

St. Mary's Parish Family

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4th and 5th Grade Reconciliation Retreat ~ Saturday, February 10th



**Our Wonderful volunteers
prepping the food for our
Ash Wednesday
Souper Supper!**

Monday, February 12th



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 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

Monday, February 19 President Day!

12:00 PM No Mass/Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, February 22

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

4:30 PM Robert Morrow Jr.
 (*Linda Morrow & Family*)

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, February 17

3:15 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

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**

Monday, February 19 President Day!

12:00 PM No Mass

4:15 PM **Grade 1-5 No Class February Vacation**

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 AM Mass/GR

4:15 PM **Grade 1-5 No Class February Vacation**

7:30 PM Choir/Church

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 AM Mass/Gr

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

4:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, February 22

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

3:15 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

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4:00 PM **Gr 6-8 Class**


5:00 PM Mass/Church


5:00 PM **Gr 9 & 10 Class**

**HAPPY
 PRESIDENTS
 DAY!**

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

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

 Adoration - Mondays ~ 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

 Lenten Longings - Tuesdays ~ 10:00 AM

 Stations of the Cross - Fridays ~ 6:00 PM

 Reconciliation - Saturdays ~ 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Lent A Time to Renew

Reconciliation Service
February 27th ~ 6:30 PM

Immediately following, join us in the gathering room as we continue our Celebration of God's Awesome Love with refreshments and friendship.

A Magical Family Better Together Event!

With Magician, Steve Charette

Please bring your appetites and join us on
Monday, March 4th at 6:00 PM
In the **Parish Hall**

Pizza and Magic will be served up with
delight for guests from ages 1-100+!

Beer available for guests aged 21+



Come Celebrate a St. Patrick's Family Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage
And Green (That's right) Green Beer!
Live Music

Saturday, March 16th ~ 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall

*"Lucky 7" Tickets available at the Knights Kiosk
(\$7 per person, Kids Eat Pasta for Free)*

Sponsored by Miles Funeral Home



Lenten Reflections

Monday, March 18
6:30 PM ~ Gathering Room

Pope Francis tells us that Lent is a new beginning, a path towards continual conversion of heart.

Please join us as we take deeper dive with Dick Kirk and we reflect on the season of Lent and Easter. It will be an enriching event!

Wine and Cheese will be served.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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 and Tuesday February 20th.

Religious Education Classes will resume on Sunday, Feb. 25 for Middle/High School, and Monday 2/26, Tuesday 2/27 for Grades 1-5!



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
- 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!



The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner (eat in or take-out)

Friday, March 22nd
St. Mary's Parish Hall
Starts at 6:30 PM

Serving: Baked Atlantic Haddock, regular and sweet potato fries, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and mac & cheese for all. Soft drinks & water included or BYOB.

Adults - \$17 ~ Children - \$8 (Under 12)

Please sign up at the Knight's Kiosk following Mass the week of (preferred) or call our Grand Knight

Jim Cunningham at : 508-272-6951

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

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024



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.

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.



Embracing Loss

The staff at Miles Funeral Home Understands the journey and task of mourning. Although the grieving process is different for everyone, many experience the emptiness and confusion which follows the death of a loved one. Miles is pleased to sponsor a seminar in their bereavement series, **Sharing Hope**, offered to those seeking caring support as they journey through the experience of mourning.

Embracing Loss

Finding Your Way and Healing Your Spirit

**Saturday March 23, 2024 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main Street, Holden**

In this seminar Pam will explore Francis Weller's book, "The Wild Edge of Sorrow," where he offers the five gates of grief as a way to recognize and understand loss as an effective starting place when navigating the challenges and opportunities of grief.



Easter Choir Rehearsals

Easter is on March 31st

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

Dates:

February 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.

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 ~ **(3:15—4 PM During Lent)**

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 18TH, 2024



Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from

Christ's passion, death, and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

To receive the blessings more readily from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, we too are called to endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure the temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of February 11th** will go to **Net of Compassion**

This community organization is overseen and driven by a highly committed man of God, who overcame his own lifelong battle with substance abuse. Director Richie Gonzalez and his team now run an extensive outreach effort in Worcester, Massachusetts. Clients include men and women struggling with substance use disorder, prostitution, homelessness and those living with mental illness symptoms. The volunteers of Net of Compassion help by forming a safety net of support for these folks, providing peer support, food, clothing, intensive recovery counseling and many other services.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
**All who helped prepare, cook, serve & clean up
the Souper Supper.**

DID YOU KNOW....

Many religious scholars believe that the custom of Lent was modeled after the Christian tradition of requiring baptism candidates to fast for 40 days before their day of baptism on Easter.

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