, Paulette Girard, Theresa Benjamin, Elise Strickland, Elizabeth Kennedy, Sandra Goff, Donna Courtney, Jonathan Sanchez.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for those who have died, Mary Gosselin, 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>.



Sun., Jan. 21	9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word—Hall
	10:00am Boy Scout Coffee/Donuts—Hallway
	12:15-3:00pm Whole Parish Faith Formation—Hall
Mon., Jan. 22	5:30-8:00pm Whole Parish Faith Formation—Hall
Tues, Jan. 23	6:30pm SVdP Ministry Meeting—Hall
Wed., Jan. 24	3:00-6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration/Chaplet-Church
	7:00pm RCIA Ministry Meeting—Conf. Room
Thurs.Jan. 25	6:30pm OLV New Family Mtg.—Hall
	7:00-8:15pm Bible Study—Conf. Room
Sat., Jan. 27	Souper Bowl Bag Distribution After all Masses
Sun., Jan. 28	9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word—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

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 14, 2018

Ordinary	\$5,734.50
Fuel and Energy	\$45.00
Renovations	\$416.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$20.00
Catholic University of America	\$50.00
Candles & Altar Supplies	\$610.00
First Offering	\$126.00
Total	\$7,001.50

Thank you for your generosity.



Our Lady of the Valley Regional School

OLV has an Open House scheduled for Thursday, February 1 at 6:00pm. Visit the school and learn about:

- STEM programs in grades Pre-school and 5 through 8.
- the Technology program at the school.
- our Before and After School Care programs.

• the World Language (Spanish) offered from Kindergarten through grade 8.

• our extra-curricular activities: Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Cross-country, Basketball and our primary grade clubs.

Contact the school at 508-278-5851 if you would like a private tour and visit with the principal .

Mother of Mercy Catholic Center

Book Sale

After all Masses this Weekend. Come peruse a large selection of great Catholic books for sale—something for all ages. The books will be displayed in the Hall at the handicap entrance. Please stop by.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

CAMP SUNSHINE 2018

If you would like to volunteer for Camp Sunshine, please contact Mrs. Gion at 508-278-3777 or agion@stmaryuxbridge.org ASAP. We currently have spaces available for the weeks of: July 8 to July 13 and July 29 to August 3, 2018. There are openings for 10 youth (16 years and older) and for 2 adults per week. All volunteers must have completed a CORI check and have attended a Safe Environment Training. Volunteers will need to submit their immunization records.

Camp Sunshine is for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The families attend the camp for one week at no cost to them. Once a year, we do a fundraiser to support a family which is \$2500.00.

ST. MARY FIRST EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

PARENT MEETING – (Please attend one parent meeting)

Option 1 – Wednesday, February 7, 2018	7:00 PM
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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 11 AM MASS
	GROUP 2		
	1 PM- 4:30 PM		CHILDREN
Thur		First Eucharist Pot	For the
5/2	6 PM – 8 PM	Luck Dinner fol-	5 PM MASS
5/3		lowed by Rehearsal	CHILDREN
Fri.		First Eucharist Pot	For the
- 14	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 28, 2018 February 25, 2018 March 18, 2018 March 25, 2018

April 8, 2018 April 22, 2018 April 9, 2018 Retreat (2nd year) April 25, 2018 Retreat (1st year)



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 29th:

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 participating 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 February 3rd and 4th. 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 4th. Then we need help transporting these items to the food pantry. Please email Donna if you are able to help at dfeatherstone@stmaryuxbridge.org.

LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

Both Fr. Nick & Fr. Dennis will be away from the parish from Monday, January 22, 2018 through Monday, February 5, 2018, During that time weekday Masses will not be offered at Saint Mary Church. Weekday Mass will be offered on Monday and Thursday at Saint Augustine Church in Millville at 9:00am. Weekday Mass will be offered on Tuesday and Friday at Good Shepherd Church at 8:45 am. We apologize for the inconvenience.

January 21, 2018 PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY LIFE

HAPPENINGS.....





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 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.

PLAYGROUP

Looking for Stay-at-Home Mom's and Dad's who are interested in getting out and gathering with other families for Playaroup. Call or email Patti for more information. 508-736-5083 pkane@stmaryuxbridge.org

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO PARISHIONERS

Statements of financial contributions to Saint Mary Parish for 2017 will be mailed to parishioners by the end of the month. The statements reflect contributions made to the Parish through the weekly offertory envelopes, the direct deposit method, or by checks. These annual statements are important because ::

- 1. The financial stewardship of our parishioners ought to be acknowledged. Our finances are sustained through the generous stewardship of our parishioners only. Contrary to what some believe, St. Mary's receives no subsidies or grants from the Diocese or outside agencies. All our expenses, from utilities to religious education for children, to health insurance for our employees, are met through the generosity of our parishioners. We are grateful to all who call Saint Mary's their parish, and do their part to sustain it.
- 2. It is important that our accounting be accurate and correct. Everyone who contributes to the parish ought to be able to rest assured that their contribution is accurately accounted for in a timely manner. If there is a discrepancy between what you believe you have contributed in a verifiable way (envelopes, direct-deposit), and what we have recorded, we want to know about it and rectify the discrepancy.
- 3. The IRS and tax deductions for charitable contributions. Regulations regarding deductions for church and charitable contributions have changed over the past few years. Revised IRS regulations mandate organizations to indicate contributions on their own letterhead. Cancelled checks are no longer acceptable proof of contribution, according to new guidelines. The financial statement mailed to you complies with IRS guidelines.

We realize that some parishioners prefer to simply place an anonymous cash gift in the offertory basket. We certainly respect their decision to do so and deeply appreciate their goodness to the parish. However, such gifts obviously cannot acknowledged nor can statements be provided for tax purposes. For the sake of accuracy, transparency, and accountability, I would encourage everyone to consider using either the envelope or direct-deposit methods.

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

UPCOMING TRIP TO SICILY / ITALY

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 Amalfi 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.



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 http://www.johnpaultours.com/sjcc



BOY SCOUT TROOP 25

Boy Scout Troop 25 will be offering Coffee/Donuts after the 9:00am Mass this Sunday, January 21. Come support the Troop and enjoy a snack while you gather

- in fellowship in the hallway near the Parish Center.
- A Scout is Reverent: Scout Sunday Observance. On Sunday, 2/4/17, members of the Troop will march in together and attend the 9:00am Mass.
- Pasta & Meatballs Dinner-Save the date: Saturday, April 7th, the Troop will host a fundraiser dinner in the Parish Center. Reservations can be called or emailed in ahead of time-Call #508-714-6307 or email tharpin7367@yahoo.com. (Pay at the door.) Members of the troop will also be selling tickets before and after Masses on the two weeks prior to the dinner.





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