





Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday, March 24th And

Prayer Around the Cross with our Monday and Tuesday Religious Ed. Kids

March 25th & 26th

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper

Thursday, March 28th













Living Stations
of the Cross
with our
Middle /High School
Religious Ed. Students

Friday March 29th



















Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Celebrating
Baptism,
First Eucharist,
and Confirmation
Saturday, March 29th

St. Mary's Parish Family

St. Mary's Parish JEFFERSON, MA



Mass Schedule and Intentions



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 In Memory of Melania & Jozef Kaminski

(Chris & Justyna Moniak)

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, April 11

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

4:30 PM Estelle Wisniewski (The Family)

Sunday, April 14

8:00 AM Winnie & Willy Mangano (The Family)

10:00 AM **Angelo & Michael Naples and**

Michael Capurso (The Family)

5:00 PM **Charlene Shores** (The Lambert Family)



Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, April 6

9:00 AM First Eucharist Retreat/Hall

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

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

Mass/Church 5:00 PM 4:00 PM Gr 6-8 Class 5:00 PM Mass/Church 5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 Class

Monday, April 8

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM **Grade 1-5 Class/End of Year Celebration**

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 AM Mass/GR

1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/GR

4:15 PM **Grade 1-5 Class/End of Year Celebration**

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 AM Mass/GR

All Dav Mustard Seed Drop/Hall 9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR **Prayer Card Ministry/DR** 2:00 PM 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, April 11

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

2:00 PM Mustard Seed Cook/Hall

Pajama Picnic/Hall 5:30 PM

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 14

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

5:00 PM Mass/Church

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

5:00 PM Mass/Church

5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 Class No Class

Someone you know may be in an abusive relationship.

Abuse Hotline 508-755-9030

Easter Flower Memorials

Revised as of 4/1/24

- +James Wood
- +Mr. & Mrs. Kevin DePasse
- +Mr. & Mrs. David Driscoll
- +Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Moniak
- +Maureen Benway
- +Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Floyd



Wednesdays At 9:00AM

Weekly story hour with Songs, Finger Puppets, Poems and Hands-On Activities!

St. Mary's Church Gathering Room Ages 0 and up! All are Welcome!

If you have questions please call Sarah Brodie the Parish Office Manager at 508-829-4508 or email at:

sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



GRADE 1-5 LAST CLASS ~ FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME! We will close our year together with an <u>Ice Cream Sundae Social</u> during the time of Religious

Education classes from 4:15-5:15PM on this Monday April 8th and this Tuesday 9th! Please bring younger siblings...**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!** (Allergy Free options available!)



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING for our extraordinary
TEAM OF TEACHERS, AIDES, SUBS AND OUR MANY
SPECTACULAR SUPPORT BUDDIES that devoted a

year of faith sharing and love sharing to more than 400 children. Your outpouring of love is a treasure beyond measure. Please pray that God will bless all of those that pour themselves out for Him. May we, as a parish family, continue to take on the important role of catechist and continue to echo Christ to our children with great measures of love and enthusiasm...OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD!!!

In Wild Appreciation ~ We invite all of those who have shared faith and those that have assisted us in serving our children to join us for an evening of wild celebration and appreciation. Join us on Monday, April 22nd. The Saloon opens at 5:30PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2024-25 Registration has begun for the fall! 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 or completed 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! 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!

Welcome, Welcome Our Dear Grade 2 & Beginnings munion Friends! WE CAN NOT WAIT for the great celebration of First Eucharist, when you will join us at our Family Table! First Eucharist Celebrations will take place on Saturday, May 4th at 10:30AM and 1:30PM. Parents, please refer to First Eucharist Family Prep Calendar for Monday and Tuesday practice times!

Gan you be a Prayer Buddy? If you would like to adopt one of the First Eucharist children as a prayer partner, there is a sign-up sheet at the doors of the church. Prayer Buddies simply pray for our little ones. Some prayer buddies write notes or send cards to their First Communion child! Thank you for holding the children close to your hearts during this precious time!

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group Spring Session

- Date: Tuesdays, April, 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

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

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

APRIL 7TH, 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.



Partners in Charity

2024 Appeal

Our parish has begun conducting the 2024 Partners in Charity Ap-

peal. 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 <u>partners-charity.net</u> 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

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.

APRIL 7TH 2024



On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we

can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son — Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the Week of March 31st will go to the

Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land In America

Sewardship

We offer our THANKS AND GRATITUDE To

All who delivered Easter Lilies to our homebound parishioners! You brought Easter joy and love from our St. Mary's parish family to each of them! Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW....

The Octave of Easter is the eight-day period, or octave, that begins on Easter Sunday and ends with Second Sunday of Easter. It marks the beginning of Eastertide. The first seven of these eight days are also collectively known as Easter Week.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - March

| | <u>March</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Amount Collected | \$40,374 | \$267,177 |
| One Time Donations | \$1,000 | \$60,457 |
| Amount Needed | \$34,900 | \$261,750 |
| Surplus/< Deficit > | \$6,474 | \$65,884 |

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