

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him



**Our Beautiful 1-5 Graders
celebrating the birth of
Jesus with a
reenactment of the Nativity
December 11th & 12th**



**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 23**

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil

6:00 PM Christmas Vigil

Midnight Christmas Vigil

Monday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

10:00 PM Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, December 27

8:00 AM Communion Service

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

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Bob Larocque (Wife Kathy & Family)

5:00 PM **No Mass**

Christmas Eve Masses

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

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th - 10:00 AM

Schedule Around Campus...**Saturday, December 23**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Mass/Church

Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM Mass/Church

6:00 PM Mass/Church

Midnight Mass/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 Mass/Church

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

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 AM Communion Service/GR

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

Wednesday, December 27

8:00 AM Communion Service/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, December 28

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR

Friday, December 29**Saturday, December 30**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, December 31

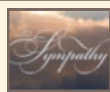
8:00 AM Mass/Church

10:00 AM Mass/Church

5:00 PM **No Mass**

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

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

Patricia Hardy

John Willaerd (Bill) Moran, and

Donald Richard Deamer Sr.

May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for

Janice Dymek

Requested by The Dymek Family

Someone you know may be in an abusive relationship.

Abuse Hotline 508-755-9030

Christmas Memorial Flowers

As of December 13th



Louis & Wanda Weslowski	Martha Gurtney
George & Laura Benoit	Annie Dolan
Parents & Our Family	The Dionne Family
James F. McKenna	The Doiron Family
John & Alice Flanagan	Melania & Jozef Kaminski
Donato & Kate Guadagnoli	Zofia & Wacław Moniak
Jacqueline Kate Helenius	Homer & Anita Derosier
Fredrick & Edna Buck	Mary Gardner
Arthur & Dorothy Nugent	Thanas & Deeney Family
Faith Guadagnoli	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Silvestri
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
Friends	The Isenhardt Family
Susan Cobb	The Gallagher & Stevens
The O'Grady Family	Family
Agnes & Charles Hickey	The Francisco Family
Richard Guerro	The De La Paz Family
Anna Barton	Joe Garvey Family
Eleanor & Nicholas DeMaria	The La Prade Family
Louis Roy	The Condon Family
Judith Pulsifer	Joseph, Nellie &
The Antinovitch Family	Ricci Gelsomini
The Nguyen Family	Francis, Madeline &
The Sullivan Family	John Murphy
Dr. & Mrs. Paul F. Bergen	Rose & Mike
Mr. Peter S. Liddy	Dot & Judy
Christopher Pope	Anne & Al
Richard & Isabelle Pope	Dot & Ann
Diane Deane	Mr. & Mrs. F Polli
The Gagnon Family	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence
Husband, Stanley & Daugh-	Evangelista
ter, Debbie Jaroz	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Engdahl
Al, Amy & Mary Menard	Francis & Mary Kelly
Dick & Jan Phaneuf	Ernest & Jennie Clapgood
The Donaghy Family	Rosemarie & William
Lauren R. Stacy	Koppang
Joan Conrad	Mr. Nunzio Donato
The Grenoske Family	Ronald & Diane Sampson
Charles & Estelle Wisniewski	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Breen
The Erali Family	Nancy Lucci
Beth O'Rourke	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Donegan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Merry Christmas! There will be no classes this week. Classes for the Middle/High School students resume on Sunday, Jan. 7th. Classes resume for Grades 1-5 on Tuesday, January 2nd. We pray that the Christmas Season brings all our children and families peace and joy!



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!!!



Please keep our **Grade two children** and families in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, January 8th and Tuesday, January 9th**. Please pray that God's awesome love will touch them deeply as they experience the power of His endless mercy.



Wise ones still seek Him...Beginning Epiphany weekend, as we adore Him, let us **COME BEARING GIFTS** of food for hungry children. As a parish family, let us resolve again this year to provide 1 week-end of care packages for local children served by "Bright Eyed Kids" formally "Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz". **This Food drive** will continue throughout the month of January until we reach our goal. Our Grade 6 class will sort and pack our gift of food during their February 2nd Retreat. **Cash donations are gratefully accepted**. If you are available to help shop or help prepare food for packing, please contact the Religious Ed Office! More information to follow!



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!



Merry Christmas!

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

DECEMBER 24TH, 2023



**A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon the earth.**



As we approach the end of 2023, we reflect upon the many blessings that we have received from our God during this past year.

For some of us 2023 has been a year of exceptional blessings. Please consider an end of year gift to St. Mary's. Not only is it a sign of gratitude to God, but your gift also assists us as a parish family to bring the Good News to others and share the caring and compassion of Christ with those who are hurting and in need. Gifts given to St. Mary's by December 31st are tax deductible for the year 2023.



Join Knights of Columbus Today!

The Knights of Columbus offers scholarships opportunities for higher education for its members, member's spouses, and children. Just this past year, the Knights of Columbus has provided over 1 million dollars in scholarships to students attending colleges, universities, and seminaries. The Knights offers six scholarship programs: US Undergraduate Scholarship, Canadian Undergraduate Scholarship, Catholic University of America Scholarship, Bishop Greco Scholarship, Matthews and Swift Scholarship, and Seminarian Scholarship. For more information about the "Knights of Columbus" scholarships and how to apply, visit: www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html



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.



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DECEMBER 24TH, 2023



There is just one day left until the celebration of Christmas begins. Let's live this last day of Advent well.

We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.

This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. He will give us all the help and strength we need.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of December 17th** will go to the **Christmas Eve meals for the Holden Fire and Police Departments**



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To our
Christmas Decorators

Thank you for all your hard work in making the Church beautiful and inviting for our Christmas Season.

DID YOU KNOW....

The feast of solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. There will be no Mass.

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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