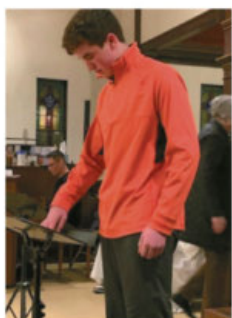




**Our awesome Russ McClintock
Training our new and eager Youth Lectors!
December 10th**



**Our wonderful Giving Tree Volunteers sorting the
gifts! Thank you to ALL who donated!
December 10th**



**Our amazing 10th Graders receiving the Rite of Enrollment!
December 10th**



**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 16**

4:30 PM David Lamacchia (*His Wife Barbara*)

Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

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

Monday, December 18

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

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

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil

6:00 PM Christmas Vigil

Midnight Christmas Vigil

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

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

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Miles Francis Brockway Baptism

Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Vivienne Joan Hiller Baptism

4:00 PM Gr 6 - 8 Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church

5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 Class

Monday, December 18

12:00 PM Mass/Church

4:15 PM Grade 1 - 5 **No Class**

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Mass/Church

4:15 PM Grade 1- 5 **No Class**

7:30 PM Adult Choir/Church

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 AM Mass/Church

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

7:30 PM Adult Choir/Church

Thursday, December 21

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, December 22**Saturday, December 23**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass/Church

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil/Church

6:00 PM Christmas Vigil/Church

Midnight Christmas Vigil/Church

4:00 PM Gr 6-8 **No Class**

5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 **No Class**

Monday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM Christmas Mass/Church

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

Christmas Memorial Flowers

As of December 10th



| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
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| George & Laura Benoit | Annie Dolan |
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| Joseph & Cecile Philip Taylor | Mr. & Mrs. Francis Sweeney |
| Ramond Lyman | The Namiotka Family |
| Laurie Fazio | The Ferraro Family |
| John Rebeiro Jr. | Winnie & Willy Mangano |
| Deceased Family and | David & Marie Tremblay |
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To report abuse, please contact Judith Audette, Director of Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at (508)929-4363

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



GOD SMILES as He celebrates all our new altar servers and young lectors! We are blessed to have your beautiful example of service!! Young people are always welcome to these beautiful ministries. Call the Religious Ed Office today if you would like to serve at our Family Table!



We are so looking forward to welcoming our friend's home from college! Please mark your calendars for a "PIZZA WITH

THE PASTOR" gathering on Tuesday, January 2nd at 6PM in the Hall. We cannot wait to share food and conversation!!!



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!

GET YOUR GIFT CARDS HERE!!

The Knights now have a variety of store cards available including Amazon, Target, TJ Maxx, CVS, Panera, etc.

Please support the K of C Hope for Housing card sales as 5% of each card purchased goes to Hope for Housing, a local nonprofit that prevents family homelessness, revitalizes communities, and renews hope.



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

DECEMBER 17TH, 2023



Join Knights of Columbus Today!

The Knights of Columbus believe that protecting your family is one of the most important roles for Catholic men. Members of the Knights are automatically enrolled in the Family Fraternal Benefit program. Here is how the Family Fraternal Benefit works for the eligible families:

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Members also have to the ability to meet with trusted insurance agents and discuss their financial future on top of the Family fraternal benefit.

Start protecting your family by joining the Knights today. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus

Prayer Card Ministry

Hi Friends! The NEW Prayer Card Ministry is looking for cards to send to our homebound & sick parishioners, as well as those parishioners who are in nursing homes.



If you have any "extra" CARDS, please drop them in the basket in the vestibule and we will see that they are put to good use.

We are looking for Birthday, Holiday and Thinking of you cards. Thanks for any assistance you could offer our ministry to help send a ray of sunshine to parishioners who may be away from our family.

The Prayer Card Ministry

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 17TH, 2023

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.



Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

In fact, we can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of December 10th** will go towards

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To our

**To all who helped sort and organize
the gifts for the Giving Tree**

DID YOU KNOW....

**Our heating bill last year was \$15,512.15.
The donations in the amount of \$3,338 to
the Fuel Collection helped to defray this
cost.**

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

September—November

| | <u>November</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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