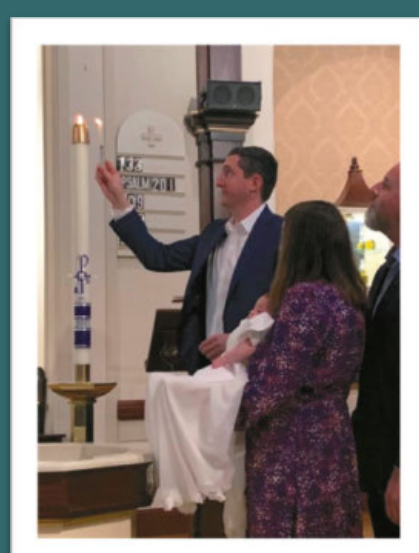
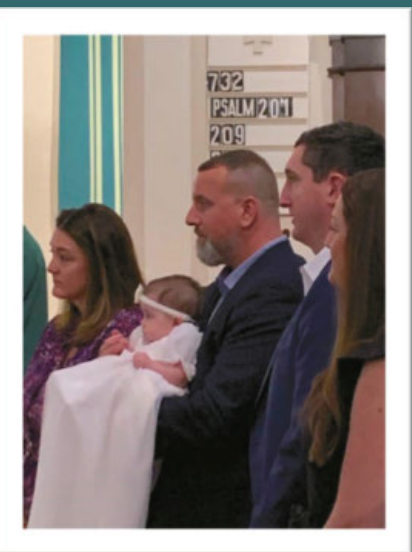
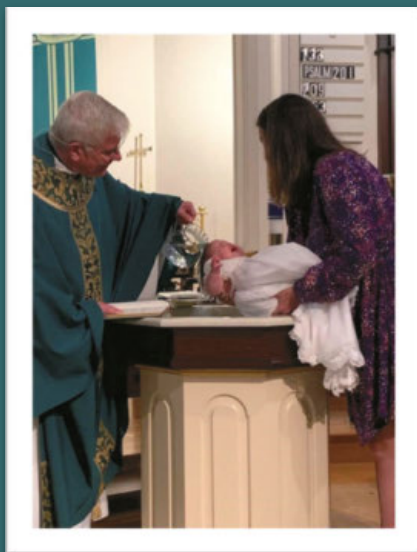


St. Mary's Parish Family

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

Olivia Jean Laramie

Baptized on Sunday, September 24th, 2023

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 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 (The Family)
1 Year Anniversary

5:00 PM Danielle Knight (Sandra Knight)

Monday, October 2

12:00 PM Susan Cobb (Donna & Rick Cobb)

Tuesday, October 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, October 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, October 5**Friday, October 6****Saturday, October 7**

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, October 8

8:00 AM Peter Brennan (Sharon Taubert)

10:00 AM David Reponen (Eleanor Binnall)

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Memorial Donations

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

Danielle Knight

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

Schedule Around Campus...**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

10 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA/DR
4:00 PM Gr 6-8 Class
5:00 PM Mass/Church
Gr. 9 & 11 Class

Monday, October 2

12:00 PM Mass/GR
4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

Tuesday, October 3

8:00 AM Mass/GR
1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/ GR
4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class
7:00 PM Strengthening our Parish Family
Ministry Meeting/Hall

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5**Friday, October 6****Saturday, October 7**

3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass of the Healing/Church

Sunday, October 8

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe/GR
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Coffee Shoppe/GR

10 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA/DR
4:00 PM Gr 6-8/NO CLASS
5:00 PM Mass/Church
Gr. 9 - 11 /NO 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.



Mark Your Calendars

Annual Mass of Healing

With the Sacrament of the Sick

Saturday October 7th
4:30 PM

All are Welcome!



Holden
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 15TH, 2023
1:00 PM (Walk begins at 1:30)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
346 Shrewsbury Street, Holden

For more information visit:

events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/holdenma
Or

Email: webwalk@crophungerwalk.org

LAST PICKLE BALL SESSION OF THE SEASON!!!

St Mary's Parking Lot

All Ages Welcome!

Sunday, October 1st

(Last Session of the season)

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.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Rel. Ed. CLASSES ARE IN SESSION:

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)



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. **STILL LOOKING TO
ADD MORE FOLKS TO OUR TEAM!!!**



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kogradyl@msn.com

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

OCTOBER 1ST, 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.

JUST A REMINDER:

Registration forms for St. Mary's Parish can be found in the Parish office, or our website, 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.



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



**Moved? New Email?
Changed phone number?
Away for the Summer/Winter?
Not getting our mailings
or church envelopes?**

We are doing our best to keep
your information as up-to-date as possible,
but we need your help!

If any of your information has changed this year please let us
know either by calling Sarah at: 508-829-4508 or email at:
sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com

Please call the office 508 829 4508 or email
Beth Cunningham beth@stmaryjeff.com if you have an in-
firmed 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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Our prayers are so important for those who are in need of
healing, comfort or peace. We are blessed here at St. Mary's,
to be a beautiful praying community.

Please contact **Sarah Brodie** if you know someone that needs to
be added to the Prayer of the Faithful, **but just as important,**
are ready to be taken off the list at 508-829-4508 ext. 10

OCTOBER 1ST, 2023

As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps."

Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today's Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father's request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father's will. The first son tells his father, "no." At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father.

The first son's honest, less-than-perfect response, is comforting to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard?

We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stayed engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it's just to say, "I don't think I can, Lord," He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do.

We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of September 24th** will go to

UMASS Medical Chaplain's Office

Pastoral care at UMass Memorial Medical Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide spiritual support to patients, their families and their friends .



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
To our

"Strengthening Our Parish Family" Ministry

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STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

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