

Baptized last weekend,
we welcome the newest member of our
St. Mary's Parish Family!

Lena Ryan Frederick

Baptized on Sunday, July 30th, 2023

May you always have the peace and love
of God in your heart.



St. Mary's Parish Family

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Coffee
Shoppe/GR

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE
 If you are alienated or upset,
 we welcome you lovingly.
 If you are in need of forgiveness,
 Jesus forgives you completely
 with unconditional love.
 If you have been hurt by the Church,
 we are truly sorry.
 If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.
 If life has become burdensome,
 we are here to support you.
 We are happy you are here...
 and want you to stay.
 We would like to share our lives with you.

Mass Schedule and Intentions



Saturday, August 5

4:30 PM Scanlon Rocha Family (*The Family*)

Sunday, August 6

8:00 AM Lorena Smith (*A Friend*)

10:00 AM Benjamin Witmore (*His Family*)
In Thanksgiving for his health

Monday, August 7

12:00 PM Susan Cobb (*Donna and Rick Cobb*)

Tuesday, August 8

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 9

8:00 AM Rich Buffoni (*The Grimes Family*)
13th Anniversary

Thursday, August 10

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

4:30 PM Harold & Phyllis Greiff (*Yonts*)

Sunday, August 13

8:00 AM William Trepanier (*His wife Marta*)
6 Year Anniversary

10:00 AM Constance Marr (*The Marr Family*)

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, August 5

3:30 PM Confessions

Sunday, August 6

8:00 AM Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Monday, August 7

6:15 PM Volleyball at Our Lady of the Lake
 Leominster, MA

Tuesday, August 8

Wednesday, August 9

All Day Mustard Seed Drop
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, August 10

2:00 PM Mustard Seed Cooking

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

3:30 PM Confessions

Sunday, August 13

8:00 AM Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR



St. Mary's Youth Volleyball Schedule

Monday Games:

6/19 ~ St. Mary's vs. St. John (B) ~ **WINNER ST. MARY'S**
 6/26 ~ St. Mary's vs. St. Peter (C) ~ **WINNER ST. MARY'S**
 7/3 NO MATCH
 7/10 ~ @ OLL Leominster vs. St. John (A) ~ **CANCELLED**
 7/17 ~ St. Mary's vs. OLL ~ **WINNER OUR LADY OF HOPE**
 7/24 ~ St. Mary's vs. OLL. ~ **WINNER ST. MARY'S**
 7/31 ~ St. Mary's vs. St. Rose of Lima ~ **WINNER ST. MARY'S**
 8/7 ~ 6:15 PM @ OLL Leominster vs. St. John (A)

Sunday ~ Recreational Division Tournament:

8/13 ~ 12:00 PM — 3:00 PM @ St. Christophers



In Life & Death, We are the Lord's...
 We lift up in prayer those who have lost
 loved ones especially for the family
 and friends of...

Peter Brennan

May the Peace of the Lord be with him Always.

Feast of the TRANSFIGURATION

Someone you know may be in an abusive relationship.
 Abuse Hotline 508-755-9030

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Partners in Charity 2023

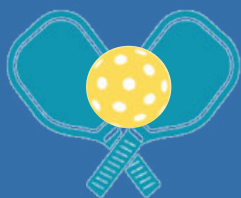


Thanks to all our parishioner who have made their gift to the 2023 *Partner in Charity Appeal*. **St. Mary's Jefferson is 88% towards our goal of \$73,800!** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the front entryway of the church. Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it securely online and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 26 Charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope. **Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!**

Every
Sunday,
5:30-7:00 PM

St. Mary's
Parking Lot

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED



Please wear comfortable sneakers and bring a water.

INTRODUCTION TO PICKLE BALL

Learn the basics of pickle ball, meet people, and have fun!

BRING A FRIEND!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

If you are interested in deepening your prayer life or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life you may consider attending one of our information nights in August.

We are offering a 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola led by a Jesuit trained team of people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises. The Spiritual Exercises will begin on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church in Worcester. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include group sharing of weekly prayer, reflection/explanation on upcoming week and meeting with your prayer companion.

An information night will be held at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30pm in the meeting room adjacent to Clark University. Also, by Zoom on Friday, August 18th at 7pm. **If interested in attending the Zoom Information Night send an e-mail to WorcSpEx19@gmail.com requesting the Zoom link.** We will then send the link to your e-mail address. Any questions can also be sent to WorcSpEx19@gmail.com and we will reply. Information and an application form is available on the website:

Religious Education

NEWS RELIGIOUS Education 2023-24

- **The Religious Education Calendar will be mailed next week with confirmation of day and time that we are expecting your child for the upcoming Faith Sharing Year.** Families with children that have not yet registered, will receive a calendar, however, registration is necessary for class placement for the fall. Forms can be downloaded from our website.
- **We can't do it without you!** We are in need of a minimum of 60 catechists as well as substitutes, general aides and helpers before we are able to welcome our nearly 500 young people back for a new year of Faith Sharing. Classes are held on Sunday afternoon and evening, Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoons. Catechists are needed in all grade levels. We provide training and will equip you with all that you need to share your faith. **Please email kogrady1@msn.com call today if you are able to assist in any way!**
- **Texts, supplies and materials are being purchased for your children** ~ If you have not yet registered, please download a registration form from our website and return your completed form today. Families are reminded to register by September 11th in order to avoid class start up delay.
- **We invite all those children and young people that have been away, or have had little or no formal Religious Education to register for our "Beginnings Program".** Classes of various levels grades 3-12 meet on Sunday afternoon to help kids "catch-up" in order to enter at grade level following this year-long instruction period. Please call for registration details.
- **Parochial School Children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation** are required to register for Sacramental Preparation within their home parish. If you have a child planning to receive a Sacrament, Please register today.



Bring your voice, bring your instrument, bring your talent....here's. Always looking to grow our FANTASTICK Teen Music Ministry! Young People grades 6-College, please contact Kerry at: kogrady1@msn.com or call the Office for more information!



In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.

The Father's voice was heard:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

To report abuse, please contact Judith Audette, Director of Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at (508)929-4363

AUGUST 6TH, 2023

Please call the office 508 829 4508 or email Beth Cunningham beth@stmaryjeff.com if you have an infirmed or homebound parishioner who is ill or unable to attend Mass. Communion and a friendly visit can be made by one of our Eucharistic Ministers.

PASTORAL STAFF

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Please visit our Website: www.stmarysjeff.com



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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday - Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Sept thru May)

Daily Mass - Mon 12:00 PM, Tue & Wed 8:00 AM

Holy Days - 7:00 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM Holy Day

(unless otherwise noted in bulletin)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30—4:00 PM

May also be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance, to arrange for participation in the preparation program and the date of Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples intending to celebrate this Sacrament are requested to contact the Pastoral Staff at least one year in advance.

JUST A REMINDER:

Registration forms for St. Mary's Parish can be found in the Parish office, or our website, www.stmarysjeff.com.

Please take the time to register as it is the best way for the staff to communicate, through emails and mailings, what is happening in the parish.

AUGUST 6TH, 2023

The Book of Daniel, from which our First Reading is drawn, was written some two centuries before the birth of Christ. This is only significant in that many of the prophets (Daniel is considered one of the major prophets) lived as many as six centuries before Christ. However, regardless the timeline, we need to be moved by and appreciative of the prophecies we find in the Old Testament. In the passage in today's reading it states, "The one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship."



Today, of course, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and this reading very much parallels what is portrayed in the Transfiguration. The interesting point within this reading from Daniel, however, is that it refers to the "Son of Man," which is the term Jesus Himself used most often to describe Himself.

We have referenced this fact previously. In fact, the term "Son of Man" occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term. (It appears 32 times in Matthew; 15 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke; and 12 times in John, and it is in John where it is used twice by someone other than Jesus.)

The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Savior, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of July 30th** will go to
Centro De Ministerio Hispano/ Latino

A Hispanic Ministry that Promotes the union of our Hispanic and Latino Catholic Church of the Diocese of Worcester around the figure of Christ to promote our faith and cultural values



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
To The

Hospitality Bakers and Servers

These volunteers tend to the various details necessary in providing a warm, inviting space for both parishioners and guests to gather and feel at home.

Go to
<https://stmarysjeff.churchgiving.com>
To sign up for St. Mary's
Automated Online Giving



STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2022-2023

Week of July 30th

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Needed.....	\$9,696	\$462,681
Amount Collected.....	\$10,074	\$422,690
Budget Surplus (Deficit).....	\$(1,162)	\$(39,991)

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