

St. Mary's Parish Family

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Prayers for our newly Baptized children *Baptized on Sunday, August 4th*



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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, August 10

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

Sunday, August 11

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Monday, August 12

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, August 13

8:00 AM Richard Buffone (*His Wife, Maureen*)

Wednesday, August 14

8:00 AM **No Mass**

7:00 PM **Feast of the Assumption Mass**

Thursday, August 15

8:00 AM **Feast of the Assumption Mass**

Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17

4:30 PM Joseph & Anne McCarthy
 (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

Sunday, August 18

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Constance Marr (*The Marr Family*)
 4th Anniversary



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.

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

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, August 10

10:00 AM Recreational Volleyball Tournament @
 St. Christophers, Worcester

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, August 11

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
 Coffee Shoppe/GR

1:30 PM **Competitive Volleyball Tournament @**
 St. Christophers, Worcester

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Tuesday, August 13

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

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Feast of the Assumption Masses

Wednesday, August 14th ~ 7:00 PM
 and

Thursday, August 15th ~ 8:00 AM

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



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!** 184 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!!



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!

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

Register Now!

Space limited on Mondays: some grade levels have already filled. **If you are planning on joining us this year, please register today!** Easy online registration is available. **Placement for each day will be based on a first come first serve system.** Grade 1-5 classes are offered Monday or Tuesday 4:15-5:15, Grade 6-8 classes are offered on Sunday 4PM-5PM (Mass 5PM), Grade 9-11 held Sunday's beginning with 5PM Mass-7:30PM.



Call today for more details on how you can share your faith to change lives...Catechists needed to teach all Grades 1 through 11.



Little or no Religious Education? 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 to catch up in order to re-join grade level classes. Please register today!



Spectacular 3-day event!! Incredible Christian Music line-up August 16th through August 18th! **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! Visit 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!

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...

College Outreach Ministry

Volunteers assist the pastor and our church community in providing prayer, encouragement and support through care packages, notes, Cookie Grams and regular contact.

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

AUGUST 11, 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	3-0 O.L.H	Sacred Heart	C
7/29	7:00 PM	0-3 O.L.H	O.L.H.	R
8/5	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	0-3 OLH (B) 1-2 OLH (A)	O.L.H.(A&B)	R
8/5	7:00 PM	3-0 St. Mary's	Sacred Heart	C
8/10	10:00 AM	Tournament, St. Christopher	TBD	R
8/11	1:30 PM	Tournament, St. Christopher	TBD	C



**Ways to deepen your prayer or
finding a clearer sense of God's
presence in your life!** Join us for

this life-changing retreat. The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life, a 30-week directed prayer experience, led by a Jesuit trained team experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises. Starting on October 1, 2024, 7pm at a local parish in Worcester. Each weekly session will be approximately 90 minutes long. More information and an application form which is due by September 8th are available on our website. Also, an informational video including a personal reflection can be found at :

www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com.

For questions send an email to worcspex19@gmail.com

**Information Night for the Spiritual Exercises,
A Retreat in Daily Life**

Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 7pm

St. Peter's Church, 929 Main Street, Worcester, MA.

Enter the door on the side of church.

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

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Our readings today continue to educate us on the Eucharist. Jesus tells us in our Gospel that He is this Food that sustains us as He says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven...and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." This bread He is referring to is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that we receive. This bread becomes the flesh of Christ Himself. And in consuming Him, we receive every grace we need to live forever in eternal life. We are strengthened in virtue and united more closely to Christ. This is the Food that will fill us as we journey through this life. Mistakenly we often take the Eucharist for granted. Maybe we come to Mass to "check the box" instead of actively partaking in this intimate exchange or we receive Jesus in the Eucharist and then forget about Him the second we leave the church after Mass.

To receive all that God wants to give us in the Eucharist, we must do our part in being receptive to His grace and living out active discipleship in our day-to-day lives.

Let us approach the Lord acknowledging His Divine Presence and be open to all the graces He desires to pour out on us. Then we must go forth, being attentive to the moments that the Holy Spirit is calling us to act as He acts — in total love and sacrifice.

The Eucharist affects our lives more than we can comprehend. We are receiving God Himself. Let us strive to receive Him reverently and with open hearts

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of July 28th** will go to
Medical Missionaries of Mary



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE to our

Christmas in July Contributors

Your contributions have provided local students in need with the essential tools they need for academic success. Thank you for your support.

DID YOU KNOW....

Fr. Prendergast took an active role in the foundation of what became known as the Holden District Hospital. An earlier hospital on Pleasant St. in Holden, the Holden Cottage Hospital (1914-1922), was threatened with closing due to the death of its superintendent. A group of seventeen very concerned citizens including Father Prendergast and two other members of the local clergy formed a corporation on February 20, 1918. Holden Hospital thus became incorporated, and Father Prendergast was elected one of its first ten directors as well as one of its founders. On March 1, 1922 this hospital became known as Holden District Hospital and on November 20, 1922 moved from Pleasant St. to Boyden Rd.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - July

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$52,612	\$530,504
One Time Donations.....	\$0	\$65,957
Amount Needed.....	\$45,797	\$563,314
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$6,815	\$33,147

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