

St. Mary's Parish Family

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"Accompanying Jesus through Holy Week", a Lenten gathering with speaker Dick Kirk

Monday, March 18



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 30

7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

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

Monday, April 1

12:00 PM Communion Service

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

4:30 PM Scanlon Rocher (*Her Family*)

Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM Betty Hunt (*Janet Davis*)

10:00 AM Paula Pellegrino (*The Pellegrino Family*)
Birthday Blessings

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Schedule Around Campus...

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 **Gr 9 & 10 No Class**

Monday, April 1

12:00 PM Communion Service/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 AM Communion Service/GR

1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Class

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 AM Mass/GR

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

6:30 PM Strengthen our Parish Family/Hall

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, April 4

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

9:00 AM **First Eucharist Retreat/Hall**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Tucker Edward Shooshan Baptism

Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Hailey Jean Greelis Baptism

Michael Francis Stanhope Baptism

Coffee Shoppe/GR

5:00 PM Mass/Church

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

5:00 PM Mass/Church

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



The Tabernacle candle burns for
Paula Pellegrino
 Requested by Her Family

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



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Flower Memorials

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| +Louis & Wanda Weslowski
+George & Laura Benoit
+Lauren Stacy
+Deceased members of
Dillon & Carrier Families
+Eileen Rafferty
+Deceased members of
Menard & Phaneuf Families
+Diane Deane
+Richard & Isabelle Pope
+Christopher Pope
+Susan Cobb
+Antonina & Luciano Maietta
+Arlene & Bill Moffitt
+Ellen Jane Brandt
+Mr. & Mrs. Michael Foley
+Garvey Family
+William & Winnie Mangano
+Deceased members of the
Locke Family
+Deceased members of the
DiPerrio Family
+Gallagher & Stevens Families
+Julia, Tony, Richard Natola
+Joseph & John McCorkle
+Charlene Sangenario Dumais
+Mary Gardner
+Francis Gribbons
+Mr. & Mrs. Raymond
Mattress, Sr.
+Mr. & Mrs. Raymond
Mattress, Jr.
+Michael Mattress
+Mitchell Dadah, Sr. & Jr.
+Catherine Carberry
+Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Prunier
+Mr. & Mrs. John Namiotka
+Doris Jarosz
+Louis Roy
+Constance Marr
+David & Marie Tremblay
+Maurice & Lillian Dionne | +Medard & Nellie Doiron
+Dan & Theresa Asper
+James Lundy
+Charles H. Dufault
+Mr. & Mrs. Sumjay Silvestri
+Mr. & Mrs. Francis Sweeney
+The Deeney & Thanas Family
+Homer & Anita Derosier
+Joseph, Nellie & Ricci
Gelsomini
+Francis, Madeline & John
Murphy
+Rose & Mike
+Anne & Al
+Rachel Bradley
+Estelle Wisniewski
+Ronald & Diane Sampson
+Joseph Antinovitch
+Mr. & Mrs. Michael Grenoske
+Deceased members of the
Duquette & Winkelmann
Families
+William E. Wesolowski
+Joseph Cecile Taylor
+Philip Taylor
+Ray Lyman
+Robert Konrad
+Elena Ferraro
+Mr. & Mrs. Richard Conrad
+Mr. & Mrs. Mark Champagne
+Darren Sieger
+Anna Barton
+Carolyn Bourget
+Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dempksi
+Mr. & Mrs. Carlito Delapaz
+Clifford Smith
+Pamela Anzaldi
+Philomena V
+Jean B.
+Eleanor F.
+Dorothy D.
+Patty G.
+Janice K.
+James Wood |
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Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

2024-25 Fall Registration will begin on Monday, April 1st. We will have registration forms available in the hall for walk-in registration. Forms will also be available in the church and can be downloaded from St. Mary's website. Placement for each day will be based on a first come first serve system. We look forward to planning a new year of faith sharing with your child!



Grade 2 & Beginnings Parent/ Child First Eucharist Retreat

Our First Eucharist Class will gather on Saturday, April 6th at 9AM for a fast paced, fun-filled retreat. We cannot wait to spend this morning together with our Grade 2 & Beginnings parents and children for a time out with our friend Jesus! Please continue to pray for these children as they joyfully anticipate spring First Eucharist Celebrations!



GRADE 1-5 LAST CLASS ~ FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!

We will close our year together with an **Ice Cream Sundae Social** during the time of Religious Education classes from 4:30-5:15 on April 8th and 9th! Please bring younger siblings...

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!! (Allergy Free options available!)

Have you been away for a while? WELCOME BACK! We offer classes for Grades 3 through High School for those children/ students who have had little or no Religious Education **and for those who need catch up in order to re-join grade level classes (following completion of a one-year Beginnings Program).**

Please fill out a registration form today!



Great Service Opportunities:

Looking for several Middle/High School/College Students (Adults also WELCOME!) for the following 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>

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, April 11, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Where: St. Mary's Church Parish Hall

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

MARCH 31ST, 2024

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

Spring Session

- Date: Tuesdays, April, 2nd, 9th & 30th & May, 7th & 14th
- Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- Where: The Gathering Room

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.



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!



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, 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 31ST 2024



Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him — they "ran." Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, "I will check on it later." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus.

We must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of March 24th** will go to the
Pernet Family Health Services



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
**All those who helped with
Holy Week**

DID YOU KNOW....

Easter Season begins with Easter Sunday and continues for 50 days through Pentecost 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