

St. Mary's Parish Family

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St. Mary's
Bereavement Reunion
Tuesday, June 25th

 **St. Mary's Is
The Place To Be!**



We are so proud of our St. Mary's Cub Scout Pack 46 Shed Painting
Monday, June 24th



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, 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)

Monday, July 8

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, July 9

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, July 11

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, July 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Choir Volunteer Needed
 Can You Share Your Talents?

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.

Contact Sarah at the office:
 508-829-4508

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

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, July 6

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

Sunday, July 7

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 8

12:00 PM Mass/GR
 6:15 PM R. Volleyball @ St. John's Clinton
 Against O.L.L.
 7:00 PM C. Volleyball @ St. John's Clinton
 Against Sacred Heart

Tuesday, July 9

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

Wednesday, July 10

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

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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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

At all masses, the invitation is extended to everyone that at the time of the Eucharist, all may come forward. Those who are not receiving, simply put your hands crossed over your chest and receive a blessing.



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 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@stmaryjeff.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *Are You Ready for the Next Step?*

Are you or someone you know:

- Interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Learning more about the Catholic way of life?
- Already baptized, but haven't received First Eucharist or Confirmation yet?

Already a Confirmed Catholic, but still seeking more in life? Journey with those becoming Catholic and learn more about your own faith. You won't be there to teach, but to learn with them as you continue your ongoing initiation as a disciple of Christ.

Come and join us! Open to all who are seeking to know Christ more fully in their life.

Contact Deacon John for more info: Cell/Texts: 508-958-0998; Email: deaconjohnladroga@gmail.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Can you share
your gift as a
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 Grade 1-5 Class are almost full!
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

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!



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



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

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

JULY 7TH, 2024



***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	Postponed	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

Christmas in July

We are accepting donations of ALL School Supplies

(ex. Backpacks, pencils, notebooks, markers, folders, binders, crayons, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, tissues, wipes etc.)

All collections will be donated to students of local Worcester in need.

Questions: Call or text Patrice Gallagher at: 508-335-6795



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.
This week we highlight...

Bereavement Hospitality Ministry

These volunteers tend to the various details necessary in proving a warm, inviting space for both parishioners and guests to gather and feel at home. They provide baked goods for parish gatherings as needed. Assist with set up and clean up for parish gatherings.

Please Contact Eileen McCorkle:
eileenmccorkle@gmail.com

JULY 7TH, 2024



Our readings today remind us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul describes a "thorn" that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said, "to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord's words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges with confidence in Christ.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of June 30th** will go to the

Association of US Catholic Priests



We offer our **THANKS AND GRATITUDE** to the
Cub Scout Pack 46

For the beautiful job storage garage.

DID YOU KNOW....

In 1895 Jefferson was the largest of the nine villages of Holden with 826 residents and was equally divided between Irish and French Canadians, or as Father Lee described it: "half and half." The total population of Holden in 1895 was 2602.

In 1895 St. Mary's acquired a bell for its tower and in August 1895 the second Bishop of Springfield, Thomas Beaven, blessed the bell in St. Mary's belfry that had inscribed on it the words: "Ring for the living and the dead."

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - June

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$38,641	\$480,391
One Time Donations.....	\$0	\$63,457
Amount Needed.....	\$50,062	\$517,561
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$(11,421)	\$26,287

In an effort to make our reporting more accurate, the Finance Committee has decided to report our collection totals once a month. Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses. Thank You