

St. Mary's Parish Family

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



Anne Allison Pearlman & Oliver Theodore Kozłowski

Baptized on Sunday, January 14, 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 20

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

Sunday, January 21

8:00 AM Nancy Lucci (*Loving Husband Tony*)

10:00 AM Anthony & Barbara Dinoia (*The Family*)

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, January 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, January 25

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

4:30 PM Isabel Hennessey (*Her Family*)
 12th Anniversary

Sunday, January 28

8:00 AM Peter Liddy (*Martha & Liddy Family*)

10:00 AM Louis Roy (*His Family*)

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's



The Kingdom of God is at hand.
 Repent and believe in the Gospel.

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

Schedule Around Campus...

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

Monday, January 22

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

Tuesday, January 23

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**

7:30 PM Choir/Church

Wednesday, January 24

8:00 AM Mass/GR

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, January 25

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl/DR

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, January 28

8:00 AM Mass/Church

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Calvin Robert Towle Baptism

2nd Grade Rite of Welcome

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



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



Rosary at Holden Nursing Home

Every Tuesday morning at 11:00 following the weekly Communion Service, our parishioner Marguerite Nguyen and approximately 12 residents at Holden Nursing Home, pray the rosary.

Please consider joining Marguerite in this ministry. There is power in one, but company and support of others would enhance the prayerful experience for all present. The rosary takes 20 -30 minutes and doesn't need to be a weekly commitment. Please reach out!

Beth@stmaryjeff.com or 508 272 6923



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



We look forward to welcoming all our children and students back to Rel. Ed. this week! Classes for Grades 6-8 and Grades 9 & 10 on Sunday, Jan. 21st, Classes for Grades 1-5 on Monday, Jan. 22nd and Tuesday, Jan. 23rd!



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



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JANUARY 21ST, 2024



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Please visit our Website: www.stmarysjeff.com

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 21ST, 2024



Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.

These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of January 14th** will go to

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DID YOU KNOW....

Ash Wednesday is on February 14th, which means the Season of Lent begins in just 24 Days.

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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