



Our Beautiful 2nd Graders
Celebrating their First Communion
May 4, 2024





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

Monday, May 13

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 AM Stanley Speer (*Janice & Paul*)

Thursday, May 16

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

4:30 PM In Memory of Wacław & Zofia Moniak
 (*Chris & Justyna Moniak*)

Sunday, May 19

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 5:00 PM Birthday Blessings to Neill Miller
 (*Jhoanne Miller*)
 Blessing & Health

Schedule Around Campus...

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
 5:00 PM Mass/Church

Monday, May 13

12:00 PM Mass/GR

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 10:00 AM Bible Study/GR
 1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/GR

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 9:00 AM Miss Barbara's Storytime/GR
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, May 16

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 19 **Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
 5:00 PM **Mass/Church—Last 5PM service until fall**



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for
Anne Monfrini
 Requested by The Family

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



ABANDON YOURSELF TO THE VIRGIN MARY
She will take care of you.

7TH 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 \$28,731.50 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!**



Diocesan Youth Summer Volleyball League

St. Mary's is looking for students currently in grades 7-12 to play volleyball in the

Diocesan Summer League

No experience necessary!

There will be two practices per week, with games on Monday evenings, from mid-June through mid-August.

If you are interested in joining or learning more, please sign up in the church entryway. If you have questions, please email: janet.vignaly@gmail.com

CALLING FOR SPECIAL HELPERS

We have opportunities available for you to volunteer once a week or once a month at Holden Nursing Home.

Two Eucharistic Ministers serve, one Tuesday a month, 10:30 to 11:00 and provide a Communion Service for about 15 -20 residents in the Community Room. Following the service, a volunteer prays the rosary for those in attendance. I am in need of filling:

- Be a partner on the 1st Tuesday of the month (EM) 10:30 to 11:15
- Be a partner on 4th the Tuesday of each month (EM) 10:30 to 11:15
- Be a partner on any Tuesday of the month (someone to assist Marguerite with praying the rosary with residents) 10:45 to 11:30

You do not have to be a Eucharistic Minister. This is not a time consuming commitment. If you are interested, please call Beth C. 508 272 6923 or email beth@stmaryjeff.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Education 2024-2025

Registration ~ HURRY! Register by May 15th and receive a discount!!!!

Forms can be found at the entrance of the Church or on the St. Mary's web-site. First come first served basis for day/class placement!!!!



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

Children of all ages are welcome to participate.



Welcome Home Celebration!

College Folk, College Grads, High School Grad Folks...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!



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

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.

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

MAY 12TH, 2024



5 pm Mass

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

CHOIR VOLUNTEERS

- We need your help. We are looking for a volunteer to direct our Children's Choir. Our children lead us in song once a month at the 10AM Mass. Rehearsal is before Mass.
- We also are in need of a volunteer to direct our Teen Choir. Our teens lead us in song at the 5PM Mass on Sunday from September to May.



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

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A Sneaker Recycling Organization

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 12TH, 2024



We often cite Jesus' quote from today's Gospel of Mark: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This was not a suggestion from the Lord. It was quite frankly a command, and it is one which still holds for each of us. Being an evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something the Lord expects of us.

Often, we may like to spend time debating how to do that, but that does not lessen the fact that it is something we are supposed to do. We need to acknowledge that even the original Apostles and followers of Jesus did not do that immediately. We learn that they stayed in Jerusalem for some time, and it seemed to be only when the Church and its followers were persecuted that they began to reach out and truly share the "Good News."

Once Christians accepted that charge from the Lord, they did indeed take the Word of God to all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how this Church has grown from one Man/God and a small group into what it is today. That does not, however, get us "off the hook."

As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to "love one another," what it means to live and to work as a disciple of Christ.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of May 5th** will go to the
Central Mass Housing Association

Recognizing the dignity of all, CMHA leads a collaborative response to homelessness that fosters long-term housing stability through prevention, quality services, education and advocacy.



We offer our

THANKS AND GRATITUDE to

**All those who helped to make
Game Night a huge success.**

DID YOU KNOW....

The gorgeous flowers inside and out, the maintenance and care of our beautiful gardens and planters are thanks to the incredible generosity of one special volunteer! Thank you for covering the expense and the care of these plants and flowers, dear Garden Angel!

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - April

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$45,104	\$312,279
One Time Donations.....	\$2,500	\$62,957
Amount Needed.....	\$43,625	\$305,375
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$3,979	\$69,861

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