

## St. Mary's Parish Family

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We welcome the newest members to our  
St. Mary's Parish Family!

**Tucker Edward Shooshan**

*Baptized April 6th*

**&**

**Hailey Jean Greelis & Michael Francis Stanhope**

*Baptized April 7th*



Our Monday and Tuesday Religious Ed. students celebrating their last class of the year at the  
St. Mary's Ice Cream Social!

*April 8th & 9th*





**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, 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*)

#### Monday, April 15

**No Mass/Office Closed ~ Patriot's Day**

#### Tuesday, April 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Wednesday, April 17

8:00 AM Communion Service

#### Thursday, April 18

#### Friday, April 19

#### Saturday, April 20

4:30 PM Rachel Bradley (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

#### Sunday, April 21

8:00 AM Fr. Walter Riley & Family (*Deb Douglas*)

10:00 AM Barbara H. Rollins ~ 3rd Anniversary  
(*The Rollins Family*)

5:00 PM In memory of Jadwiga & Czeslawa Chalecki  
(*Chris & Justyna Moniak*)

### Schedule Around Campus...

#### 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

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#### Monday, April 15

12:00 PM **No Mass/Office Closed ~ Patriots Day**

#### Tuesday, April 16

8:00 AM Mass/GR

1:00 PM **No Bereavement Support Group**

#### Wednesday, April 17

8:00 AM Communion Service/GR

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

#### Thursday, April 18

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

#### Friday, April 19

#### Saturday, April 20

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

#### Sunday, April 21

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

## WANTED

All those who assisted us with  
Religious Education!  
Teachers, Classroom Aides, Subs,  
Hall Helpers & All Volunteers!

Join Us

Monday, April 22nd  
Parish Hall  
Saloon Opens At 5:30PM



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for  
Estelle Wisniewski  
Requested by The Family

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

### 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Partners in Charity 2024

Thanks to all our parishioner who have made their gift to the 2024 *Partner in Charity Appeal*. **St. Mary's Jefferson is 64% towards our goal of \$73,800!** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews of the church. Or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it 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! Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 26 Charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope. **Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!**

**ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY**  
**GAME NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY MAY 3rd**  
**PARISH HALL 6:00PM - 8:30PM**  
**INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES PIZZA, DRINKS & DESSERT!**  
**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR ATTENDANCE, SET-UP, CLEAN-UP & VOLUNTEERING TO BRING BAKED GOODS WILL BE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**  
*Let's Laugh & Play with Friends*

## St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

### *Spring Session*

Date: Tuesdays, April, 30th & May, 7th & 14th  
Time: 1:00pm - 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](mailto: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**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**WANTED** ~ 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The Saloon opens at 5:30PM.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2024-25

Thank you to all of those who have already registered! In addition to finding registration forms at the entrance of the church, and on St. Mary's website, forms will be mailed to families who have not yet registered. 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!



**Welcome, Welcome Our Dear Grade 2 & Beginnings 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM and 1:30PM. Parents, **please refer to First Eucharist Family Prep Calendar for Monday and Tuesday practice times!**



**Can 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!

## Annual Mass to Honor and Remember our Children

**Monday, May 6, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**St George Church  
40 Brattle St. Worcester, MA**

*Sponsored by Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents.*

You are invited to attend the Pieta Annual Mass to honor and remember all of our children. This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please invite and families who have lost a child.

For mor information, please call,  
Terry Gentile at: 508-284-0796, or  
Sue Stevens at: 508-852-4887, or email: [pieta3@gmail.com](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com)

**APRIL 14TH, 2024**



## *Happy Spring Break*



### **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](http://HOLYFAMILYRETREAT.ORG/THEMED-RETREATS).

### **St. Mary's Employment Opportunity!**

#### **CUSTODIAN/JANITOR POSITION**

**Part-Time Custodian, 30 hours per week.**

Candidate responsibilities will include:

- Maintaining the cleanliness of all buildings and the surrounding grounds.
- Must be able to lift over 50 lbs. & have knowledge regarding cleaning products/equipment.
- Ability to multitask in a fast-moving establishment with multiple set up and take down opportunities for daily events.



**If you are interested in the position, or know someone who would be;**

**Send resume to the Parish Manager,  
Sarah Brodie, [sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com)**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Saturday - Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Sept thru May 19th)

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.

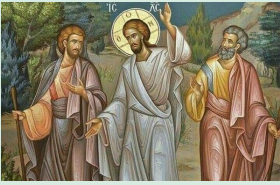
#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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 14TH 2024**



In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

#### **PARISH TITHE**

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of April 4th** will go to the  
**Boys & Girls Club of Worcester**



#### **We offer our THANKS AND GRATITUDE To the**

Cub Scouts for their hard work with the spring clean up of our parish grounds and making it beautiful just in time for our Easter Sunday Celebration.

#### **DID YOU KNOW....**

The Easter season begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks ending with Pentecost Sunday on May 19th. The Paschal candle is lit throughout the Easter Season.

#### **STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024**

**Months of September - March**

	<b><u>March</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
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**