



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

Vera Grace Giuliano

Baptized on Saturday, December 30, 2023



Miss Barbara's Storytime

January 3, 2023

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, 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

Monday, January 8

12:00 PM Susan Cobb (*Donna & Richard Cobb*)

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, January 11**Friday, January 12****Saturday, January 13**

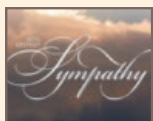
4:30 PM Richard Lamacchia (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Bill Wesolowski ~ *6th Anniversary*
(*Beloved Wife Jane & Family*)

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.

George LaCroix

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, January 6**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Mass/Church

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

5:00 PM Mass/Church

4:00 PM Gr 6-8 Class

Teen Choir/Church

5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 Class

Monday, January 8

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1, 3, 4 & 5 Class/Hall
Grade 2 Reconciliation/Church

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 AM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1, 3, 4 & 5 Class/Hall
Grade 2 Reconciliation/Church

6:00 PM Grade 2 Reconciliation/Church

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 AM Mass/GR

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

2:00 PM Church Decorating Ministry/Church

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, January 11

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry/DR

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

5:30 PM Pajama Picnic/Hall

Friday, January 12**Saturday, January 13**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM Mass/Church

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Anne Allison Pearlman Baptism

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

5:00 PM Mass/Church

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

Teen Choir/Church

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Christmas Memorial Flowers

As of December 19 - January 2



Mr. & Mrs. Mark Troiano
Wendy Somerset
Mr. & Mrs. John Adams
David Lamacchia
The McCarthy Lamacchia Family



Wednesdays
At 9:00AM

**Weekly story hour with
Songs, Finger Puppets, Poems
and Hands-On Activities!**

St. Mary's Church Gathering Room
Ages 0 and up!
All are Welcome!

If you have questions please call Sarah Brodie the Parish Office Manager at 508-829-4508 or email at : sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com

Family Pajama Picnic



**Are you looking to connect to other families
with young children at St. Mary's?**

Join us in a relaxed gathering to meet and socialize with other families with young children. Bring your own food/drink and picnic blanket. Feel free to wear your pajamas!

When: Thursday, January 11, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Where: St. Mary's Church Parish Hall

Contact Anna Karam with any questions or feedback:
annaekaram@gmail.com



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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



Wise ones still seek Him...Beginning this Epiphany weekend, as we adore Him, let us **COME BEARING GIFTS** of food for hungry children. As a parish family, let us re-

solve again this year to provide **ONE WEEKEND** of care packages for local children. **"One Weekend for Hungry Kids" Food drive** will continue until we reach our goal. **Cash donations accepted**. If you are available to help shop or help prepare food for packing, please contact the Religious Ed Office.

Every weekend, as well as Christmas, summer and other school breaks, BRIGHT EYED KIDS provides More than 400 children each weekend with a Kare 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

To be inspired, or for more info, please visit Bright Eyed Kids at <https://www.brighteyed.org>



Please keep our **Grade Two and our Beginnings children** and families in your prayers as they celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation this Monday, Jan. 8th and Tuesday, Jan. 9th**. May they experience God's awesome love deeply and the power of His endless mercy!



NO CLASS Grade 6-10 ~ Sunday, January 14th and Grade 1-5 Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 16th for Grade 1-5 and Sunday, January 21st for Grades 6-10!



The First Eucharist Meeting for parents of children preparing to receive Eucharist in the spring will be held January 23rd at 6:30PM in the Hall. We are so excited to have these young people join us around our family table!

Building our RETREAT TEAM

Confirmed young people, join us beginning February 4th ~ Sundays 11AM (Hall) as we prepare to lead a day-long retreat for our Grade 10 Confirmation Class! Need more info? Email Kerry at kogrady1@msn.com

JANUARY 7TH, 2024

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.



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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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Please visit our Website: www.stmarysjeff.com

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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.

JANUARY 7TH, 2024



Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, “they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ’s kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God’s house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ’s many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.



*We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2: 1-12

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of December 31st** will go to

Trivium School Chapel Fund

To help integrate the chapel more fully into the library where the students attend regular weekly Mass.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To

**All those who helped to make our gathering
with our young adults a great evening.**

DID YOU KNOW....

**The season of Lent this year begins on Ash
Wednesday, February 14th.**

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September—December

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$40,663	\$150,398
On Time Donations.....	\$22,687	\$44,257
Amount Needed.....	\$34,900	\$148,325
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$28,450	\$46,330

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totals once a month. Thank You**

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