

St. Mary's Parish Family

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**Children's
Stations
of the Cross**
*Friday,
March 15th*



Grade 10 Confirmation Class Retreat @ Trout Brook ~ Saturday, March 16th



St. Patrick's Day Family Dinner
Saturday, March 16th



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 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*)

Monday, March 25

12:00 PM Communion Service

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, March 28

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30 **Easter Vigil**

7:30 PM Fr. Walter Riley (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

Sunday, March 31



8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

11:45 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Schedule Around Campus...

HOLY WEEK

Saturday, March 23

3:15 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM **Palm Sunday Mass/Church**

Coffee Shoppe/GR

9:45 AM **Palm 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 **Palm Sunday Mass/Church**

5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 Class

Monday, March 25

12:00 PM Mass/GR

12:30 PM **Adoration/Church**

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Mass/Church

1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

7:30 PM Choir/Church (*If needed*)

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM Mass/GR

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, March 28/Holy Thursday

7:00 PM **Holy Thursday Liturgy/Church**

Friday, March 29/Good Friday

3:00 PM **Living Stations of the Cross/Church**

7:00 PM **Good Friday Liturgy/Church**

Saturday, March 30/Holy Saturday

7:30 PM **Easter Vigil/Church**

Sunday, March 31/Easter Sunday

8:00 AM **Easter Mass/Church**

10:00 AM **Easter Mass/Church**

11:45 AM **Easter Mass/Church**

4:00 PM **Gr 6-8 No Class**

5:00 PM **NO 5 PM Mass**

5:00 PM **Gr 9 & 10 No Class**

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



PALM SUNDAY

Easter Flower Memorials

+Louis & Wanda Weslowski	+Antonina & Luciano Maietta
+George & Laura Benoit	+Arlene & Bill Moffitt
+Lauren Stacy	+Ellen Jane Brandt
+Deceased members of the Dillon & Carrier Families	+Mr. & Mrs. Michael Foley
+Eileen Rafferty	+Garvey Family
+Deceased members of the Menard & Phaneuf Families	+William & Winnie Mangano
+Diane Deane	+Deceased members of the Locke Family
+Richard & Isabelle Pope	+Deceased members of the DiPerrio Family
+Christopher Pope	+Gallagher & Stevens Families
+Susan Cobb	

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

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



HE IS RISEN



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!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Middle and High School young people ~ If you would like to offer your prayer by participating in **Living Stations of the Cross this week 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.**



2024-25 Religious Education Registration Forms will be available during our Year End Celebrations. See the dates and times below!



Parents, brothers, sisters grammies, grampies, neighbors and friends, COME!!! We will celebrate our YEAR END Ice Cream Social for GRADE 1-5 during the time of Religious Education classes 4:15-5:15 on Monday, April 8th and Tuesday, April 9th... ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



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!**



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

- Palm Sunday Procession
- 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!

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

Spring Session

Date: Tuesday March 26th

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Where: The Gathering Room

Following the death of a loved one, a grief journey begins for the person left behind. The journey is not a road anyone wants to travel. Wherever you are on your grief journey, be it a recent loss, or an older loss of a loved one, you are invited to join us for listening, sharing, and friendship. Learn you are not alone.

Email Beth beth@stmaryjeff.com or call Beth 508 272 6923 for any questions or interest.

MARCH 24TH, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



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.



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, provided by Knights of Columbus.

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.

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 24TH, 2024



Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors.

As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of March 17th** will go to the

Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. For more than 80 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the most vulnerable of their sisters and brothers in more than 100 countries. And it's because of you.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
**Miles Funeral Home for sponsoring our
St. Patrick's Dinner**

DID YOU KNOW....

The Octave of Easter is the eight day period that begins on Easter and ends with the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday).

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