

St. Mary's Parish Family

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Our wonderful St. Mary's Parishioners enjoying a night of Fun and Games!
Friday, May 3rd



Our beautiful St. Mary's children crowning Mary and leaving flowers at her feet on Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 12th



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 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 Fr. Walter Riley (*Jhoanne Miller*)
 5:00 PM Birthday Blessings to Neill Miller
 and Alex Miller (*Jhoanne Miller*)

Monday, May 20

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, May 21

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, May 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, May 23

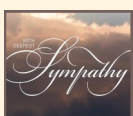
Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

4:30 PM Andre D. Debatis (*Kevin & Jeanne DePasse*)
 20th Anniversary

Sunday, May 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00 AM Paul Thibeault (*His Wife*)



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,

Dana Catarius

&

Earl Kent

May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.

Schedule Around Campus...

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 Mass until Sept.**

Monday, May 20

12:00 PM Mass/GR

Tuesday, May 21

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

Wednesday, May 22

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

Thursday, May 23

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR
 10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 26 **The Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR



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

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



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 \$25, 471.50 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!**

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
- 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@stmarysjeff.com



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



DATE CHANGE For our Welcome Home Celebration!

College Folk, College Grads, High School Grad Folks...Fr. Tim invites you to Mosey on over to St. Mary's on **Monday, June 10th**. Grub, Line Dancing, Texas Hold 'Em and Western Mock-tails. Saloon opens at 5:30PM!



NOW ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE! Visit our website

today at www.stmarysjeff.com for **Grade 1-11 2024-2025 Religious Education Registration!**



Diocesan Retreat ~ June 28-30th! High School Youth (current 8th Graders to graduating seniors) are

invited to join us for the 3rd annual Diocesan Youth Retreat! (Anna Maria College) Join us for a fun, laid-back, and spiritually powerful weekend. The retreat will include fun games & activities (including open gym for basketball, frisbee, lawn games, and *inflatable soccer!*), a lot of free time to relax and recharge, engaging talks geared toward teenagers, dynamic music, as well as spiritual encounters with Jesus Christ through Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for confession! For registration information visit ~ <https://www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat>.



SAINT JOHN'S

SAINT JOHN'S SPRING OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Join the Saint John's High School community on Wednesday, May 22, for our Spring Open House.

During this event, prospective families and students will hear from Saint John's faculty, staff, and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to our students!

Limited space is still available for students hoping to enroll for 2024-2025; we encourage both families interested in this coming school year and next school year to attend!

Registration required; please visit www.beapioneer.org



<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 19TH, 2024



A poster for a Western Welcome Home Celebration. It features a yellow star with a fist icon and the text 'WELCOME HOME!' on the left. On the right, the word 'WANTED' is written in a bold, serif font. Below it, the text reads: 'LOOKING FOR COLLEGE FOLK, COLLEGE GRADS AND GRADUATED COLLEGE BOUND FOLK'. Further down, it says 'ST. MARY'S IS THE PLACE TO BE WESTERN WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION'. At the bottom, it lists 'MONDAY, JUNE 10TH', 'PARISH HALL', and 'SALOON OPENS AT 5:30PM'. The background is a textured, brownish paper with a wooden plank pattern at the bottom where several cowboy boots are visible.

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GRADUATED COLLEGE BOUND FOLK

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WESTERN WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH
PARISH HALL
SALOON OPENS AT 5:30PM



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



PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of May 5th** will go to the
Dismas House



We offer our

THANKS AND GRATITUDE to

The Knights who constructed the fence at the entrance of our parish parking lot to ensure the safety of children waiting for the school bus.

PASTORAL STAFF

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MAY 19TH, 2024



Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.

The Holy Spirit is just as alive and willing to work here and now in our day-to-day moments as back at our first Pentecost.

Our First Reading bears witness to the first Pentecost. During this encounter with the Holy Spirit, the apostles and Mary felt a driving wind, there were tongues of fire on the heads of each of them and the Spirit allowed them to speak in different tongues proclaiming acts of God.

We might hear this reading and wish the Holy Spirit worked that obviously in our lives each day. The truth is, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is obvious — we just might be blind to it, or it might be that we have closed ourselves off to the Holy Spirit's wonderous works.

Our tongues of fire might be a profound conversation with a friend, something that you needed to hear in that exact moment, or even a closed door to an opportunity for something much, much greater. These are movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday moments.

The more we take time to recognize them, the more we become aware of them.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. And let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives.

DID YOU KNOW....

Soon after his arrival at St. Mary's on North Main Street in January his 1888, Father McGann realized that the church was not centrally located for the convenience of the parishioners. The church on Main Street was not near the Eagle Lake Woolen Company in Eagleville and the two Jefferson Manufacturing Company Mills on Princeton Street. These mills were in Jeffersonville, and where once hired, the workers searched for housing within walking distance of the mills. Therefore, housing was built nearby on streets like Princeton Street, High Street, Main Street and Farview Avenue to provide housing for the incoming mill workers.

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