

St. Mary's Parish Family

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Building God's Kingdom at the Grade 6 Retreat

Friday, February 2, 2024



Miss Barbara's Story Time

Wednesday, January 31, 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 10

4:30 PM Barbara Charbonneau (Barbara Lamacchia)

Sunday, February 11

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00 AM In Memory of Paul Thibeault's Birthday
 (The Family)
 5:00 PM Roland Dionne

Monday, February 12

12:00 PM Richard Perrault
 (Ann Morando & The Family)

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, February 15

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

4:30 PM Marianne Joubert (Barbara Lamacchia)

Sunday, February 18

8:00 AM Henry Finnegan (His Family)
 20th Anniversary
 10:00 AM Gloria Bosse (Paul & Sheila Bosse)
 5:00 PM Fr. James Calderella

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.

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

Schedule Around Campus...

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
Family Pancake Breakfast
 4:00 PM Gr 6-8 Class
 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 5:00 PM **Gr 9 & 10 No Class**

Monday, February 12

12:00 PM Mass/GR
 4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class
 7:30 PM Choir/Church

Wednesday, February 14 **Happy Valentines Day**

8:00 AM **Ash Wednesday Mass/Church**
 9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR
 4:30 PM **Ash Wednesday Mass/Church**
 5:30 PM **Lenten Super Supper/Hall**
 7:00 PM **Ash Wednesday Mass/Church**
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, February 15

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, February 16

6:00 PM **Stations of the Cross/Church**

Saturday, February 17

3:15 PM Confessions

Sunday, February 18

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 No Class/February Vacation**
 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 5:00 PM **Gr 9 & 10 No Class/February Vacation**



Ash Wednesday - February 14th

Masses

8:00 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence

+**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on **Ash Wednesday**, **Good Friday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**.

+**Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

+Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM



FAMILY "SOUPER" SUPPER

February 14, Ash Wednesday

Mark your Calendar! **YUMMY** Clam Chowder, Veggie Soup, Mac and Cheese, and Corn Bread will be piping hot and ready to savor following the 4:30 PM Mass. Dinner will begin at 5:30 and end before the 7:00 PM Mass.

Helping hands are needed to prep, serve and clean up.

Sign-up sheets are in the entrance of the church.



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Middle School classes will meet at 4PM THIS Sunday, Feb. 11! There will be no evening High School classes!



TEAM MEETINGS

Sundays 11AM (Hall) ~ Confirmed young people~ Join us in leading this year's Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat (March 16th 9AM-5PM)!!! Need more info? Email Kerry at kogrady1@msn.com



February Vacation ~ There are no scheduled classes Sunday, February 18th, Monday February 19th, Tuesday February 20th. Religious Education Classes will resume for Middle & High School Sunday, February 25th and for Grades 1-5 on Monday 2/26, Tuesday 2/27!



Great Service Opportunities:

Looking for several Middle/High School/College Students (Adults

also WELCOME!) for the following events:

- 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!



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



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

FEBRUARY 11TH, 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



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

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 11TH, 2024

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.



In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstated into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of February 4th** will go to
Abby's House



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
Bulk Mailing Ministry for their help with the
Lenten Little Black Books

DID YOU KNOW....

The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty-day length of lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus's time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming, the Gospel.

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

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