



## OUR BEAUTIFUL FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN

Melanie Almonte  
Eleanor Anderson  
Madison Atchue  
Isaac Brooks  
John Chesna  
Skyla D'Alessandro  
Penelope Desrosiers-Lucht  
Charles Falcone  
Charlotte Faucher  
Lyla Filip  
Aria Galonzka  
Connor Galvin  
Caroline Gemme  
Nicholas Hollander



Camden How  
Madelyn Jodrey  
Madison LaCroix  
Catherine Monroe  
Frank Morrow  
Stella Orcutt  
Emmalyn Pouliot  
Penelope Riley  
Emilia Rossi  
Brody Scola  
Noah Steinmetz  
Zachary Taylor  
Donovan Tobin  
Callia Whitney

**PLEASE KEEP THESE CHILDREN IN YOUR PRAYERS**



**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, May 4

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

#### Sunday, May 5

8:00 AM Noah DuPont (*A Friend*)

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

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

#### Monday, May 6

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

#### Tuesday, May 7

8:00 AM Ed Starkus (*A Friend*)

#### Wednesday, May 8

8:00 AM **No Morning Mass**

7:00 PM **The Ascension of the Lord Vigil**

#### Thursday, May 9

8:00 AM **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Mass**

#### Friday, May 10

#### Saturday, May 11

4:30 PM Fr. Walter Riley (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

#### Sunday, May 12

8:00 AM Nancy Lucci (*Loving Husband Tony*)

10:00 AM Anne Monfrini (*Her Niece Joyce Godfree*)

5:00 PM Halina Kaminska (*Chris & Justyna Moniak*)  
 Blessing & Health



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
 IS NEXT THURSDAY, MAY 9TH**

#### MASS TIMES:

7:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH - VIGIL  
 8:00 AM - THURSDAY, MAY 9 - MASS

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

### Schedule Around Campus...

#### Saturday, May 4

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

1:30 PM **1st Eucharist Celebration/Church**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

#### Sunday, May 5

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

**Liliana Corossi Baptism**

Coffee Shoppe/GR

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Mass/Church

5:00 PM

#### Monday, May 6

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM **Grade 1-5 Make-up Class/Hall**

#### Tuesday, May 7

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM **Bible Study/GR**

1:00 PM **Bereavement Support Group/GR**

4:15 PM **Grade 1-5 Make-up Class/Hall**

#### Wednesday, May 8

8:00 AM **No Morning Mass**

9:00 AM **Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR**

7:00 PM **The Ascension of the Lord Vigil/Church**

7:30 PM **Al-Anon Meeting/GR**

#### Thursday, May 9

8:00 AM **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Mass/Church**

9:00 AM **Prayer Shawl/DR**

10:30 AM **Faith Sharing/GR**

#### Friday, May 10

6:00 PM **Pack 46 Movie Night - Pack Meeting/Hall**

#### Saturday, May 11

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

#### Sunday, May 12 **Happy Mother's Day**

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church - Crowning of Mary

Coffee Shoppe/GR

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Mass/Church

5:00 PM



**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,

**Ed Starkus**

*May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.*



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### 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 \$34,082 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](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 Bereavement Support Group *Spring Session*

Date: Tuesdays, 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.

### 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)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### Welcome Home Celebration!

College Folk, College Grads, High School Grad Folks... Mosey on over to St. Mary's on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Grub, Line Dancing, Texas Hold 'Em and Western Mocktails. Saloon opens at 5:30PM!



### Have your registered your child for the 2024-2025 Religious Education year?

Forms can be found at the entrance of the Church or on the St. Mary's website. Register by May 15<sup>th</sup> and receive a discount!!!! First come first served basis for day/class placement!!!!



### Crowning of Mary Next Sunday, May 12th at the 10AM Mass.

Children of all ages are welcome to participate.



### Pack 46 Movie Night

Calling all kids grades K-5, if you are interested in learning about Cub Scouts this event is for you!



FRIDAY, MAY 10TH  
7:00 PM  
CHURCH PARKING LOT



Join our pack as our guest for the evening. Bring a blanket or a chair for a night of fun.

Can't make it, or have questions about scouting please reach out to Mary-Elizabeth, Charter Representative at: [cougarmem@yahoo.com](mailto:cougarmem@yahoo.com)



### Cub Scout Pack 46 Sneaker Drive

Funds raised will be used for Pack Activities

Please help support Pack 46! Place your good or fair condition sneakers in the box in the back of the church and we will take care of the rest! Thank you for your support!

Collection Dates: May 4 - May 31

**gotsneakers?**  
A Sneaker Recycling Organization



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

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

**MAY 5TH, 2024**



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

**Lyla Isabelle McLaren**

Our church is richly blessed  
by your presence.



**Sharing Hope Bereavement Series 2024**  
*Offered by Miles Funeral Home*



**Family Loss: Parent, Child, Sibling, Aunt/Uncle,  
Grandparent, In-Law**

Every loss is significant, every grief is noteworthy, but when someone in our family dies, either our family of origin or the family we created as an adult, we feel a distinctive loss. This seminar explores the unique considerations and complications of familial death-loss.

**Free  
Seminar**

[Where & When](#)  
Holden Senior Center  
1130 Main Street, Holden  
Saturday, May 18, 2024  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

[Reserve Your Space](#)  
Please call: 508-829-4434  
or 978-422-0100;  
or register at:  
[www.facebook.com/  
milesfuneralhomes](http://www.facebook.com/milesfuneralhomes)



**5 pm Mass**

**The Last 5PM Mass will be held  
on May 19th, and will resume in  
the fall.**

**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.

**MAY 5TH, 2024**

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves.

In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.



We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.

There are countless moments when we can do just that — for instance, waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in, or talking to God in the car on the way to work instead of listening to music. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ's command to love others may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Ask yourself, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

#### PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of April 28th** will go to the  
**Holden Nursing Home Activities Fund**



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE**

To the parents of our First Eucharist Children whose commitment to raising their children in the practice of the faith that has brought them to the table of the Lord.

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

In 1867, three acres of land near Holden Center was purchased for \$250 to build the first St. Mary's Church and Rectory, and provide space for St. Mary's Cemetery adjacent to Grove Cemetery. The church measured sixty feet long and thirty feet wide and cost \$3,500.00 to build. Interior lighting was by oil lamps since electricity did not come to Holden until 1912.

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

Months of September - April

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$45,103	\$312,278
One Time Donations.....	\$2,500	\$62,957
Amount Needed.....	\$43,625	\$305,375
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$3,978	\$69,860

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