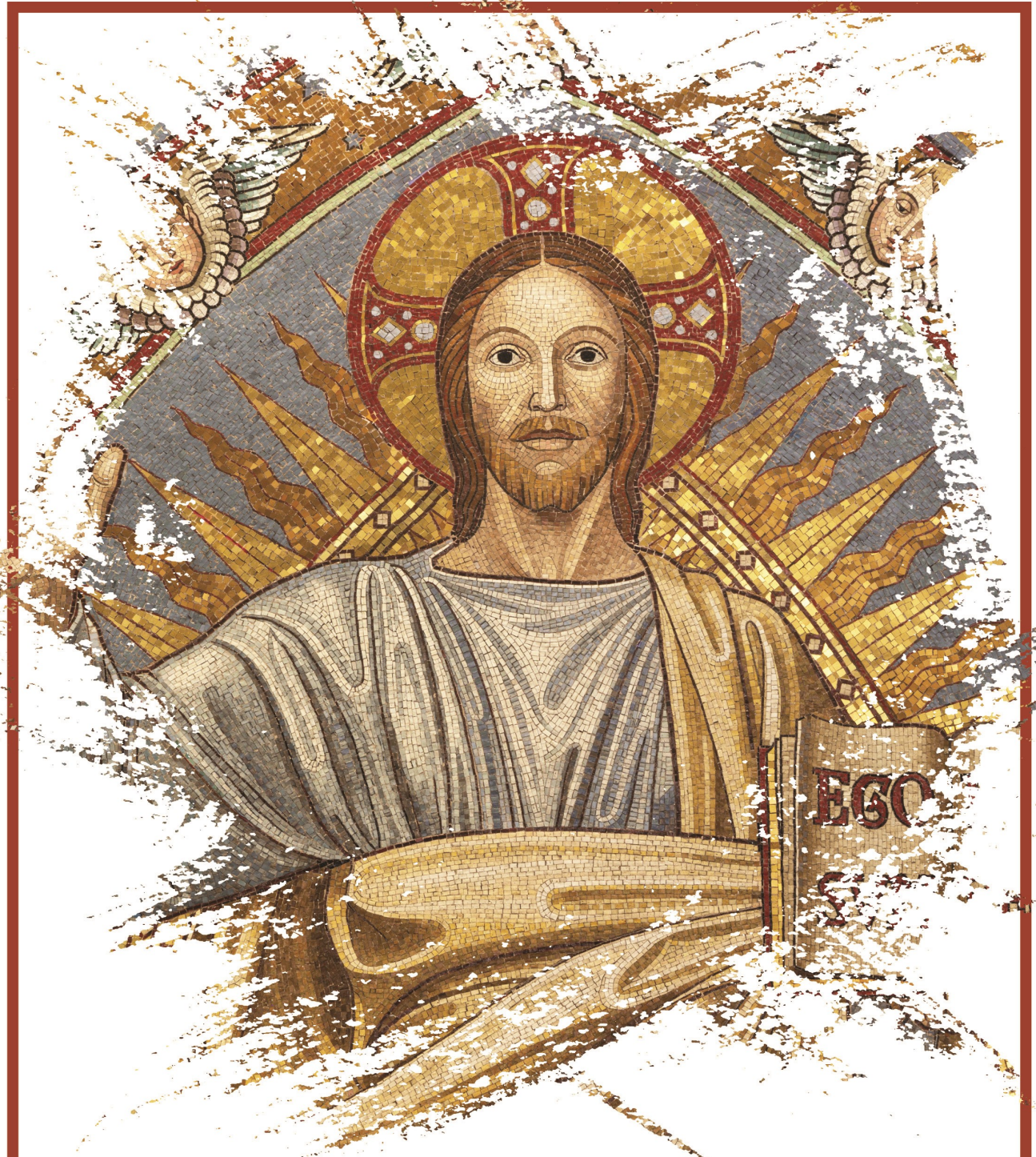


St. Mary's Parish Family

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“FOR THE BREAD OF GOD IS THAT WHICH
COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND GIVES LIFE
TO THE WORLD.” - JN 6:33

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, August 3

4:30 PM Joseph Gaze (*The Family*)

Sunday, August 4

8:00 AM Tony & Maria Menendez-Aponte (*Friends*)

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Monday, August 5

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

Tuesday, August 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 7

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, August 8

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

4:30 PM Joseph Gaze (*The Family*)

Sunday, August 11

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

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Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, August 3

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, August 4

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Baptism of **Annika Elizabeth Robinson**

Coffee Shoppe/GR

6:00 PM

St. Mary's Volleyball Practice/Back Field

Monday, August 5

12:00 PM Mass/GR

7:00 PM C. St. Mary's Volleyball @

R. St. Mary's Volleyball @

St. Christopher's, Worcester

Tuesday, August 6

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

Wednesday, August 7

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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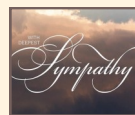


The **Tabernacle** candle burns for
Joseph Gaze
 Requested by The Family



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

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



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,

Bertha A. Stowell

May the Peace of the Lord be with her Always.



Partners in Charity 2024

For those Parishioners who have not already donated we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the **2024 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal!** 177 families have already donated and for those gifts we are truly grateful. Last year, on this date, we had 237 donors. You can easily offer your gift online this year by going to partners-charity.net/donate. Also, donor envelopes can be found in the church pews. If using a gift envelope, you can return it through the weekly offertory collection or through the mail. Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Just a few examples are the care of fifty-two retired priests ~ poor families served by Pernet Family Health Service ~ seniors receiving home health care through Catholic Charities ~ children seeking a good education ~ those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate ~ the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more!!



The Medical Missionaries of Mary, an international congregation of Women Religious, will speak here at St. Mary's, this weekend, 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.

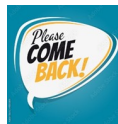
Contact Deacon John for more info: Cell/Texts: 508-958-0998; Email: deaconjohnladroga@gmail.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Supplies and Texts are being ordered for the fall. **If you are planning on joining us this year, please register today! Easy online registration is available.** Grade 1-5 classes are offered Monday or Tuesday 4:15-5:15, Grade 6-8 classes are offered on Sunday 4PM-6PM (includes the 5PM Mass). Grade 9-11 are held Sundays 5PM to 7:30PM. **We look forward to a new year of sharing faith with your children!**



Have you been away for a while? WELCOME BACK! We offer classes for Grades 3 through High School for those children who have had little or no Religious Education and for those who need catch up in order to re-join grade level classes. Please fill out a registration form today!



We are so grateful to our many returning teachers. You are our blessing and we thank God for the gift you are for our parish family! **We are still in need of catechists (teachers). If you are interested in assisting in the Religious Education Program in any way, please contact us!** No gift of time treasure or talent is too small...even just an hour a year or one batch of brownies will help the kids know the awesome love of our God!



Catholic School Students Preparing to Receive Sacraments-Parochial School Children receive their Formal Religious Education as part of the school curriculum. However, Sacramental Preparation is the responsibility of the home parish. Catholic School children are welcomed into the parish program as they prepare for First Eucharist & First Reconciliation (Grade 2) and for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 10).



KEEPING OUR PARISH FAMILY SAFE!

We are in the process of updating our parish Safe Environment records!

All parish volunteers are required to complete Safe Environment Forms as mandated by the Diocese of Worcester. Letters will be sent mid August to those volunteers who need to complete or update any forms!

All forms can be found on the St. Mary's Parish website! (www.stmarysjeff.com)

Thank you in advance for assisting us in ensuring that we provide a safe place for all our parish family, especially our parish children, to learn and worship!

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

AUGUST 4, 2024



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



Date	Time	Location/Score	Opponent	Team
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	1-2 N.A.M	N.A.M	C
7/22	7:00 PM	1-2 St. John	St. John	R
7/29	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc RAIN Postponed	Sacred Heart	C
7/29	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc. RAIN Postponed	O.L.H.	R
8/5	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc Make up game		
8/5	7:00 PM	St. Christopher's Worc. Make up game	O.L.H.	R
8/10	10:00 A	Tournament, St. Christopher	TBD	R
8/11	1:30 PM	Tournament, St. Christopher	TBD	C

Will You Share Your Gifts?

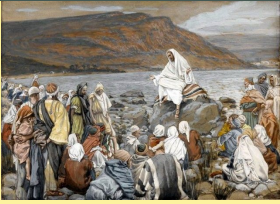
Each week we will showcase
one of our many
Ministries that you can use your
gifts and talents to serve our parish.
This week we highlight...

Lectors

The lector is instituted to proclaim the
readings from Sacred Scripture, with the
exception of the Gospel. He/she may also
announce the intentions for the
Prayer of the Faithful

Interested? Please Contact The Parish Office:
stmaryjeff@stmaryjeff.com

AUGUST 4, 2024



Often, we live our lives working for temporary happiness. But today, Jesus reminds us to “not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.”

Our Eucharistic meal is the Spiritual Food that we consume — Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It will satisfy us as Jesus says,

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

We all have the need to be satisfied. It is in our humanity. And in that incompleteness, we grab at what surrounds us to satisfy our hearts. It could be the next job promotion, the comforts in our homes, the next trip we plan to take. The list goes on. We might think to ourselves, ‘then I will be happier.’ Or maybe we don’t even realize how we are relying on those things or events in our lives.

And while many of those things are good and bring us joy, they are only a small glimpse of the deeper, lasting happiness that the Lord offers us. They are gifts that should remind us of our Good and Gracious Creator. Instead of placing undue importance on those things or people, place it on Jesus, as He says, “Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” He is the One who fills our hearts.

As you go about your day-to-day lives this week, try to recognize the times you are “working for food that perishes” by seeking things of the world to satisfy your heart. In those moments, recall that everything we have is a gift from God. Instead of misusing that gift, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all He has given to you.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of July 28th** will go to
“4Others, Inc.”

4Others, Inc. is a 501(c)3 that collects personal hygiene products and NEW underwear and socks for distribution to those in need in the Worcester area.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE to our

St. Mary’s Volleyball Team Coaches.

DID YOU KNOW....

From 1913 to the early 20’s, Father Prendergast and his curate ministered not only to the parishioners of St. Mary’s but also to the Catholic community at the St. Patrick Mission in Rutland and the patients and employees at the Rutland State Sanatorium, the Rutland Prison Camp and Hospital, and during the summer months to the Catholic visitors that came to Princeton that was known at that time as the “Cape Cod of the West.”

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