

## *St. Mary's Parish Family*

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"HEAR ME, ALL OF YOU, AND UNDERSTAND."  
- MK 7:14

22<sup>ND</sup> 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 31

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Sunday, September 1

8:00 AM Justyna Moniak (*Chris Moniak*)  
*Blessings & Health at 44th Birthday*

10:00 AM Angie Nelson (*Pam Anzaldi*)

#### Monday, September 2 Labor Day/Pastoral Office Closed

12:00 PM No Mass

#### Tuesday, September 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Wednesday, September 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Thursday, September 5

#### Friday, September 6

#### Saturday, September 7

4:30 PM Virginia Lambert (*The Lambert Family*)

#### Sunday, September 8

8:00 AM Zachary Michael Leandres - 15th Anniversary  
*(The Leandres Family)*

10:00 AM Patricia Finnegan (*Her Family*)  
*11th Anniversary*

5:00 PM Robert Hazelhurst (*Carol Quinn & Family*)



#### *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,

**Roy Dupont & Brittany Anderson**

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

### Schedule Around Campus...

#### Saturday, August 31

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

#### Sunday, September 1

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Baptism of **Caroline Patricia Isenhardt**

Coffee Shoppe/GR

#### Monday, September 2 Labor Day/Pastoral Office Closed

12:00 PM No Mass/GR

#### Tuesday, September 3

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

#### Wednesday, September 4

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

#### Thursday, September 5

#### Friday, September 6

#### Saturday, September 7

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

#### Sunday, September 8

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

**Backpack/Grandparent Blessing**

4:00 PM Grade 9 & 11 Teacher Meeting

5:00 PM Mass/Church

6:00 PM Grade 10 Teacher Meeting



We welcome the newest members to our St. Mary's Parish Family

**Harrison Robert and  
Nora Anne Fruwirth**

Our church is richly blessed by your presence.



*5 pm Mass*

5PM Mass will resume on September 8th



## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Partners in Charity 2024

This is the last weekend for making donations to 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** ...Online donations can be made by going to [partners-charity.net/donate](http://partners-charity.net/donate), 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!

### SAVE THE DATE



#### GLASS OF WINE + CHEESE + YOU

GATHERING FOR NEW PARISHIONERS, NEWLY MARRIED & NEWLY BAPTIZED FAMILIES

September 20, 2024 | Drop In Anytime Between 6-7:30 PM

St. Mary's Gathering Room

*Babysitting will be provided!*

RSVP FOR BABYSITTING SO WE CAN PLAN TO WELCOME YOUR CHILDREN  
PATTY HURLEY 508-414-3347

### RELIGIOUS Education 2024-25

Wish no more!  
**It's here!**

..... The **Religious Education Calendar** has **been mailed!!!!** For families who have **registered for the 2024-25 Religious Ed Year**, look for confirmation of the day and time that we are expecting your child for the upcoming Faith Sharing Year. Families with children that have not yet registered will receive a calendar, however, registration is necessary for class placement for the fall. Online registration is available, or forms can be downloaded from our website. **Registrations must be received prior to the start of classes!** Need more info? Contact us today!  
[maryjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:maryjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com)



Grade 1 Parents, if you have not yet done so, it's time to register your child for Religious Education! Spread the word! We cannot wait to welcome our Parents and Grade 1 children to St. Mary's Faith Formation Program! Our **Parent/Child Orientation** will take place at the Parish Hall on **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:15** for those signed up for Monday class and **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for Grade 1 students signed up for Tuesday class...** PS...Fr Tim is

### RELIGIOUS Education Continued

looking forward to sharing milk and cookies with you!!!

#### CLASSES BEGIN FOR ALL GRADES

**Grade 1-5** - Mon. & Tues. - Oct. 7 & 8- 4:15- 5:15 PM

**Grade 6-8** - Sun. Oct. 6 - 4-6 PM (Mass Included)

**Grade 9** - Sun. Oct. 6 - 5-7:30 PM (Mass Included)

**Grade 10** - Sun. Oct. 6 - 5-7:30 PM (Mass Included)

**Grade 11** - Sun. Sept. 29 - 5-7:30 PM (Mass Included)

**BEGINNING NEXT WEEK~ Parent, Student and Teacher MEETINGS ~** Before we begin another **GREAT YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MARY'S** (...The Place to Be) meetings are scheduled throughout the month of September. Parents, teachers, substitutes, and students please check your Yellow Religious Ed Calendars for important meeting dates and watch the mail for more information for your grade level. We are looking forward to meeting with Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers & Substitutes during the weeks ahead!

**We invite all those children and young people that have been away or have had little or no formal Religious Education to register for our "Beginnings Program".** Classes of various levels for students in Grades 3-12 are available to help kids "catch-up" to enter at grade level following this year-long instruction period. Please call for registration details.

**Parochial School Children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation** are required to register for Sacramental Preparation within their home parish. If you have a child planning to receive a Sacrament, please register today!

**Grade 11 students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation** should register and pay the registration fee as usual.



**Next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> ~** Students, preschool through adult, bring your backpacks or lunch boxes to Mass at 10AM. Join us as we lift up our children and students of all ages, as they begin a new school year. As our students are blessed, we ask that God help show them how to teach us about His Awesome love! **And...** Teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers...come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work! Our special **GRANDPARENTS WILL BE BLESSED TOO!**



**Bring your voice, bring your instrument, bring your talent...We are always looking to grow our FANTASTICK Teen Music Ministry!** Young People Grades 6-College, please contact Kerry at: [kogrady1@msn.com](mailto:kogrady1@msn.com) or call the Office for more information!



Peanut Butter  
Jelly

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

## **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...

### ***Cantors***

Cantors lead the parish community  
in song during liturgical services

Interested? Please Contact:  
Peter Gerardi @ petergerardi60@gmail.com

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IGNATIUS  
OF LOYOLA



THE  
SPIRITUAL  
EXERCISES

### **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)

**Someone you know may be in an abusive relationship.**

**Abuse Hotline 508-755-9030**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**



Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day.

Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not

practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others?

Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honor, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

If we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind, then we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

#### PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of August 25th** will go to  
**Knights of Columbus ~ Fill the Pantry**



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE**  
to

**The volunteers who have been working throughout the summer to prepare for the opening of Religious Education!**

#### DID YOU KNOW....

Our Parish has welcomed...

45 New Parishioners,

37 Newly Baptized Children and

5 Newly Married Couples!



St. Mary's is truly "The Place To Be!"

#### **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**