

St. Mary's Parish Family

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ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION APPRECIATION CELEBRATION!

MONDAY, APRIL 22





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 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*)

Monday, April 29

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, April 30

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

4:30 PM Bill Wesolowski (*Jane & Family*)

Sunday, May 5

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Carlo Cappuccio (*The Family*)
 4th Anniversary

5:00 PM Patrice Kontchou (*Larissa & Family*)

Schedule Around Campus...

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

Monday, April 29

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM **1st Eucharist Practice/Church**

Tuesday, April 30

8:00 AM Mass/GR

1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/GR

4:15 PM **1st Eucharist Practice/Church**

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 AM Mass/GR

9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR

2:00 PM Card Ministry/DR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, May 2

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, May 3

6:00 PM **Parish Family Game Night!/Hall**

Saturday, May 4

10:30 AM **1st Eucharist Celebration/Church**

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8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

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Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

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

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



In Life & Death, We are the Lord's...
 We lift up in prayer those who have lost
 loved ones especially for the
 families and friends of,

**John F. "Jack" Sullivan
 And**

Noah Michael DuPont

May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.

5TH 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 \$38,650 away from 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

SIGN UP REQUESTED

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



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 next Saturday, May 4th at 10:30AM and 1:30PM. Parents, **please refer to First Eucharist Family Prep Calendar for Monday and Tuesday practice times!**



Welcome Home College Partners! Mosey on over to St. Mary's on **Monday, May 20th**! Grub, Line Dancing, Texas Hold 'Em and Western Mocktails. 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 have been 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!

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 28TH, 2024

Please call the office 508 829 4508 or email Beth Cunningham beth@stmaryjeff.com if you have an infirmed or homebound parishioner who is ill or unable to attend Mass. Communion and a friendly visit can be made by one of our Eucharistic Ministers. Thank 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.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

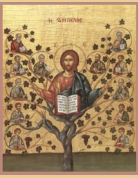
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 28TH 2024



Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?’ The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of April 21st** will go to the **The Church of the Nativity in Northboro** who on **April 9, 2023** experienced a damaging fire in their Church.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To our
Religious Education Teachers, Subs and Helpers!

DID YOU KNOW....

Before 1850 the Catholic people of Holden walked to Worcester for Mass. This was true not only of Holden, but also of Clinton and other surrounding towns. But in 1850 the Catholics asked Bishop John Fitzpatrick of Boston for spiritual assistance, and he sent them Father Matthew W. Gibson, then Associate Pastor of St. John Parish in Worcester. He said his first Mass in the town of Holden in the house of Michael McLaughlin. Thenceforward, during the whole of his pastorate in Worcester. Fr. Gibson came at regular intervals to the people as did his associate and successor, Fr. John Boyce. In 1860 Father Boyce procured a hall in Eagleville for religious purposes when the people grew to numerous for any private home.

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