

St. Mary's Parish Family

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Walking in Jesus's footsteps, our 7th And 8th Grade Religious Ed. students follow the Stations of the Cross.
Sunday, March 9th



EASTER MASS TIMES

MARCH 24TH ~ PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION - 9:45 AM

MASSES - 8 AM, 10AM & 5PM

MARCH 28TH ~ HOLY THURSDAY

LITURGY - 7:00 PM

MARCH 29TH ~ GOOD FRIDAY

LIVING STATIONS - 3:00 PM

LITURGY - 7:00 PM

MARCH 30TH ~ HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 PM

MARCH 31ST ~ EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES - 8 AM, 10 AM & 11:45 AM





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 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*)

Monday, March 18

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, March 21

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

4:30 PM David Lamacchia (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Ann Kokernak (*Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kersus*)
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 5:00 PM Kathryn Follansbee (*Her Family*)



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for
Joan Conrad
 Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kersus

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

Schedule Around Campus...

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**

Monday, March 18

12:00 PM Mass/GR
 12:30 PM **Adoration/Church**
 4:15 PM **Grade 1-5 Class**
 6:30 PM **Lenten Reflection/GR**

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 9:00 AM **Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR**
 4:30 PM **Al-Anon Meeting/GR**
 7:30 PM **Choir/Church**

Thursday, March 21

10:30 AM **Faith Sharing/GR**

Friday, March 22

6:00 PM **Stations of the Cross/Church**
 6:30 PM **KOC Lenten Fish Dinner/Hall**

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 9:45 AM **Palm Sunday Procession**
 10:00 AM Palm Sunday 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**



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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Easter Flower Memorials

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| +Louis & Wanda Weslowski | +Deceased members of |
| +George & Laura Benoit | Menard & Phaneuf Families |
| +Lauren Stacy | +Diane Deane |
| +Deceased members of | +Richard & Isabelle Pope |
| Dillon & Carrier Families | +Christopher Pope |
| +Eileen Rafferty | +Susan Cobb |



Partners in Charity 2024 Appeal

Our parish has begun conducting the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope. Please consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. Visit partners-charity.net and you can make your donation securely online and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!



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.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION and FAMILY MASS...complete with donkey! Come! "Prepare the way of the Lord"!!! Ages 1-101, We Need YOU! A joyful family procession of palms will call us to prayer on Sunday, March 24th at 9:45 AM. Donuts and fellowship following 10 AM Mass. JOIN US!!!



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.**



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

- + Palm Sunday
- + Living Stations (Teens)
- + Assist during Religious Ed Events
- + Gr. 2 First Eucharist Retreat
- + Teacher Appreciation Celebration

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

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>



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

MARCH 17TH, 2024



Easter Choir Rehearsals

Easter is on March 31st

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

Dates:

March 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
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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.



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.

MARCH 17TH, 2024



As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of March 10th** will go to the
Be Like Brit



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
**Religious Education Teachers,
Subs and Helpers.**

DID YOU KNOW....

"The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum" according to the Us Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, "from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday." In human measure, it is a three-day period, 72 hours. In spiritual consideration, it is "liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery."

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