

Backpack and Grandparent **BLESSINGS**



Pancake Breakfast 9/10/23

St. Mary's Parish Family
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**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 16**

4:30 PM Richard & Isabelle Pope
Memorial Mass (*The Family*)

Sunday, September 17

8:00 AM Zachary Michael Leandres
14th Anniv. (*The Leandres Family*)

10:00 AM Alessandrina & Antonio Amoroso
(*The Family*)

5:00 PM Danielle Knight (*Sandra Knight*)

Monday, September 18

12:00 PM David Reponen
(*Larry and Phyllis Yont*)

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, September 21**Friday, September 22****Saturday, September 23**

4:30 PM Joe McCorckle (*Barbra L.*)

Sunday, September 24

8:00 AM Ted Brunter (*Dave & Joanne O'Brien*)

10:00 AM Joe McCorckle
(*Dave & Joanne O'Brien*)

5:00 PM Michael Lamb
(*Dave & Joanne O'Brien*)

Schedule Around Campus...**Saturday, September 16**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, September 17

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Gianna Louise DiPerrio Baptism

Coffee Shoppe/GR

4:00 PM Grade 9/10 Parent/Student Meeting/GR

5:00 PM Mass/Church

5:00 PM Grade 11 Parent/Student Meeting/Hall

Monday, September 18

12:00 PM Mass/GR

6:00 PM Grade 6 Catechist Teacher Meeting

6:45 PM Grade 7 Catechist Teacher Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 AM Mass/GR

6:00 PM Grade 8 Catechist Teacher Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, September 21

10:00 AM Faith Sharing/ GR

Friday, September 22**Saturday, September 23**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, September 24

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Olivia Jean Laramie Baptism

Teacher Commissioning

Coffee Shoppe/GR

5:00 PM Mass/Church

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



I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord;
Love one another as I have loved you.

THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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...

Mary Foley

May the Peace of the Lord be with her Always.

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.



Memorial Donations

*It is with sincere appreciation that we thank
the families and friends of*

Joan Conrad ~ Joe McCorkle ~ Winifred Mangano

Ted Brunter ~ Carl Smith ~ David Reponen

for choosing St. Mary's for their Memorial Donation.



Ministry Fair Chicken BBQ

Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall and Grounds

Date: October 14th, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM

In Need of Volunteers and Raffle Donations!!

If you are interested in sharing your talents...

Please Call or Email Patty Hurley at:

508-829-7288/ patriciaannhurley7@gmail.com

More information to follow.



Thursdays

10:00 AM

In The Gathering Room

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



RELIGIOUS Education 2023-24

Teacher (Catechist) Meetings are scheduled in the Parish Hall for all grade levels. We are looking so forward to ministering with you!!!

• **September 18~ 6PM for Grade 6 Teachers and 6:45PM for Grade 7 Teachers (Hall)**

• **September 19~ 6PM for Grade 8 Teachers (Hall)**



Parent and Student MEETINGS ~ Before we begin another GREAT YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARY'S (...The Place to Be) parents and students will meet on

• **September 17 ~4PM Grade 9 & 10 Parents and Students**

• **September 17 ~Beginning with 5PM Mass Grade 11 Parents and Students**

REL. ED. CLASSES BEGIN:



Grade 1 First Class! We cannot wait to welcome our Parents and Grade 1 children to St. Mary's Religious Ed Program! Our Parent/Child orientation will take place at the Parish Hall on **Monday, September 25th at 4:15 for those signed up for Monday class and Tuesday, September 26th for Grade 1 students signed up for Tuesday class...** PS...Fr Tim is looking forward to sharing milk and cookies with you!!!

• **ALL Grades 1-5** Classes begin - Mon. & Tues. - Oct. 2 & 3- 4:15- 5:15 PM

• **Grade 6-8** Classes begin - Sun. Oct. 1 - 4-6 PM (Mass Included)

• **Grade 9** Classes begin - Sun. Oct. 1 - 5-7:30 PM (Mass Included)

• **Grade 10** Classes begin - Sun. Oct. 15 - 5-7:30 PM (Mass Included)

• **Grade 11** Classes begin - Sun. Oct. 1 - 5-7:30 PM (Mass Included)



36 Grade 1, 5, 6 & 10 of our beautiful kids need folks to share the Good News of Jesus with them on Sunday afternoons from 4-5PM, Sunday evenings 6-7:30PM and Tuesday afternoons 4:15-5:15pm. Please call today for more information on how you can help kids know and love Jesus!

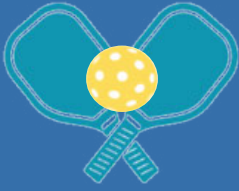


GRATITUDE to all of those who have volunteered to share faith with our children.....WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS. We are so excited to share in this teaching ministry together.



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

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023



PICKLE BALL

St Mary's Parking Lot

All Ages

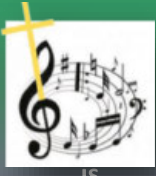
Sunday, September 17th

2:30-4:00 PM

Parent waiver required in advance:
email: hurley01@yahoo.com

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Please wear comfortable sneakers and bring a water.



Teen Music Ministry

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kogradyl@msn.com

or call the Office: 508-829-4508 for more information!

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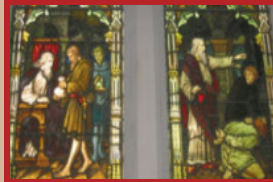
Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts and emotions.

Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us.

How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son



to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of September 10th** will go to

Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity in Ghana

The Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity feel called to serve God's kingdom, through their various ministries, among the poor, especially in rural areas.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
To

The Knights of Columbus

For hosting our Pancake Breakfast honoring Grandparents

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Week of September 10th

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Needed.....	\$9,696	\$19,392
Amount Collected.....	\$7,301	\$16,524
Budget Surplus (Deficit).....	\$(2,395)	\$(2,868)

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