

**WELCOME BACK COLLEGE STUDENTS
OF ST. MARY'S
MONDAY, JUNE 10**



St. Mary's Parish Family

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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, June 15

4:30 PM **Raymond & Judy Mattress, Jr.**
Cathy Dadah

Sunday, June 16 *Father's Day*

8:00 AM **Andrzej Kaminski** (*Chris & Justyna Moniak*)
Blessings and Health
 10:00 AM **Gene Byrnes** (*The Riley Family*)

Monday, June 17

12:00 PM **Parishioners of St. Mary's**

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Mary's**

Wednesday, June 19

8:00 AM **No Mass/Office Closed**



Thursday, June 20

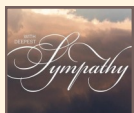
Friday, June 21

Saturday, June 22

4:30 PM **Sharon McManus** (*Jack & Maureen Locke*)

Sunday, June 23

8:00 AM **Ed and Pat Eagan** (*Ryan Shooshan*)
 10:00 AM **David T. Snyder** (*Larry and Phyllis*)



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,

Sharon Ralph McManus

May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.

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

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 16



8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 6:00 PM **St. Mary's Volleyball Practice/Back Field**

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12:00 PM Mass/GR

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

Wednesday, June 19

8:00 AM **No Mass/Office Closed**
 7:30 PM **Al-Anon Meeting/GR**
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Thursday, June 20

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Choir Volunteers Needed

We 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.





Partners in Charity 2024

For Those St. Mary's Parishioners
Who have not already donated we ask your
kind consideration of a gift to the

2024 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal

...which you can make online
Just go to partners-charity.net/donate

163 Families Have Already Donated
and for those gifts we are truly grateful.
Our parish is **currently** \$20,752 away
from reaching our **goal** of \$73,800!

Donor envelopes can be found in the church pew this weekend.
If using an envelope you can return it through the mail or by
dropping it off at the Parish Office, or by placing it in the collec-
tion basket.

Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable,
pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thou-
sands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving.

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity
and spirit of sacrifice. It takes many gifts to reach our diocesan
goal of \$5 million.

All checks should be made payable to: "Partners in Charity".

We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your
gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!



St. Mary's Game Schedule Competitive (C) and Recreation (R)

Date	Time	Location/Score	Opponent	Team
6/10	6:15 PM	0-3 St. Louis	St. Louis	R
6/10	7:00 PM	3-0 St. Mary's	St. Joseph's	C
6/17	6:15 PM	St. Joseph's Charlton	N.A.M	C
6/17	7:00 PM	St. Joseph's Charlton	Mount Carmel	R
6/24	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc.	St. Bernadette	C
6/24	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc.	St. John	R
7/1	6:15 PM	St. Christopher's Worc.	St. Peter (A)	C
7/1	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc.	O.L.H	R
7/8	6:15 PM	St. John's Clinton	O.L.L.	R
7/8	7:00 PM	St. John's Clinton	Sacred Heart	C
7/15	6:15 PM	St. Joseph's Charlton	St. Joseph's	C
7/15	7:00 PM	St. Joseph's Charlton	St. Peter	R
7/22	6:15 PM	St. Christopher's Worc.	N.A.M	C
7/22	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc.	St. John	R
7/29	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc.	Sacred Heart	C
7/29	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc.	O.L.H.	R

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Can you share
your gift as
CATECHIST?**

"Faith-Sharers NEEDED"!!!!!! We are in need of a
minimum of 50 teachers as well as substitutes and
general aides before we are able to welcome more
than 400 young people back for a new year of Faith
Sharing. Classes are held on Sunday afternoon and
evening as well as Monday and Tuesday afternoons.
Teachers are needed in all grade levels. We provide
training and will equip you with all that you need to
help our beautiful children fall in love with Christ.
Please call today if you are able to assist in any way!



NOW ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

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



**The purpose of SoulFest is to celebrate God's love and
encourage all who attend to live from the inside out as
soul-connected, risk-taking believers in God's Love.**
Enrich your soul this summer! Spectacular 3-day event!!
www.thesoulfest.com for details and ticket sales!



St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group Reunion Get Together

Come join us again to just be together!
Tuesday June 25th - 1:00 to 2:30
In the Gathering Room at St. Mary's
Light lunch will be served

Hope to see you!
Please RSVP to Beth so we know you are coming!
508 272 6923 or beth@stmaryjeff.com

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

JUNE 16TH, 2024



FREE BOOKS!

St. Mary's is currently undergoing a spring cleaning of our book collection!

If you are interested in exploring our selection, please visit our office during the following hours:

Monday - Friday, 9 AM—4 PM & Saturdays & Sundays after Mass



MUSTARD SEED DONATIONS

MENS SUMMER CLOTHING NEEDED

We are in need of the following clothing new or used for those in need. If you have....

Men's T-Shirts or Men's Shorts

Please leave your donations at the entrance of the Church in the box labeled Mustard Seed Donations.

If you have any questions please call, Beth Cunningham at: 508-272-6923



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday - Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Resumes in Sept.)

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.

JUNE 16TH, 2024



As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance.

In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce

good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works.

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems, as we think, "I can do it myself." We cling to our own ideas by putting certain events, future plans or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, "This is the way I want it." We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to get out of it. We are "in control."

Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. It is easier said than done — but, oh, how freeing it would be.

What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"?

We would become free from attachment and more blessed than we could ever imagine.

Only God can do all that He promised in our First Reading. We need Him. All we need to do is surrender. To help us on this journey of total surrender, try starting each day with a prayer of surrender, "Lord, I give You this day and all that You have in store for me, my family and friends." With the guidance of the Lord, surely we will make it home to heaven.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of June 16th** will go to the Nativity School



We offer our **THANKS AND GRATITUDE** to the generous parishioner who maintains our parish vegetable garden.

DID YOU KNOW....

According to the D.A. Sanborn Fire Protection Maps of 1910 St. Mary's Church and most likely the Rectory too were using coal for fuel and acetylene gas for lighting at that time. Electrical power did not come to Holden until 1910 and 1912. The stained glass windows of the new church were Mullion Ecclesiastical and were made and installed by David Welch of Worcester. This style of stained glass shows a vertical bar dividing the window into lights. The side windows are decorated with lettered symbols of Jesus and Mary to match the symbols that were also in an earlier sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - May

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$36,708	\$348,357
One Time Donations.....	\$500	\$63,457
Amount Needed.....	\$34,900	\$340,275
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$1,678	\$71,539

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