



**7th & 8th Grade Retreat
St. Mary's Super Heroes - Building God's Kingdom
Friday, November 3rd**

**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, November 25**

4:30 PM David Reponen (*Barbra L.*)

Sunday, November 26

8:00 AM Kaminski, Jusinski, Moniak Families
Thanksgiving for blessings received
(*Chris & Justyna Moniak*)
10:00 AM Jonathan Ball (*Peggy Webber*)
5:00 PM Danielle Knight (*Sandra Knight*)

Monday, November 27

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, November 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, November 30**Friday, December 1****Saturday, December 2**

4:30 PM Christopher Pope Memorial (*The Family*)

Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Chris Moniak
Blessing & Health on 44th Birthday
(*Chris & Justyna Moniak*)
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
5:00 PM Mark O'Brien

Schedule Around Campus...**Saturday, November 25**

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

Sunday, November 26

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe/GR
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
4:00 PM Gr 6 - 8 No Class
5:00 PM Mass/Church
Gr. 9, 10 & 11 No Class

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 AM Mass/GR
4:15 PM Grade 1- 5 Class
6:00 PM Grade 11/Rite of Light/Church
7:30 PM Adult Choir/Church

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR
7:00 PM Teen Choir/Church

Friday, December 1**Saturday, December 2**

11:00 AM Confirmation/St. Paul's Cathedral
3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe/GR
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
KOC St. Nick's Pancake Breakfast/Hall
4:00 PM Gr 6 - 8 Class
5:00 PM Mass/Church
Gr. 9 & 10 Class



In Life & Death, We are the Lord's...

We lift up in prayer those who have lost loved ones
especially for the families and friends of.

Alan M. Nelson & Jessica Birenpack

May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



We welcome the newest member to our
St. Mary's Parish Family
Madeline Jean Tsaknopoulos
Our church is richly blessed by your presence.

4th Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday, December 23rd - 4:30 PM
Sunday, December 24th - 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th - 4PM, 6PM & Midnight

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th - 10:00 AM



Christmas Poinsettia

FLOWERS WILL BE READY TO DELIVER
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.

A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE IN THE
GATHERING ROOM STARTING
THIS WEEKEND.

The St. Mary's Christmas Giving Tree!

Our tradition of helping our neighbors in need continues.

Please consider taking a tag from the Giving Tree and buying a gift to make someone's Christmas more special. Gifts must be returned by December 10th, 10 AM (Please place gifts in a gift bag only; no wrapping paper.)

In addition to the angels who will buy the gifts, we need some elves to help get them ready for distribution! Elves will be needed Sunday, December 10th, at 11:30 AM to sort the gifts for our recipient agencies, and on Monday and Tuesday, December 11 and 12 to shop for addition gifts if needed. Please see the sign up sheet in the church entryway.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Ceremony of Light Grade 11 Confirmation Candidates will gather in the Church with parents and sponsors on **Tuesday, November 28th at 5:50PM** for this special rite. The **Ceremony of Light** is a beautiful, symbolic service where we look back and reflect on the student's first sacrament, remembering that at Baptism, parents took light from the Paschal Candle as a sign of the faith they would hand on to their children, helping and supporting them as they try to live out this faith in their lives. At this service, the Light of Christ that was received at Baptism, will be passed on to their student.

ALL ARE WELCOME! On **Saturday, December 2nd at 11AM**, Bishop McManus will be confirming our young men and women at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please pray that the Light of Christ will always burn brightly in the lives of these outstanding young people.



St. Mary's is the place to be for St. Nick!

Join us for our 10AM Family Mass and St. Nick's Breakfast **NEXT Sunday, December 3rd**. Great pancakes and Great Photo Ops!!!!



"GINGERBREAD HOUSE AUCTION".

These Sweet Houses created with love from our Grade 7 & 8 class will be on display in the hall for Auction during masses this weekend. **PLEASE COME AND PLACE**

A BID. Bids start at \$15. Proceeds will provide seed money for a very special Grade 6 assignment. Through your participation, generosity and prayer, Grade 6 students will embark on a Kingdom Building Assignment! Each child will be gifted \$10 from the proceeds of our auction to begin their **KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT**. With the gift of cash, each young person will be given the opportunity to use their gifts, talents and love to make the world a better place.



We are looking for **Grade 11 and 12 young people** to take on leadership roles as Retreat Team Leaders for Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat in March. Ministering is a fabulous way to build your college profile and to gather service hours for the National Honor Society. Most importantly, our younger kids need role models and faith heroes and benefit so much from your presence with them!

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023



The Shoulders of Giants

Estate and Gift Planning

Over the long history of St. Mary's, we are the vibrant parish community that we are because of the giants upon whose shoulders we stand. It is due to the generosity of our parish family members who have gone before us that we have been blessed with our beautiful Church and Parish Center.

Having benefited from their sacrifices, it is now our responsibility to provide for our children and for those who will come after us.

Please consider making a Legacy Gift to St. Mary's by remembering St. Mary's in your will.



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

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

FOR ANY CANCELLED EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL OR THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION AT: www.stmarysjeff.com

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday - Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Sept thru May)

Daily Mass - Mon 12:00 PM, Tue & Wed 8:00 AM

Holy Days - 7:00 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM Holy Day
(unless otherwise noted in bulletin)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30—4:00 PM

May also be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance, to arrange for participation in the preparation program and the date of Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples intending to celebrate this Sacrament are requested to contact the Pastoral Staff at least one year in advance.

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable.



How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life.

The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us how. The passage begins with Christ's own description of His Second Coming, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him." Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment.

This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, or any "worldly" achievements. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the least of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, and caring for the ill and imprisoned.

The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of November 19th** will go to the

Poinsettias for the Homebound

Bringing Christmas Cheer to all who cannot join us here at church.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To our

Bereavement Support Group Leaders

For giving their hearts, time and love to members of the "Bereavement Support Group" members.

DID YOU KNOW....

Next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent. The beginning of a new year for the Church. The readings this year will be taken from the Gospel of Mark.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - October

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$38,701	\$68,983
Amount Needed.....	\$43,625	\$78,525
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$< 4,924 >	\$< 9,542 >

In an effort to make our reporting more accurate, the Finance Committee has decided to report our collection totals once a month. Thank You

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