

St. Mary's Parish Family

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

Calvin Robert Towle & David Sangenarío McNeil

Baptized on Sunday, January 28, 2024



Our First Eucharist children celebrate the Rite of Welcome during Sunday Mass!

Sunday, January 28, 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, February 3

4:30 PM Barbara Charbonneau (*Pam Reponen*)

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Patsy McGrady, Corwin &
 Paula A. McGrady Mielinski (*Tom Swank*)

10:00 AM Sr. Mary Mercedes & George S. Wallace
 (*Tom Swank*)

5:00 PM Phillip Wahlstrom &
 Susan Mielinski Sibley (*Tom Swank*)

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, February 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, February 8

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

4:30 PM Fr. James Caldarella

Sunday, February 11

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

5:00 PM Roland Dionne

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, February 3

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Blessing of the Throats Mass/Church

6:00 PM Grade 6 Retreat Snow Date

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Blessing of the Throats Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Blessing of the Throats Mass/Church
 Scout Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
 Coffee Shoppe/GR

4:00 PM Gr 6-8 Class

5:00 PM Blessing of the Throats Mass/Church

5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 Class

Monday, February 5

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 AM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

6:30 PM Capital Improvements Committee/GR

7:30 PM Choir/Church

Wednesday, February 7

8:00 AM Mass/GR

ALL DAY Mustard Seed Drop

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

2:00 PM Prayer Card Meeting/DR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, February 8

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl/DR

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

2:00 PM Mustard Seed Cook/Hall

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

3:30 PM Confessions

9:00 AM Grades 4-5 Retreat

Sunday, February 11

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
 Coffee Shoppe/GR

4:00 PM Gr 6-8 Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church

5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 Class



The Tabernacle candle burns for
 Sr. Mary Mercedes
 Requested by Tom Swank

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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



MEN'S RETREAT

The men of the parish are invited to make a retreat on **May 3rd—May 5th**, at the **Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, in West Hartford, Connecticut.**

You may have made a retreat in the past at the Passionist Retreat Center in Shrewsbury, before its closure, or this may be your first invitation. In either case this is a unique opportunity to step aside from everyday concerns and deepen your spiritual life with a weekend of quiet, prayer, inspiring talks, beautiful music and much more.

This year's theme is "Only Say The Word", in which the retreat team will explore where healing is needed in each of us and in the world.

We are fortunate to have 4 scholarships available for any men interested (A \$350 Value).

If you have questions or would like further details please contact: Fran Meringolo at 508-479-0912 or Ed Connor at 774-364-3189.

Or visit HOLYFAMILYRETREAT.ORG/THEMED-RETREATS.

Women and Couples Retreats are also available.



Easter Choir Rehearsals

Easter is on March 31st

Tuesdays - 7:30 PM - 9 PM in the Church

Dates:

**February 6, 13, 20, 27 &
March 5, 12, 19, 20 & 26th (if needed)**

We always welcome new members to join us for Holy Week leading up to the Vigil Holy Saturday. If interested please let me know so I can make you up a music binder.

Theresa Oriol will direct us!

Questions please contact: Peter Gerardi

PETERGERARDI60@GMAIL.COM or 508 826-1090

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



We Did It!

Thank you for your incredible generosity in feeding nearly 400 hungry kids for a weekend!!!



TEAM MEETINGS

Sundays 11AM (Hall) beginning Feb. 4th ~ Confirmed young people~ Join us in leading this year's Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat!!! Need more info? Email Kerry at kogrady1@msn.com



WELCOME

GRADE 4 & 5 ~ COME CELEBRATE

"GOD'S AWESOME LOVE"! This morning retreat for parents and children will

be held THIS Saturday, February 10th from 9AM to 12:30PM in the Hall. Please let us know if you are unable to join us.



Great Service Opportunities:

Looking for several Middle/High School/ College Students (Adults also WELCOME!)

for the following events:

- Grade 4th & 5th Retreat
- Retreat Team Leader (Grade 11 and up)
- Assist during Rel. Ed Sessions
- Ash Wednesday Souper Supper
- Pizza and Magic Night
- Spaghetti Supper
- Stations of the Cross for Kids

Please call Maryjane or Kerry if you are interested in taking advantage of these or other service hours!



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



Christ took away our infirmities
And bore our diseases.

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

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024

MEAL TRAIN



When a St. Mary's parishioner experiences a difficult time and they are unable to cook for themselves, our Meal Train ministry offers a supper time meal for that individual and/or family.

When the need arises, the Meal Train volunteers receive an email indicating the dates meals are requested, address, and other information of the person in need. A volunteer signs up to prepare a supper, and then delivers it to the parishioner on the date they selected. Usually, 7 or 14 volunteers sign up on the email, and each provides a meal. The Meal Train continues for a week or two or until the recipient's condition is improved.

St. Mary's Meal Train Ministry has been operating successfully for many years under the care of our dearest Kim. At this time, Kim is retiring from this position. We are looking for someone I can contact when we receive a need for the Meal Train. I provide the parishioners contact information, dates supper meal needed, and any pertinent information. You would then enter the information in the Meal Train site and email it to our already existing volunteer list.

This is NOT a time consuming commitment. Usually we provide the Meal Train 3-5 times a year.

Please contact me for info if interested. Beth Cunningham: 508 272 6923 or beth@stmaryjeff.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.

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our home, parish, and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, 'Make me humble, Lord.'



PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of January 21st** will go to
Bright Eyed Food Care Kits

Bright Eyed's mission is to provide food kits, meals and snacks, to students in need every Friday, offering support for the weekend when school meals are not available.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO

All those who through their generosity in sharing their time & treasure, made our Food Care Kits a success.

DID YOU KNOW....

Our yearly contract for snow removal & salting is \$18,500.00?

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024 **Months of September - January**

| | <u>January</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Amount Collected..... | \$41,694 | \$192,093 |
| On Time Donations..... | \$11,700 | \$55,957 |
| Amount Needed..... | \$43,625 | \$191,950 |
| Surplus/< Deficit >..... | \$9,769 | \$56,100 |

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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