

St. Mary's Parish Family

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*Celebrating First Reconciliation
with some of our beautiful Second Graders
January 8, 2024*

**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 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

Monday, January 15

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

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 AM Debbie Jarosz (*Mom Doris*)

Thursday, January 18**Friday, January 19****Saturday, January 20**

4:30 PM George Lacroix (*Nancy & Ed Benoit*)

Sunday, January 21

8:00 AM Bill Wesolowski ~ *6th Anniversary*
(*Beloved Wife Jane & Family*)
10:00 AM Anthony & Barbara Dinoia (*The Family*)
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's



The Tabernacle candle burns for
Francis P. Quinn
Requested by Carol Quinn

If the Mass intention is for your family member, we invite you to bring up the gifts at the offertory. See one of the ushers before Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to join in the celebration of your family intention.

Schedule Around Campus...**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
Oliver Theodore Kozlowski
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

Monday, January 15

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

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 AM Mass/GR
4:15 PM **Grade 1-5 Class**

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 AM Mass/GR
9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, January 18

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, January 19**Saturday, January 20**

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

Sunday, January 21

8:00 AM Mass/Church
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Theodore Raphael Sacino Baptism
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**

FOR ANY CANCELLED EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL, THE FACEBOOK PAGE, OR THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION AT: WWW.STMARYSJEFF.COM

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



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ONE WEEKEND FOR HUNGRY KIDS!

Each year, St. Mary's commits to assisting in a very important mission of feeding hungry children by providing and packing **just one weekend's** food care kits for children. Here's what we will need to complete our mission for hungry children:

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

Donations can be dropped off at the entrance of the church, in the hall, in the Gathering Room or shipped directly to St. Mary's this week end or at any time through the month of January.

Visit <https://www.brighteyed.org> for more information and inspiration!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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



Please keep our Gr. 2 & Beginnings children in your prayers as they receive God's incredible Love and Forgiveness in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 4:15 PM and 6 PM!



The First Eucharist Meeting for parents of children preparing to receive Eucharist in the spring will be held on Tuesday, January

30th at 6:30 PM 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 this day-long retreat for our Grade 10 Confirmation Class! Need more info? Email Kerry at kogrady1@msn.com

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.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day

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

JANUARY 14TH, 2024



All are welcome here!

At all masses, the invitation is extended to everyone that at the time of the Eucharist, all may come forward. Those who are not receiving, simply put your hands crossed over your chest and receive a blessing.

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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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 4TH, 2024



“Speak, for your servant is listening.” With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, “Here I am,” but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, might be a problem for us. First, we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with “Here I am” is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards and servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

“Here I am” is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, “Come follow me,” as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more importantly do we respond, and do we follow?

In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, “Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!”

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of January 7th** will go to

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We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
**All those who helped take down our
Christmas decorations.**

DID YOU KNOW....

Our collection was down \$4000 from our collection this weekend last year due to the storm.

We encourage families to set up with their banks automatic giving.

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

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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