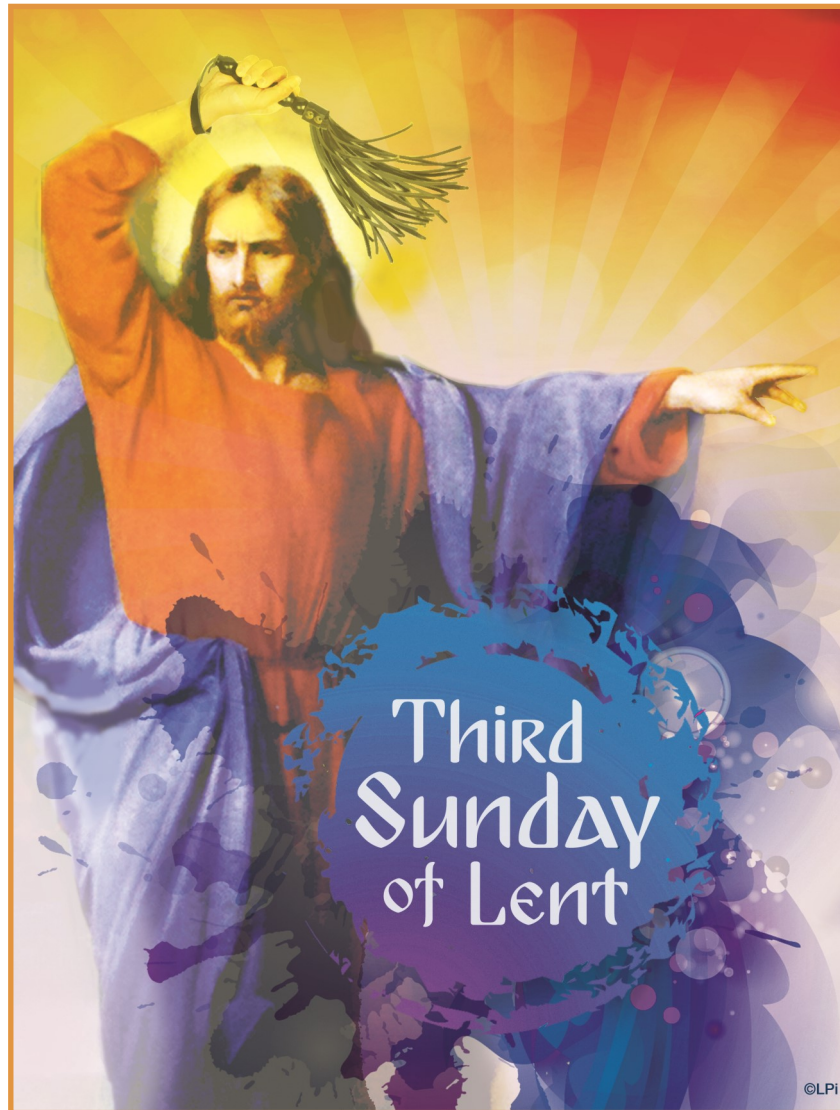


St. Mary's Parish Family

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Prayer ~ Faith ~ Love



Join Miss Barbara's Story Time every Wednesday in the Gathering Room at 9:00 AM
Wednesday, February 28th



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, March 2

4:30 PM Charles Wisniewski (*The Family*)

Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM Betty Hunt (*Martha Liddy*)
 10:00 AM Father Walter Riley
 5:00 PM Diane Brown ~ *2nd Anniversary*
 (*Dan Brown her husband and Family*)

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, March 7

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

4:30 PM John Belcher (*Donna & Bob Morrison*)

Sunday, March 10

8:00 AM Betty Hunt (*Sheila & Paul Bosse*)
 10:00 AM Antonina Maietta (*The Coling Family*)
 5:00 PM Elizabeth Houston



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for
Charles Wisniewski
 Requested by The Family

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

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, March 2

3:15 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

12:00 PM Mass/GR
 12:30 PM Adoration/Church
 4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class
 6:00 PM Family Pizza and Magic Night/Hall

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 10:00 AM Lenten Longings/GR
 4:15 PM Grade 1-5 No Class
 6:30 PM Reconciliation Service/Church
 7:30 PM Choir/Church

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR
 2:00 PM Prayer Card Meeting/DR
 4:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, March 7

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR
 10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, March 8

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross/Church


Saturday, March 9


3:15 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass/Church


Sunday, March 10


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

THIRD 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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



In Life & Death, We are the Lord's...
We lift up in prayer those who have lost
loved ones especially for the
families and friends of,

**Barbara Charbonneau, Eleanor Jasper,
Jane Rensky, William O'Connor, Jr.,
Mary Elizabeth Hunt, George Monfreda, and
John Belcher**

May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.

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+



Family Pajama Picnic



**Are you looking to connect to other families
with young children at St. Mary's?**

Join us in a relaxed gathering to meet and socialize with
other families with young children. Bring your own
food/drink and picnic blanket. Feel free to wear your
pajamas!

When: Thursday, March 14, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Where: St. Mary's Church Parish Hall

Contact Anna Karam with any questions or feedback:
annaekaram@gmail.com

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



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**No Religious Ed. Classes On Super
Tuesday, March 5th for Grades 1-5.**



Middle and High School young people~

If you would like to offer your prayer by
participating in **Living Stations of the Cross** on Good
Friday, March 29th, please contact the Religious Ed
Office. Many people choose to take time off to ob-
serve this most sacred day. **Please consider being**
with us to reflect and thank our God for His incredi-
ble love through the gift of your participation.



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



Great Service Opportunities:
Looking for several Middle/High School/
College Students (Adults also
WECLOME!) for the following events:

- + Assist during Religious Ed Events
- + Pizza and Magic Night
- + Lucky 7's Corned beef & Live Music Night
- + Stations of the Cross for Kids
- + Living Stations (Teens)

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



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.



**HOW ARE YOU CHOOSING TO WALK
IN HIS SANDALS THIS LENT?**

MARCH 3RD, 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.



**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



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.**

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.



Easter Choir Rehearsals

Easter is on March 31st

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

Dates:

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.

MARCH 3RD, 2024



Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of February 25th** will go to
Little White Books



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
The Bereavement Ministry who hosted a
reception after a Funeral Service.

DID YOU KNOW....

The Summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum – from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - February

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$34,709	\$226,803
On Time Donations.....	\$3,500	\$59,457
Amount Needed.....	\$34,900	\$226,850
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$191	\$47

In an effort to make our reporting more accurate, the Finance Committee has decided to report our collection totals once a month. Thank You