

## St. Mary's Parish Family

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

*Owen James O'Neil*

*Baptized on Sunday, August 13th, 2023*

Our church is richly blessed  
by your presence.

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



### **Congratulations to our St. Mary's Volleyball Team!**

The kids played an awesome season with the help of  
their fantastic coaches Mike Grimes and Janet Vignally!

#### **2ND PLACE IN THE DISTRICT! WAY TO GO!**

" St. Mary's was a good team, but what really stood out was  
how the players were visibly encouraging to all and showed  
great sportsmanship "

-An opposing team coach

Everyone one showed great improvement throughout  
the season and they all had fun! We have fantastic kids  
here at St. Mary's, and we are so proud of them!!!!

**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.

**Schedule Around Campus...****Saturday, August 19**

3:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Mass/Church  
**Lucy Daly Baptism**

**Sunday, August 20**

8:00 AM Mass/Church  
Coffee Shoppe/GR  
  
10:00 AM Mass/Church  
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
Coffee Shoppe/GR  
Pickleball Cancelled  
  
5:30 PM

**Monday, August 21**

12:00 PM Communion Service/GR

**Tuesday, August 22**

8:00 AM Mass/GR

**Wednesday, August 23**

8:00 AM Mass/GR  
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

**Thursday, August 24****Friday, August 25****Saturday, August 26**

3:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Mass/Church

**Sunday, August 27**

8:00 AM Mass/Church  
Coffee Shoppe/GR  
  
10:00 AM Mass/Church  
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
**Sadie Marie Ciociolo Baptism**  
Coffee Shoppe/GR

**Mass Schedule and Intentions****Saturday, August 19**

4:30 PM Joseph & Ann McCarthy (Barbra L.)

**Sunday, August 20**

8:00 AM Winnie Mangano (The Hurley family)

10:00 AM Richard Buffone (His Wife Maureen)  
13th Anniversary

**Monday, August 21**

12:00 PM Communion Service

**Tuesday, August 22**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Wednesday, August 23**

8:00 AM Jim Henrich (Pam Anzaldi-Smith)  
1st Anniversary

**Thursday, August 24****Friday, August 25****Saturday, August 26**

4:30 PM Gerald Soucy 5th Anniv.  
& Doris Soucy 11th Anniv.  
(Linda Soucy)

**Sunday, August 27**

8:00 AM Andrzej Kaminski  
Blessing & Health on 70th Birthday  
(Chris & Justyna Moniak)

10:00 AM Susan Letourneau  
(Denise Bergeron & Family)



*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...

Michael J. Lamb

*May the Peace of the Lord be with him Always.*



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH—NO PICKLEBALL**



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

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



## THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



For Those St. Mary's Parishioners  
Who have not already donated we ask your  
kind consideration of a gift to the

### 2023 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal

...which you can make online  
Just go to [partners-charity.net/donate](https://partners-charity.net/donate)

**218 Families Have Already Donated**  
and for those gifts we are truly grateful.

Our parish is **currently 9% away** from reaching our goal!

Also, donor envelopes can be found in the church pew this weekend. If using an envelope you can return it through the mail or by dropping it off at the Parish Office, or by placing it in the collection basket.

Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving.

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. It takes many gifts to reach our diocesan goal of \$5 million.

All checks should be made payable to:  
"Partners in Charity".

We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

## Religious Education



### RELIGIOUS Education 2023-24

- The Religious Education **Calendar HAS BEEN MAILED with confirmation of the 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. **Registrations must be received prior to the start of classes!**
- We can't do it without you! WE NEED YOU!** We need a minimum of 60 catechists/teachers 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 for students in Middle School & High School, Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoons for our Grade 1-5 children. 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](mailto:kogrady1@msn.com) or [mar-yianeciesluk@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:mar-yianeciesluk@stmaryjeff.com) or call today (508-829-6758 X-14 OR X-12) if you are able to assist in any way!
- 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" 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!
- Grade 11 students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation** should register and pay the registration fee as usual. Please let us know if the fee is a burden for your family. All requests will remain in the utmost confidence.



Bring your voice, bring your instrument, bring your talent....We are always looking to grow our FANTAS-TICK Teen Music Ministry! Young People Grades 6-College, please contact Kerry at [kogrady1@msn.com](mailto:kogrady1@msn.com) or call the Office for more information!

### *The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life*

Offering 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola .

- Tuesday, 9/26/23—6:30pm at St. Peter's Church in Worcester.
- An information night will be held at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday, 8/8/23—6:30pm—in the meeting room adjacent to Clark University.
- Want to Zoom? Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. e-mail to [WorcSpEx19@gmail.com](mailto:WorcSpEx19@gmail.com) requesting the Zoom link.
- Questions: Email : [WorcSpEx19@gmail.com](mailto:WorcSpEx19@gmail.com)
- Information/application on the website: [www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com).

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

## Pioneers in the Parishes churches & community

### A PIONEER GATHERING

HOSTED BY FATHER TIM BREWER '71, PASTOR OF ST. MARY'S

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023**

**4:30PM MASS AT ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**114 PRINCETON STREET**  
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**AFTER MASS, STICK AROUND FOR SOME PIZZA!**

PLEASE RSVP TO [WHAYDEN@STJOHNSHIGH.ORG](mailto:WHAYDEN@STJOHNSHIGH.ORG) BY 8/23  
TO HELP WITH THE MEAL COUNT

**ALUMNI, FAMILY, FRIENDS:**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**AUGUST 20TH, 2023**

Please call the office 508 829 4508 or email Beth Cunningham [beth@stmaryjeff.com](mailto: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.

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**Please visit our Website: [www.stmarysjeff.com](http://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](http://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 20TH, 2023**



Our Gospel today from Matthew reminds us to trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith.

And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days during these difficult times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

### PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of August 13th** will go to  
**Our Lady of the Lake Food Pantry**

Volunteers work to organize and distribute food from their Food Pantry to those in need from their parish family and the surrounding communities.



We offer our  
THANKS AND GRATITUDE  
To our  
**Volleyball Coaches**

For their dedication to the kids of the St. Mary's Volleyball team. With their help, our kids were able to learn grown and practice great sportsmanship during a close season. They lead the team to a Second Place Victory and made it fun while doing it! Thank you for all your support for our team!

### STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2022-2023

**Week of August 13th**

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Needed.....	\$9,696	\$482,073
Amount Collected.....	\$5,842	\$437,942
Budget Surplus (Deficit).....	\$(3,854)	\$(44,131)

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