

Confirmation CELEBRATION



God Bless Our 11th Graders Receiving Confirmation on December 2, 2023

Abigail FAITH Champagne

Reaghan LUCY Deignan

Gabriella PHILAMENA deLeon

Alexis GRACE Gamache

Sophia COLLETTE Harding

Rebecca KATERI Hlavachek

Kaitlyn ELIZABETH Johnson

Ella MONICA Kielinen

Vincent JOSEPH Klocek

Abigail PHOEBE Lambert

Taighe PATRICK Liddy

Caroline FRANCIS Mailhot

Erik ERIC Maziarz

Martin LUKE McClintock

Kathryn ANN O'Brien

Emma JUDE Quinn

Joseph SEBASTIAN Raeke

Olivia THERESA Reilly

Isabella ANNE Valentine

William SEBASTIAN Vallee

Phillip SEBASTIAN Vignaly

Eloise FRANCIS White

Please keep them in your prayers.



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, 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 Donna Manning
5:00 PM Mark O'Brien

Monday, December 4

12:00 PM Communion Service

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 AM Eugenia Ferris
(*The Hegarty—Donavan Family*)

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 AM Susan Cobb (*Donna & Rick Cobb*)

Thursday, December 7

7:00 PM Immaculate Conception Vigil

Friday, December 8

8:00 AM Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 9

4:30 PM Robert Thompson (*Barbara L*)

Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00 AM Susan Hendrickx (*Friends*)
5:00 PM Rose Murray (*Edward Murray & Family*)

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

Schedule Around Campus...**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 &
Gingerbread Auction/Hall
4:00 PM Gr 6 - 8 Class
5:00 PM Mass/Church
Gr. 9 & 10 Class

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR
7:00 PM Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass/Church

Friday, December 8

8:00 AM Immaculate Conception Mass/Church

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe/GR
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
11:30 AM Gift Sorting/Church
4:00 PM Gr 6 - 8 Class
5:00 PM Mass/Church
Gr. 10 Rite of Election
Gr. 9 Class/Hall



The Tabernacle candle burns for
Christopher Pope
Requested by The Family

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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 need to 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St. Mary's is the place to be for St. Nick! Join us for our 10AM Family Mass and St. Nick's Breakfast

this Sunday, December 3rd.

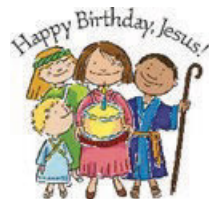


Congratulations to our young people who were confirmed this Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Paul! Please pray that the Light of Christ will always burn brightly in the lives of these outstanding young people.



Gingerbread Houses make a dandy centerpiece! **PLEASE CONSIDER bidding on a Gingerbread House this weekend.**

Houses will be on display in the Hall this week. With the help of your generous donations, each Grade 6 student will receive \$10 to begin their KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT.



ALL ARE INVITED!!!!!! Join us for The BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER...(And Birthday Party for Jesus!!!) The Gospel of St Luke will be presented in great prayer by

all of our kids in Grades 1-5 during the time of Religious Ed. Classes on Monday, December 11th, and Tuesday, December 12th. Immediately following this dear extravaganza, we will continue the celebration in the hall with...cupcakes to decorate and continued bliss! **PREPARE YOUR HEART...** Meet us in the church...The children will begin, costumed and ready to proclaim the Gospel at 4:30PM in the Church!

WISH LIST

Cupcake Sprinkles/Candy Toppings/Frosting
Jugs of Juice



Retirement Fund for the Religious

Elderly religious need your help. Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their

lives to serving others through praying for us, ministering to us, educating the young, caring for those who are sick and more—most for little or no pay, leaving a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Please give generously.

There will be a second collection next weekend, December 10th.

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

DECEMBER 3RD, 2023



*Show us, Lord, your love;
And grant us your salvation.*



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Help fulfill these promises and join the Knights of Columbus today! [Visit kofc.org/joinus](https://kofc.org/joinus)



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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.

DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!



PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of November 26th** will go to the **Retirement Fund for Religious**

Nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others through prayer and ministry. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine and other necessities.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To our
Parishioners of St. Mary's, Christine Soderman,
and all those who helped prepare and provide Thanksgiving Baskets for 213 Families.

DID YOU KNOW....

The Church does not CELEBRATE Christmas until Christmas Eve. The Christmas Season lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 8th.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

September—November

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$60,823	\$129,806
Amount Needed.....	\$43,625	\$113,425
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$17,198	\$16,381
(One time donations included in figures above).....		\$22,570

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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