

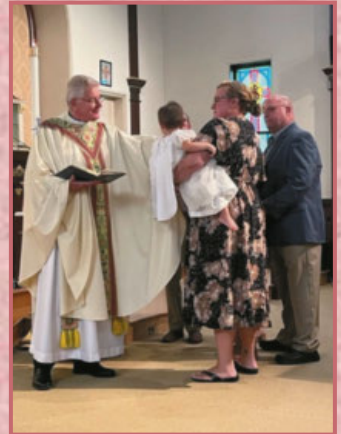
Baptized last weekend,  
we welcome the newest member of our  
St. Mary's Parish Family!

*Lucy Gael Daly*

*Baptized on Sunday, August 20th, 2023*

Our church is richly blessed  
by your presence.

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



### *St. Mary's Parish Family*

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### Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for the gift of learning!  
I want to grow closer to you  
in everything I do at school.  
In math and science, help me to see  
your beautiful plan in the world.  
Help me to discover new stories  
and values as I read and write.  
In arts and music, help me to be creative.  
In sports, help me to treat my teammates  
and my opponents fairly.  
Help me to learn new skills  
in technology.  
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.  
Help me to listen with open ears,  
an open heart, and an open mind  
to all my teachers at school.  
Help me to treat my classmates  
with care, kindness, and respect.  
Thank you, Jesus, for school!  
Amen.

**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 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****4:00 PM****Young Adult Pickle Ball**  
(Ages 12-18)**5:30 PM****Adult Pickle Ball****Monday, August 28****12:00 PM**

Communion Service/GR

**Tuesday, August 29****8:00 AM**

Communion Service/GR

**Wednesday, August 30****8:00 AM**

Communion Service/GR

**7:30 PM**

Al-Anon Meeting/GR

**Thursday, August 31****Friday, September 1****Saturday, September 2****3:30 PM**

Confessions

**4:30 PM**

Mass/Church

**Sunday, September 3****8:00 AM**Mass/Church  
Coffee Shoppe/GR**10:00 AM**Mass/Church  
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
Coffee Shoppe/GR**Mass Schedule and Intentions****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)**Monday, August 28****12:00 PM****Communion Service****Tuesday, August 29****8:00 AM****Communion Service****Wednesday, August 30****8:00 AM****Communion Service****Thursday, August 31****Friday, September 1****Saturday, September 2****4:30 PM****Peter Brennan**  
(Jack and Maureen Locke)**Sunday, September 3****8:00 AM****Justyna Moniak**  
**Blessing & Health on 43rd Birthday**  
(Chris & Justyna Moniak)**10:00 AM****Angelina Nelson**  
**First Anniversary**

*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...

**Waldemar Charles Zisch, Jr.**

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



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



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for  
**"Sister Inez Ferrari"**  
Requested by Elena Ferraro

## THE 21ST 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)

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

Our parish is **currently 5% 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!

### PICKLE BALL

St Mary's Parking Lot

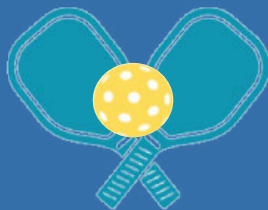
Young Adults (Ages 12-18)

Sunday, August 8th  
4:00-5:30 PM

Parent waiver required in advance  
email: [hurley01@yahoo.com](mailto:hurley01@yahoo.com)

Adults

Sunday, August 8th



#### EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Please wear comfortable  
sneakers and bring a  
water.



Please remember Fr. Tim in your prayers as  
he attends the retreat at Mercy by the Sea.



Congratulations to  
**Ashley Konrad and Stephen Lorden** who were  
married last weekend at St. Mary's Church.  
May God bless their union always.

## Religious Education



- 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 [kogradyl@msn.com](mailto:kogradyl@msn.com) or [mar-vjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:mar-vjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com) or call today (508-829-6758 X-14 OR X-12) 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.
- 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.



### Teen Music Ministry

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



**AUGUST 27TH, 2023**

**SUNDAY 5PM MASS  
RESUMES SEPTEMBER 10TH**

## Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY**

**4:30 pm**

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 am**

**10:00 am**

**5:00 pm**



*Prayer Shawl*



St. Mary's Parish

### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

**When:** 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Where:** Pastoral Office Dining Room.

**Our Next Gathering Begins On**  
**Thursday, September 14th**

A free will offering is collected at each meeting which allows the Ministry to donate to various charitable causes. Please know that shawls are always available for anyone wanting to give one to a loved one. Anyone interested in the Ministry please call Janet Davis at 508-210-0034 or Pam Anzaldi at 978-400-1883

### St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

#### *Fall Session*

**Date:** Tuesday September 26th - October 31st

**Time:** 1:30pm - 2:30pm

**Where:** The Gathering Room

Following the death of a loved one, a grief journey begins for the person left behind. The journey is not a road anyone wants to travel.

You are invited to be in the relaxed company of others who are also on their own grief journeys. We support one another through conversation, sharing, learning, and fellowship. The BSG is faith based, open to the public, and free.

Email Beth [beth@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:beth@stmaryjeff.com) or call Beth 508 272 6923 for any questions or interest. RSVP by September 21st please.



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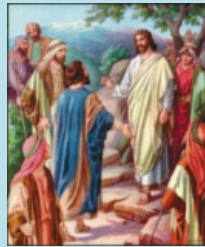
**AUGUST 27TH, 2023**

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time,



our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

### PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of August 20th** will go to  
**The Knights of Columbus**

For their sponsorship in the Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club "2023 Fill the Pantry" Golf Scramble.



We offer our  
THANKS AND GRATITUDE  
To our

**The Knight of Columbus**

For their sponsorship in the Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club "Fill the Pantry" Golf Scramble. With the help of the Knights, and the St. Mary's Parishioners the event was able to raise over \$14,000, which resulted in gifts of over \$4,500 to 3 different pantries for the 2022 event.

### **STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2022-2023**

**Week of August 20th**

	<u><b>Weekly</b></u>	<u><b>YTD</b></u>
Amount Needed.....	\$9,696	\$491,769
Amount Collected.....	\$6,799	\$446,841
Budget Surplus (Deficit).....	\$(2,897)	\$(44,928)

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