

Congratulations on
your wedding

*Ashley
& Stephen*

married August 19th, 2023

By the grace of God, may you both
always flourish with every endeavor
you undertake. Marriage is a sacred
act, and a union brought together by
God. May His love keep you both
together forever. May the Father of
Heaven pour down His love to you and
bless you both with everlasting joy.

St. Mary's Parish Family

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

Sadie Marie CioCiolo

Baptized on Sunday, August 27th, 2023

Our church is richly blessed
by your presence.

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

**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, 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

Monday, September 4

12:00 PM **No Mass/Labor Day!**

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 AM **Susan Letourneau**
(Denise Bergeron and Family)

Wednesday, September 6

8:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Mary's**

Thursday, September 7**Friday, September 8****Saturday, September 9**

4:30 PM **Paul St. George** (Barbra L.)

Sunday, September 10

8:00 AM **Susan Letourneau**
(Denise Bergeron and Family)

10:00 AM **Shirley Henrich**
10 Year Anniversary

5:00 PM **Patricia Finnegan** (Her Family)
10th Anniversary

Schedule Around Campus...**Saturday, September 2**

3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass/Church
Charlotte James O'Brien Baptism
Eli-James Ngadeu Kontchou Baptism
Joy Lizzie Kontchou Baptism

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

4:00 PM **No** Young Adult Pickle Ball
(Ages 12-18)

5:30 PM **No** Adult Pickle Ball

Monday, September 4 Office Closed/Labor Day!

12:00 PM **No Mass**

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 AM Mass/GR

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7**Friday, September 8****Saturday, September 9**

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

Sunday, September 10

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Backpack Blessing
Grandparent Blessing
Pancake Breakfast/Parish Hall

5:00 PM Mass/Church



SUNDAY, September 3rd—NO PICKLEBALL

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



2023 and St. Mary's

We would like to thank the St. Mary's Parishioners

Who donated to the

2023 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal

A total of

228 Families Donated!

For those gifts we are truly grateful.

Our parish **raised 95%** of our goal!

Through our pledged gifts to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal, may we become partners with Christ and partners in charity, and strengthen the unity of our diocesan family. Your gifts 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 your charitable giving, and we thank you for ALL your support.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *Are You Ready for the Next Step?*

Are you or someone you know:

- Interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Learning more about the Catholic way of life?
- Already baptized, but haven't received First Eucharist or Confirmation yet?

Already a Confirmed Catholic, but still seeking more in life?

Journey with those becoming Catholic and learn more about your own faith. You won't be there to teach, but to learn with them as you continue your ongoing initiation as a disciple of Christ.

Come and join us! Open to all who are seeking to know Christ more fully in their life.

Contact **Deacon John** for more info: Cell/Texts: 508-958-0998; Email: deaconjohnladroga@gmail.com

An RCIA Prayer, Fellowship & Info Session will take place on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm.



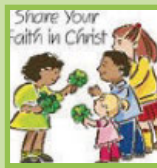
HAPPY LABOR DAY



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

Religious Education



REL. ED. TEACHERS NEEDED! Many of our registered children are without teachers. Catechist/Teachers are still needed for several grade levels with an **urgent need in Middle and High School**. We will share all that you need to mentor and share faith with our young people.



Backpack Blessing, Sunday, September 10th ~ Students, preschool through adult, bring your backpacks or lunch boxes to Mass next week, September 10 at 10AM. Join us as we lift up our children and students of all ages, as they begin a new school year. As our students are blessed, we ask that God help show them how to teach us about His Awesome love! **And...**

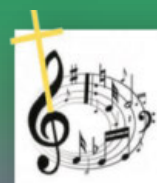
Teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers...come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work! Our special **GRANDPARENTS WILL BE BLESSED TOO!** *All are welcome to join us as we continue to celebrate with the first "Parish Family Breakfast" in the hall following Mass!*

Parent, Student and Teacher MEETINGS ~ Before we begin another **GREAT YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MARY'S** (...The Place to Be) meetings are scheduled throughout the month of September. Parents, teachers, substitutes, and students please check your **Blue Religious Ed Calendars** for important meeting dates and watch the mail for more information for your grade level. We are looking forward to meeting with Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers during the weeks ahead!



needed.

Magazines ~ Themed Magazines ~ Outdoorsman, Sports Illustrated, Motorcycle, Auto, Fishing, and Hunting magazines are



Teen Music Ministry

Bring your voice, bring your instrument, bring your talent...We are 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: 508-829-4508 for more information!

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023

Mass

Sunday 5PM Mass resumes
September 10th

SATURDAY
4:30 pm

SUNDAY
8:00 am
10:00 am
5:00 pm



St. Mary's Parish

Prayer Shawl Ministry

When: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

Time: 9:00 AM—10:30 AM

Where: Pastoral Office Dining Room.

Our First Meeting is on:

Thursday, September 14th

Our group knits and/or crochets prayer shawls and squares to bring comfort to those in need for any variety of reasons. We would love to have new members who knit or crochet join us this year. If you should have any questions feel free to contact us. Anyone interested in the Ministry please call :

• Pam Anzaldi co-chair
pamanzaldi57@gmail.com
978-400-1883

• Janet Davis co- chair
Davis98@charter.net
508-210-0034

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 or call Beth 508 272 6923 for any questions or interest. RSVP by September 21st please.



Resumes

Thursday, September 14th

10:00 AM

In The Gathering Room



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



Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But

in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of August 27th** will go to **Jeremiah's Inn**

Their vision is to help people battling addiction to better their lives in order to better the community.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
To our

Religious Education Volunteers

Who lend their helping hands in preparing for a new year of faith sharing with our parish children.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2022-2023

Week of August 27th

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Needed.....	\$9,696	\$498,738
Amount Collected.....	\$5,123	\$451,964
Budget Surplus (Deficit).....	\$(4,573)	\$(46,774)

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