

St. Mary's Parish Family

114 Princeton Street/PO Box 2200

Jefferson, Massachusetts 01522

508-829-4508 ~ www.stmarysjeff.com



It is with great joy and
thanksgiving to God that we wel-
comed into the life of Christ and
the Christian Community
through the Sacrament of
Baptism

Gianna Louise DiPerrio
September 17, 2023

**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 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*)

Monday, September 25

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, September 28**Friday, September 29****Saturday, September 30**

4:30 PM Joseph Gaze
(*Kevin and Jeanne Depass*)

Sunday, October 1

8:00 AM Michael Lovely (*Sharon Taubert*)

10:00 AM Darlene Villnave
1 Year Anniversary (*The Family*)

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

Schedule Around Campus...**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

Baptism of Olivia Jean Laramie

Teacher Commissioning

RCIA /DR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

11:00 AM Gr. 10 Teacher Meeting

4:00 PM Gr. 9 & 10 Parent/ Student
Make-Up Meetings

5:00 PM Mass/Church

Monday, September 25

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1 Orientation

5:30 PM Gr 1-5 Make-Ups

6:00 PM Grade 10 Catechist Teacher Meeting

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 AM Mass/GR

1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/ GR

6:00 PM Grade 8 Catechist Teacher Meeting

7:00 PM Strengthening Our Parish Community
Ministry Team Meeting/ Hall

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, September 28

9:00am Prayer Shall

10:00 AM Faith Sharing/ GR

Friday, September 29**Saturday, September 30**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, October 1

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 Gr 6-8 Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church

Gr. 9 & 11 Class

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



Ministry Fair Chicken BBQ

Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall and Grounds

Date: October 14th, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM

In Need of Volunteers for Cleanup !!

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.



ATTENTION WACHUSETT AREA FAMILIES

Come check out the CUB SCOUT PACK 46 in Jefferson and learn about the opportunities for growth and adventure for your family!

SIGN UP TODAY!

For more information about Cub Scout Pack 46 please contact Tanya Kakalecz at Tanyareekie@hotmail.com or 978-852-6015.

Cub Scouting offers Citizenship, Character, Personal Fitness and Leadership for Girls & Boys in Grades K to 5.

- Fishing
- Camping
- Parades
- Mountain Hikes
- Rocket Derby
- Pinewood Derby
- Snack Shack Sales
- Adventures, Awards, & Rank Advancements
- & Much More!!!



Mark Your Calendars
Our annual Mass of Healing with the Sacrament of the Sick will be on Saturday October 7th at 4:30 PM
All are Welcome!

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



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 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.

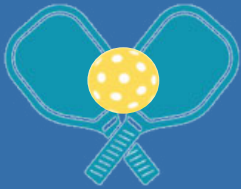


~ Themed Magazines ~ Outdoorsman, Sports Illustrated, Motorcycle, Auto, Fishing, and Hunting magazines are needed.

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

Capital Projects

It seems no sooner do we finish one project that another pressing need pops up -especially when you are dealing with older buildings. For the last several months we have had significant leaks in the roof of our Office/ Administration building, The Capital Needs Ministry has decided that even though the building has other major structural issues that eventually will need to be addressed, we could no longer put off replacing the roof. The group has gotten 4 bids for the work and has chosen the contractor. Hopefully work will begin very soon. Fortunately, because of our parish family's generosity to the Legacy of Hope Campaign and the Memorial Fund we have the funds needed to complete this project.



PICKLE BALL

St Mary's Parking Lot

All Ages

Sunday, September 17th

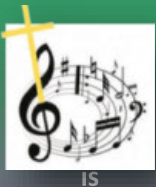
2:30-4:00 PM

Weather Permitting

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

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Please wear comfortable sneakers and bring a water.



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:

kogradyl@msn.com

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

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Holden
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 15, 2023

HOLDEN, MASSACHUSETTS



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

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

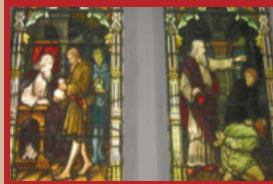
Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts and emotions.

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 17th** will go to

Celebrate Priesthood

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

Strengthening Our Parish Community

For all of your help organizing our Ministry Fair

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Week of September 17th

| | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Amount Needed..... | \$9,696 | \$30,261 |
| Amount Collected..... | \$7,543 | \$24,066 |

Our Finance Committee is working on a way to most accurately convey our financial situation.

LCU Leominster
Clinton
Holden
Sterling
Worcester
You're somebody.
800-649-4646 • leominstercu.com

ROUTLAND HARDWARE
WOOD PELLETS & BIO-BRICK
FREE Local Delivery
w/forklift trucks
YEAR ROUND!
87 Main Street, Rutland, MA • 508-886-3058
www.rutlandhomecenter.com

SUNNYSIDE
Ford Since 1923
508-829-4333
Sales • Service • Parts • Body Shop • Quick Lane
www.sunnysideford.com

MILES FUNERAL DIRECTORS
"SERVING THE PARISH COMMUNITY
SINCE 1896"
Richard Mansfield, Ricky Mansfield
Funeral Directors
1158 Main Street, Holden
100 Worcester Road, Sterling
508-829-4434 978-422-0100
Advance Funeral Planning
www.milesfuneralhome.com

HOLDEN HEARING AID CENTER
695 Main St., Holden, MA 01520
(508) 829-5566
DrMoreno@HoldenHearingAid.com
www.HoldenHearingAid.com

Matthew Moreno, Au.D.
DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

BUSY BEE Nursery & LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION
www.busybeenuresory.com
• Trees • Shrubs • Perennials • Planting
• Walks • Patios • Walls • Hydroseeding
• Excavation • Grading • Pruning
Rte. 68, Holden 508-829-5380

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

STEVEN D'AQUILA, D.C.
CHIROPRACTOR
(508) 829-9955

FREE AD DESIGN
with purchase
of this space
CALL
800-477-4574

PJ LOMBARDO
INSURANCE AGENCY
789 Wachusett St., at Holden Storage, Holden
508-829-7100
www.pjlombardo.com
Your auto, home and business insurance are a must, so pick
an agent that you know, like and trust!

NOTRE DAME
HEALTH CARE

STEVEN D'AQUILA, D.C.
CHIROPRACTOR
(508) 829-9955

Atchue Insurance
Protecting tomorrow today
HOME • AUTO • LIFE • DISABILITY
BUSINESS INSURANCE • EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS
(508) 755-5200 • www.atchue.com
190 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA

BURNHAM
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
LANDSCAPING SERVICE
D. BURNHAM
829-2692
RES.
Holden
829-3809
Lawn Maintenance • Bark Mulch
Patios • Walks • Fertilizing
Programs • Plowing • Sanding

Notre Dame du Lac Assisted Living
• Mission-driven
• Not-for-profit
• For Family & Community
555 Plantation Street, Worcester
508-852-5800 x2105
notredamehealthcare.org

Atchue Insurance
Protecting tomorrow today
HOME • AUTO • LIFE • DISABILITY
BUSINESS INSURANCE • EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS
(508) 755-5200 • www.atchue.com
190 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA

McDonald's of Holden
638 Main Street • Holden
Thank You for your Patronage
Dan & Katie Hurley

WE'RE HIRING!
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF.
BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Paid training
• Some travel
• Work-life balance
• Full-Time with benefits
• Serve your community

CONTACT ME Sara Ramic
sramic@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x1659

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Sara Ramic
sramic@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x1659

IF YOU LIVE ALONE
MDMedAlert! CALL NOW!
✓ Ambulance/Police
✓ Family/Friends
✓ GPS & Fall Alert
800.808.9294
md-medalert.com

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

**BUYING, SELLING,
DOWNSIZING or INVESTING?**
LaRoseSellsHomes.com
Kate LaRose, Realtor
Parishioner & Local Resident
Specializing in Central MA
Licensed for 10 years
Direct: (508) 662-1269
Email: klarose@kw.com
KELLER WILLIAMS
Pinnacle Central
60 Shrewsbury St., 2nd Floor, Worcester, MA 01604

IF YOU LIVE ALONE
MDMedAlert! CALL NOW!
✓ Ambulance/Police
✓ Family/Friends
✓ GPS & Fall Alert
800.808.9294
md-medalert.com

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!
Instantly create and
purchase an ad with
AD CREATOR STUDIO
4lp.com/adcreator

As Low As \$19⁹⁵/mo.
Contact us at
careers@4lp.com or
www.4lp.com/careers