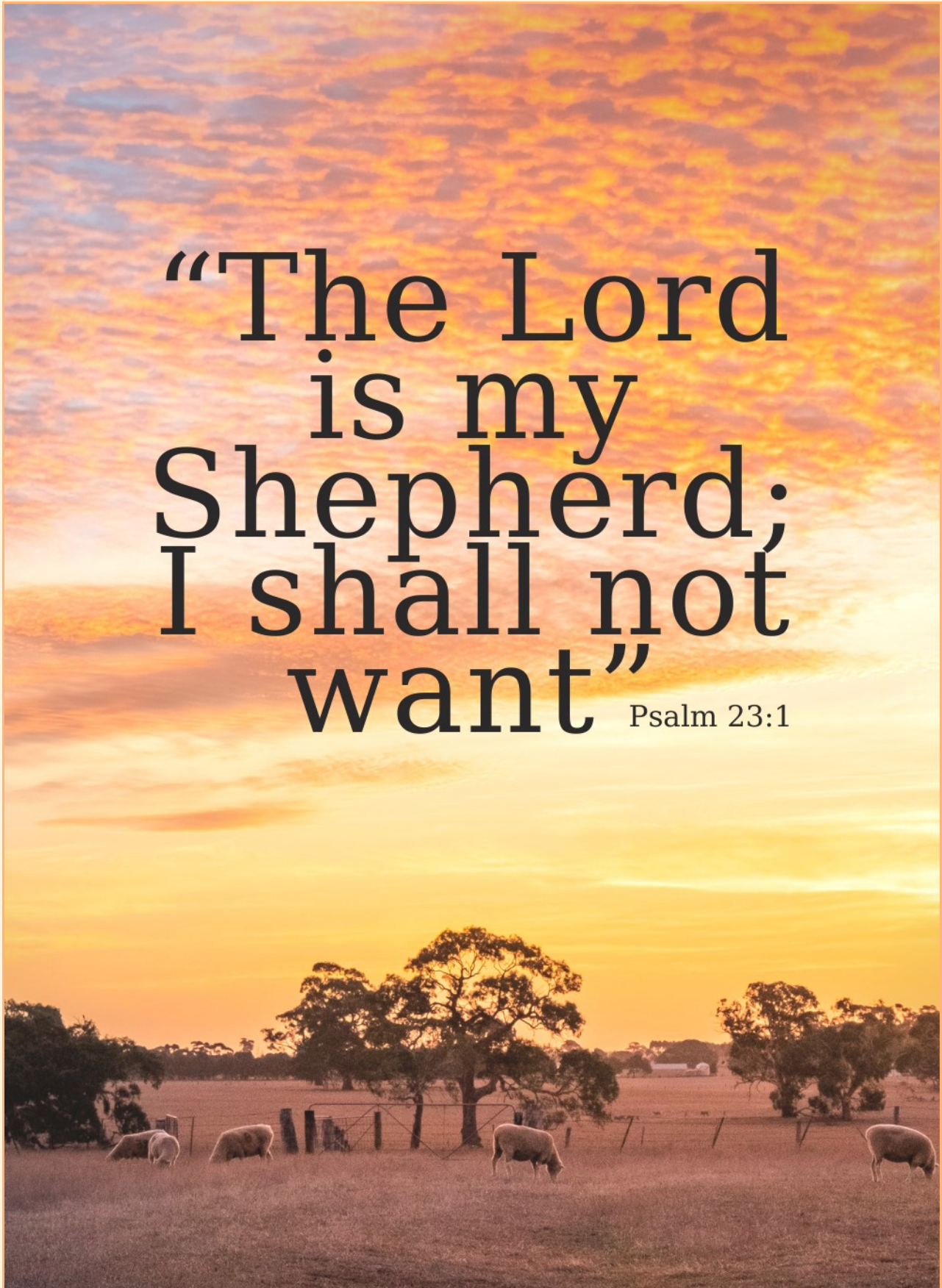


“The Lord
is my
Shepherd;
I shall not
want”

Psalm 23:1





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 20

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, July 21

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Monday, July 22

12:00 PM Communion Service

Tuesday, July 23

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

Saturday, July 27

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, July 28

8:00 AM Christine MacAuliffe (Cathy Tierney)

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 20

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, July 21

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 22

12:00 PM Mass/GR

6:15 PM C. St. Mary's Volleyball @
 St. Christopher's, Worcester

7:00 PM R. St. Mary's Volleyball @
 St. Christopher's, Worcester

Tuesday, July 23

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

6:00 PM St. Mary's Volleyball Practice/Back Field

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

Saturday, July 27

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, July 28

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

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



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 175 donations from our wonderful families bringing us \$17,576.00 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!**



The Medical Missionaries of Mary, an international congregation of Women Religious, will speak here at St. Mary's, on August 3-4, 2024, to invite you to support their missionary work.

Sister Kathie Shea, MMM will be telling you about their work in Africa and Latin America, bringing God's healing love to our wounded world.

The focus of their ministry is particularly to mothers and children and those on the margins of society. Working through community-based health care projects and clinics to tertiary level teaching hospitals they bring health care to those who would not otherwise have access to it.

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



"Faith-Sharers NEEDED!"
Can you share your gift as a CATECHIST? 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. Religious Education classes are held on Sunday afternoons and evenings as well as Monday and Tuesday afternoons. **Teachers are needed at 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 the Rel. Ed. Office today if you are interested. Visit the "Teacher Recruitment Board" at the entrance of the Church for information and to see what grades are still in need teachers!**



NOW ONLINE REGISTRATION

AVAILABLE! Visit our website today at www.stmarysjeff.com for

Grade 1-11 2024-2025 Religious Education Registration!
Classes are filling up quickly...get your registrations in TODAY!



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!

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



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,

Dr. Joseph Sabato, Jr.

May the Peace of the Lord be with them Always.

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

JULY 21ST, 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	0-3 St. Mary's	St. Peter (A)	C
7/1	7:00 PM	Postponed	O.L.H	R
7/8	6:15 PM	1-2 O.L.L.	O.L.L.	R
7/8	7:00 PM	3-0 St. Mary's	Sacred Heart	C
7/15	6:15 PM	2-1 St. Mary's	St. Joseph's	C
7/15	7:00 PM	3-0 St. Mary's	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 your gifts and talents to serve our parish. This week we highlight...

Nursing Home and Homebound Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers bring the Eucharist to our home bound and nursing home residents.

Please Contact Beth Cunningham:
beth@stmaryjeff.com

JULY 21ST, 2024



"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord." Our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah addresses false prophets who had misled God's people away from the Lord. The Lord declares that He will restore His people by bringing back those who have gone astray and providing for them new shepherds so that they will "no longer fear and tremble."

This reading portrays God's infinite care and concern for our lives. We can see that God is the one who loved us first. Oftentimes, we are like the people who are blind to His goodness and enticed by sin — something we think will make us happy but does not. God is the one who constantly pursues us and gives us opportunities to say "yes" to Him. He wants to win us back, and ultimately, He will make us happy.

So, we must ask ourselves, who or what is blinding us or leading us away from our ultimate happiness? Stop for a moment and name that thing — money, status, a person, career, laziness, addiction, self-image, health, etc. — that could be leading you away from a full and happy relationship with God.

As Christian disciples, deep down we really know that our true happiness is God. So, what are we waiting for? Take the leap of faith and allow yourself to radically love God in return.

As we begin this new week, let us name the things in our lives that are robbing us of our ultimate happiness, work to let go of them and let us strive to make Jesus our true shepherd by seeking Him in our daily lives.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of July 14th** will go to
"Christmas in July"



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE to
The Capital Needs Committee,
who share their time and expertise to guiding us
through our capital projects and needed repairs.

DID YOU KNOW....

During Father Prendergast's nearly fourteen years as pastor of St. Mary's (1913-1927) the operation of the local mills were at their highest peak which probably influenced the overall development of the parish since 98% of the workers at the time were probably Roman Catholic. Even though World War I was raging in Europe (1914-1918), the United States did not get involved until April 6, 1917. The Jefferson Manufacturing Company produced woolen products for our men serving in this war.

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