

St. Mary's Parish Family

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Congratulations to
Ann Mirow and John Dyson
who were married last weekend at St. Mary's Church.
May God bless their union always.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just
as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down
my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15



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 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*)

Monday, April 22

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, April 25

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

4:30 PM Robert Charbonneau (*Eileen Charbonneau*)

Sunday, April 28

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Debbie Jorosz (*Her Mom Doris*)

5:00 PM Sam Hughes (*A Friend*)

Schedule Around Campus...

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

Monday, April 22

12:00 PM Mass/GR

5:30 PM **Religious Ed. Appreciation Night/Hall**

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 AM Mass/GR

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

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 AM Mass/GR

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, April 25

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Lyla Isabelle McLaren Baptism

Sunday, April 28

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Family Pancake Breakfast/Hall

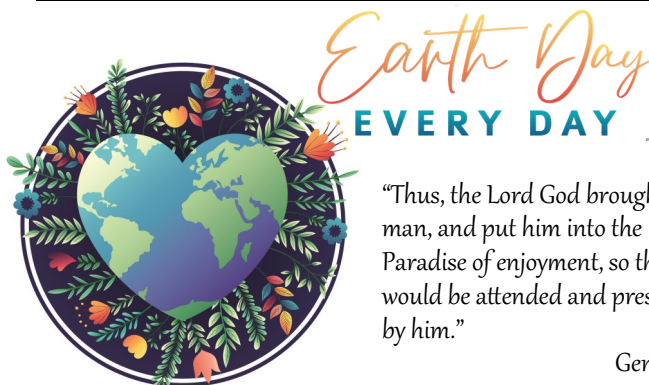
5:00 PM Mass/Church

Grade 9 ~ Make Up Class



<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchJefferson>

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



"Thus, the Lord God brought the man, and put him into the Paradise of enjoyment, so that it would be attended and preserved by him."

Genesis 2:15

4TH 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 has raised \$42,102 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 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
Let's Laugh & Play with Friends
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

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 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 who 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 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 4th 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!

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

APRIL 21ST, 2024



Plant a Tree today



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.

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 more information, please call,
Terry Gentile at: 508-284-0796, or
Sue Stevens at: 508-852-4887, or email: pieta3@gmail.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 21ST 2024



On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, “I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ’s — even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don’t even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of April 14th** will go to the
Mustard Seed



**We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To our
Donation Counters**

We are so grateful that we can always *count* on you!

DID YOU KNOW....

The 40th day after Easter was the final day when Jesus was seen. On this day, he visited his disciples. This day, in which he was taken to heaven, is called Ascension Day. The day is also known as the Feast of the Ascension.

This year it is observed on Thursday, May 9th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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