

## St. Mary's Parish Family

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### St. Mary's Volleyball Recreational Team

Great Job!!!

"The win by the Comp team can really be shared by everyone who was a part of St. Mary's volleyball this summer!! Of our 17 practices, 12 of them had at least a dozen players in attendance, which allowed us to play a full 6-on-6. Everyone did the same drills, everyone developed the same skills and helped each other to gain experience. Nobody made it through a practice or game without making a mistake, and everyone helped each other to grow and learn. Practices included rising 6th graders through rising 12th graders (and one college freshman). It was great to see the older players mentoring and involving the younger players, and the younger players stepping up to the challenge! Thank you to **everyone** who made this possible!" Coach Janet

### St. Mary's Volleyball Competition Team

Congratulations,  
Champs!!





**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 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 *((4th Anniversary))*  
*(The Marr Family)*

#### Monday, August 19

12:00 PM Communion Service

#### Tuesday, August 20

8:00 AM Communion Service

#### Wednesday, August 21

8:00 AM Communion Service

#### Thursday, August 22

#### Friday, August 23

#### Saturday, August 24

4:30 PM Ernest G. Rocha *(His Loving Family)*

#### Sunday, August 25

8:00 AM Andrzej Kaminski *(Chris & Justyna Moniak)*  
**Blessings & Health on 71st birthday**  
 10:00 AM David Reponen, 1st Anniversary  
*(Beloved wife, Pam, daughter, Lisa & family)*

### Schedule Around Campus...

#### Saturday, August 17

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

#### Sunday, August 18

8:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Coffee Shoppe/GR  
 10:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
 Coffee Shoppe/GR

#### Monday, August 19

12:00 PM Mass/GR

#### Tuesday, August 20

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

#### Wednesday, August 21

8:00 AM Mass/GR  
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

#### Thursday, August 22

#### Friday, August 23

#### Saturday, August 24

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

#### Sunday, August 25

8:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Coffee Shoppe/GR  
 10:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
 Baptism of **Harrison Robert and  
 Nora Anne Fruwirth**  
 Coffee Shoppe/GR



Father Tim will be on a silent, directed retreat this week at Mercy by the Sea in Madison, Connecticut. Please remember him in your prayers.



**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



## 5 pm Mass

5PM Mass will resume on  
 September 7th





## Partners in Charity 2024

For Those St. Mary's Parishioners  
Who have not already donated we ask your  
kind consideration of a gift to the

### 2024 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal

...which you can make online  
Just go to [partners-charity.net/donate](https://partners-charity.net/donate)

188 Families Have Already Donated  
and for those gifts we are truly grateful.  
Our parish is currently \$13,377 away  
from reaching our goal of \$73,800!

Donor envelopes can be found in the church pew this weekend. If using an envelope you can return it through the mail or by dropping it off at the Parish Office, or by placing it in the collection basket.

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.

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. It takes many gifts to reach our diocesan goal of \$5 million.

All checks should be made payable to: "Partners in Charity"

We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

### 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...

### Religious Education Teachers, Subs and Volunteers

Under direction, catechists (teachers), subs and volunteers, share faith with classes of 8-10 students, assist in Sacramental preparation, and witness to continuing Catholic Christian Formation as a life-long process.

Interested? Please Contact The Parish Office:  
[stmaryjeff@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:stmaryjeff@stmaryjeff.com)



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

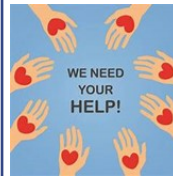
Someone you know may be in an abusive relationship.  
Abuse Hotline 508-755-9030

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



We are still welcoming children grades 1-11 to register for fall classes. Please check St. Mary's website at for online registration.

We also invite all those children and young people who have been away, or have had little or no formal Religious Education to register for our "Beginnings Program". Classes of help kids "catch-up" in order to enter at grade level following this year-long instruction period. Please call for registration details.



**PREPARING TO WELCOME OUR CHILDREN** We are in need nearly 50 catechists as well as substitutes and general aides before we are able to welcome more than 300 young people back for a new year of Faith Sharing. Classes are held on Sunday afternoon and evening, Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoons. Catechists are needed in all grade levels. We provide training and will equip you with all that you need to share your faith. **Please call today if you are able to assist in any way!**



**Young People Grades 6-College~Bring your voice, bring your instrument, bring your talent...always looking to grow our FANTASTICK Teen Music Ministry! Teens offer their talent on Sunday evenings during the 5PM Mass from**

**September till June.** Please contact Kerry:  
[kogrady1@msn.com](mailto:kogrady1@msn.com) for more information!



### 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](http://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!



### 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:



**AUGUST 18, 2024**

**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](mailto:deaconjohnladroga@gmail.com)



**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 October 1, 2024, at 7pm at St. Peter's Parish in Worcester. Each weekly session will be approximately 90 minutes long. More information and an application form which is due by September 8<sup>th</sup> are available on our website. Also, an informational video including a personal reflection can be found at :

[www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com).

For questions send an email to [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.com)



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**

will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 12th from 9-10:30 am in the Pastoral Office dining room. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Anyone interested in joining our group please contact co-chairs :

Pam Anzaldi 978-400-1883 or  
Janet Davis 508-210-0034  
All Are Welcome!!

***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)

**AUGUST 18, 2024**



Jesus said to the crowd, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life..." We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement - eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of a shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine. If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give — Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery. Thankfully we don't need to be a saint or a scholar to receive this gift. But we should do our best to receive the Eucharist with gratitude. And we can look to today's readings to glean two fundamental principles for becoming better Christian stewards. The Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards - to be faithful to the ministries we serve in, joyful in material giving, and offer our very best to our families and secular work. The Eucharist is the ultimate inspiration for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

**PARISH TITHE**

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of August 11th** will go to  
Centro De Ministerio Hispano/Latino



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE to**  
**The St. Mary's Parishioner,**

who, on her own, decided to take the task of pruning the hedges in front of the Pastoral Office Building.

**DID YOU KNOW....**

In 1946 a second acquisition of land expanded the property occupied by St. Mary's Church through a donation from the town of Holden. In 1906 the town had bought 4950 square feet of land along Princeton Street next to St. Mary's Church and built the Jefferson Hose House. It had a second floor where the firemen met. The town used the Hose House for less than forty years. At the town meeting of February 9, 1946 it was voted that " *the Selectmen be authorized to convey to St. Mary's Church a parcel of land in Jefferson known as the Jefferson Hose House and agree on a price for the same.*" A few weeks later on February 26, 1946 Henry S. Muzzy, the town auditor, signed a statement saying: "Received a Daniel J. Harrington twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) covering the sale of the Jefferson Hosed House to St. Mary's Parish"

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

**Months of September - July**

	<b><u>July</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
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**