

St. Mary's Parish Family

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“Better Together Family Magic Night” ~ March 4th





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 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

Monday, March 11

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, March 14

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

4:30 PM Joan Conrad (*The Family*)
1st Year Anniversary

Sunday, March 17

8:00 AM Sr. Harriet Cotting (*Sheila & Paul Bosse*)

10:00 AM Betty Hunt (*The Prayer Shawl Ministry*)

5:00 PM Betty Hunt (*Larry & Phyllis Yont*)

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

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

Schedule Around Campus...

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

Monday, March 11

12:00 PM Mass/GR
 12:30 PM Adoration/Church
 4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 10:00 AM Lenten Longings/GR
 4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class
 7:30 PM Choir/Church

Wednesday, March 13

All Day Mustard Seed Drop/Hall
 8:00 AM Mass/GR
 9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR
 4:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR
 7:00 PM Strengthening Our Parish Family/Hall

Thursday, March 14

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR
 10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR
 2:00 PM Mustard Seed Cook/Hall
 5:30 PM Pajama Picnic/Hall

Friday, March 15

6:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, March 16

9:00 AM Grade 10 Retreat/Trout Brook
 3:15 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass/Church
 5:30 PM St. Patrick's Family Dinner/ Hall

Sunday, March 17

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 No Class



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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Children's Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 15th
6:00 PM in the Church

Celebrate Jesus's journey in a child friendly way.

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

How we know that God accompanies us, and
How we can accompany Jesus through Holy Week.

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



Grade 6 is on Assignment! As part of their "KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT", our young people in Grade 6 are collecting various items for many causes in effort to bring God's love and mercy to those in need. Here is the need: **New, Adult Socks, Coloring Books, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Diapers, Onesies, Formula, Baby Bottles (any baby items), Peanut Butter & Jelly, Personal Care and Hygiene Supplies, and Blank Greeting Cards w/Envelopes**-----Please help "Fill a need" by dropping off donations in the box in the entrance of the Hall marked "KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT".
Thankful for your support!



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 observe this most sacred day. **Please consider being with us to reflect and thank our God for His incredible love through the gift of your participation.**

Worcester Diocesan Youth Retreat June 28th-30th~ Jesus is calling High School teens to something amazing. Jesus wants you to "arise" and encounter the purpose He is calling you to. If you are interested in that, we encourage you to join us for this retreat! <https://neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat>



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!



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

MARCH 10TH, 2024



Easter Lily Deliver to Our Homebound

Please sign up to deliver Easter Lilies to our homebound parishioners. You can deliver to one person or several people.

Flowers will be in the Gathering Room and ready for pick up starting Saturday, March 16th.



Easter Choir Rehearsals

Easter is on March 31st

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

Dates:

March 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



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.

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.

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It has been said many times over and in a variety of ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each

of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures. However, there is one gift in which we all share equally.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God’s unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life.

Stewardship calls us to appreciate all of God’s gifts, but if we only focus on the gifts listed above, our gratitude should know no bounds. Pope Francis has said, “God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God’s gifts.” We need to recognize God’s gifts and especially during our preparations for Easter, find ways to show and live out our gratitude.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of March 3rd** will go to the
The Little White Books



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
**The Committee that hosted our
Magical “Better Together” Event!**

DID YOU KNOW....

Good Friday is the only day of the year that we cannot celebrate Mass.

The Good Friday Service consists of Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and distribution of Eucharist

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - February

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$34,709	\$226,803
One Time Donations.....	\$3,500	\$59,457
Amount Needed.....	\$34,900	\$226,850
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$3,691	\$59,504

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