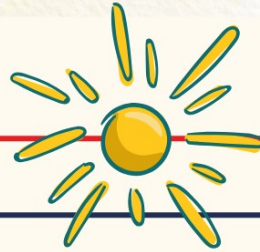




# Summer Plans



Lake Fishing

Road Trip

Beach

Visit Family

Zoo

Museums

Pool

Ice Cream

National Parks

Have Fun



## Masses at St. Mary's

Saturday Mass @ 4:30 PM

Sunday Mass @ 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM





**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 29

4:30 PM David Lamacchia (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

#### Sunday, June 30

8:00 AM Christine MacAuliffe (*Cathy Tierney*)

10:00 AM Margaret A. Kittredge - First Anniversary  
 (*Richard Doyle and Friends*)

#### Monday, July 1

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

#### Tuesday, July 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Wednesday, July 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Thursday, July 4 Office Closed/ Happy Independence Day!**

#### Friday, July 5

#### Saturday, July 6

4:30 PM Robert & Barbara Charbonneau  
 (*Eileen Charbonneau*)

#### Sunday, July 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's  
 10:00 AM Stanley Jarosz (*Wife Doris*)

**Choir Volunteer 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.

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

### Schedule Around Campus...

#### Saturday, June 29

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

#### Sunday, June 30

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

#### Monday, July 1

12:00 PM Mass/GR  
 6:15 PM C. @ St. Christopher's Worc.  
 Against St. Peter  
 7:00 PM R. @ St. Christopher's Worc.  
 Against O.L.H

#### Tuesday, July 2

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

#### Wednesday, July 3

8:00 AM Mass/GR  
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR  
 6:00 PM St. Mary's Volleyball Practice/Back Field

**Thursday, July 4 Office Closed/Happy Independence Day!**

#### Friday, July 5

#### Saturday, July 6

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

#### Sunday, July 7

8:00 AM Mass/Church  
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## *Pastoral Care Minister* **NEEDED**

St. Mary's Jefferson is looking to hire a

### **Full Time Pastoral Care Minister**

For more information email Fr. Tim Brewer at:

[tbrewer@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:tbrewer@stmaryjeff.com)





## 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** has received **169 donations** from our wonderful families bringing us **\$18,951.50** 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](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!**

### Mustard Seed

Many thanks to all who sign up to bake, shop, cook, deliver and serve for the Mustard Seed. Some of you faithfully serve regularly every month. The silent sharing of your time and talents does not go unnoticed. The 100 people who are fed by your generosity each month are most grateful

For those who have not yet participated, please see sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Questions? Call or text Beth at 508-272-6923 or email at: [beth@stmarysjeff.com](mailto:beth@stmarysjeff.com)



### 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	Forfeit	N.A.M	C
6/17	7:00 PM	1-2 Mount Carmel	Mount Carmel	R
6/24	7:00 PM	2-1 St. Mary's	St. Bernadette	C
6/24	7:00 PM	1-2 St. John's	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!



**Monday Gr. 1-5 Classes are almost full!  
ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!**

**Visit our website today at  
[www.stmarysjeff.com](http://www.stmarysjeff.com) for Grades 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](http://www.thesoulfest.com) for details and ticket sales**

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: SoulFest recruits volunteers ages high school through adult to help with the event success. This is an incredible service opportunity for Confirmation Candidates!**

**Looking for computer  
savvy volunteers to  
help design our new  
St. Mary's Directory**



**Please Contact  
Sarah  
at the office  
508-829-4508**



We offer our **THANKS AND GRATITUDE** to the  
**Volleyball Coaches of the  
St. Mary's Volleyball Team!** We are grateful  
to you for sharing your time and talent.

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

**JUNE 30TH, 2024**



### Sharing From Your Flower Gardens

Beautiful flower gardens abound throughout our community. If you are willing to share cut flowers please leave them in water on the table as you enter the church on Thursday or Friday so they will be fresh for the weekend. Thank You!



### **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



### **Will You Share Your Gifts?**

Each week we will showcase one of our many  
Ministries that you can use you  
Gifts and talents to serve our parish.  
The week we highlight...

### ***Homebound Ministry***

Volunteers spread God's love to our home-bound parishioners through their words and presence. Home visits help establish a caring relationship with those who cannot attend Mass. Visitors also help in the distribution of communion and prayer with our homebound.

Please Contact Beth Cunningham at:  
[beth@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:beth@stmaryjeff.com)

## ***JUNE 30TH, 2024***



Our readings today remind us that our God is a tender and loving God.

In our Gospel, Jesus heals an ill child. An anxious and loving father sought after Jesus so that his daughter might be cured of her illness. As Jesus was traveling to heal her, they got word that the daughter had died. In that deeply painful moment, a moment no parent wants to experience, Jesus turned and said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

Recall a moment when you felt like you hit rock bottom. Maybe you received devastating news, someone died, you lost your job, you were fighting addiction, or you were suffering mentally, spiritually or physically. Maybe you are living that moment or maybe that moment is yet to come.

In that time, imagine Jesus looking at you and saying, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Remember this verse. May it bring you peace and comfort. Recall that in our First Reading, God does not rejoice in our suffering and death. He rejoices in our faith and our trust in His glorious plan for our lives.

Whether we are healed like the little girl in our Gospel in this life, or we carry our suffering with us until we reach the next, if we remain faithful, Jesus will one day say to us, "Little girl or little boy, I say to you, arise!"

Today, let us reflect on how much our Good and Gracious God loves us. Remember that whatever we are suffering in this life, do not be afraid, God is right there with us.

### **PARISH TITHE**

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of June 23rd** will go to the

**Our Lady of the Lake Food Pantry**

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

The move of the Roman Catholic community to Jefferson did indeed bring the church closer to where the majority of Catholics lived and worked at the that time. It was also a good example of the common change in many New England towns in making transition from an agricultural to manufacturing community. But it also made the Jefferson Roman Catholics a force to be reckoned with. For a long time it was "the poor Catholics from the mills" versus the White Anglo-Saxon Protestants in Holden Centre and the Swedes in Chaffins. Catholics were often referred to as "mill rats" when they came to high school in the center of town and as "second class citizens" by the traditional power structure in the town. This hostility continued until the early 1950s and began to lessen as a result of our men and women fighting side by side during World War II and as a result of ecumenical progress among the churches and especially after the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

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

**Months of September - May**

	<b><u>May</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
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**