

St. Mary's Parish Family

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We welcome the newest
members of our
St. Mary's Parish Family!

Miles Francis Brockway
Baptized on Saturday, December 16, 2023

&

Vivienne Joan Hiller
Baptized on Sunday, December 17, 2023

May they always have the
peace and love of God
in their hearts.



Mrs. Barbara's Story Time.....

"Christmas Stories of Joy for Little Ones."

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Weekly Story Hour Beginning on

Wednesday January 3rd

9:00 AM



Story Night and Cookie Decorating! *Thursday December 14, 2023*

The Next Pajama Picnic is scheduled for January 11, 2024.

Please join us in the Hall at 5:30 PM

**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 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**

Monday, January 1 Happy New Year!

12:00 PM **No Mass/Office Closed**

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Wednesday, January 3

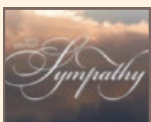
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, January 4**Friday, January 5****Saturday, January 6**

4:30 PM Daniel J. Harrington Jr. (His Family)

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Nancy Lucci (Loving Husband Tony)
10:00 AM Francis P. Quinn Sr. (Carol Quinn)
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

***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.

Barbara Charbonneau

May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.

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

Schedule Around Campus...**Saturday, December 30**

3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass/Church
Vera Grace Giuliano Baptism

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**

Monday, January 1 Happy New Year!

12:00 PM **No Mass/Office Closed**
4:15 PM **Grade 1- 5 No Class**

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 AM **Communion Service**
4:15 PM Grade 1- 5 Class
6:00 PM College Dinner/Hall

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 AM Mass/GR
2:00 PM Mailing Card Ministry/DR
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, January 4**Friday, January 5**

6:30 PM Scouts Overnight/Hall

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Mass/Church
10:00 AM Mass/Church
5:00 PM Mass/Church
4:00 PM **Gr 6-8 Class**
5:00 PM **Gr 9 & 10 Class**



Christmas Memorial Flowers

As of December 18th



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



There will be No Rel Ed. this Sunday, January 31st! . Classes resume for Grades 1-5 on Tuesday, January 2nd and for Middle School and High School on Sunday, January 7th! We pray that the New Year will bring peace and joy!



Wise ones still seek Him...Beginning in January, 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 weekend of care packages for local children. **"One Weekend for Hungry Kids" Food drive** will continue until we reach our goal. **Every weekend, as well as Christmas, summer and other school breaks, BRIGHT EYED KIDS provides more than 400 children with a Care Kit that includes the following for each child:**

- 2 Chef Boyardee Spaghetti & Meatballs (15 oz cans)
- 2 Nissin Cup Noodles (2.25 oz cups)
- 2 Nabisco Oreo / Golden Oreo / Chips Ahoy
- 2 Cookie Packs, 1 Keebler M&M Mini Cookies (1.6 oz packets)
- 1 Kellogg's Rice Krispies Treats
- 2 Kellogg's Breakfast Cereal Variety Pack (single serve boxes)
- 1 Quaker Instant Oatmeal Packet (1.23 oz packets)
- 1 Dole Peach Fruit Cups (4 oz cups)
- 1 Dole Mandarin Orange Fruit Cups (4 oz cups)
- 1 Pepperidge Farm Goldfish (1.5 oz packets)
- 1 Snyder's Mini Pretzels (.92 oz packets)
- 2 Quaker Chewy Granola Bars

If you are available to help shop or help prepare food for packing, please contact the Religious Ed Office. **Cash donations accepted.** To be inspired, or for more info, please visit Bright Eyed Kids at <https://www.brighteyed.org>



Please keep our **Grade 2 & Beginnings Class Children** and families in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during the month of January. May God's awesome love touch them deeply as they experience the power of His endless mercy.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

DECEMBER 31ST, 2023



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!

Membership in the Knights of Columbus offers men the opportunity to be leaders—in their local communities and the opportunity to lead projects that support their churches and their local communities. Local councils can provide men leadership opportunities that they may not be currently offered in their professional careers. K of C membership gives men the opportunities to lead teams to accomplish charitable initiatives and to develop organization and public speaking skills.

Join the Knights today! Visit: www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html



*The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph
and the infant lying in a manger.*

Calendars for the New Year can be found in the vestibule on the table.

Please help yourself and take one for your family & friends too.



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.



<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchJefferson>

DECEMBER 31ST, 2023



Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

St. Paul calls us to put on “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” Let us “give thanks to God the Father” by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were “amazed at what was said about him.” We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God's plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God's voice.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of December 24th** will go to **4Others**

They strive to bring people together in Jesus' name to serve others in creative, fun, and meaningful ways.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To

**Peter Gerardi and all our
Music Ministers who made our
Christmas Masses truly glorious.**

DID YOU KNOW....

The Christmas Season lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which this year is celebrated on January 7th.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September—November

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$40,753	\$109,736
On Time Donations.....	\$19,070	\$21,570
Amount Needed.....	\$43,625	\$113,425
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$16,198	\$16,381

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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