

## St. Mary's Parish Family

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

**Caroline Patricia Isenhardt**

*Baptized September 1, 2024*

Our church is richly blessed by your presence.





**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, September 7

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

#### 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*)

#### Monday, September 9

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

#### Tuesday, September 10

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Wednesday, September 11

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Thursday, September 12

#### Friday, September 13

#### Saturday, September 14

4:30 PM Mary Foley (*1st Anniv*) (*Her Family*)

#### Sunday, September 15

8:00 AM Richard & Isabelle Pope (*The Pope Family*)

10:00 AM Donna Happy (*A Friend*)

5:00 PM Suzanne Hendrickx (*Sheila Bosse*)



The Tabernacle candle burns for  
**Richard & Isabelle Pope**  
 Requested by The Family

### Schedule Around Campus...

#### 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**  
**Family Pancake Breakfast**  
 4:00 PM Grade 9 & 11 Teacher Meeting  
 5:00 PM Mass/Church  
 6:00 PM Grade 10 Teacher Meeting

#### Monday, September 9

4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Catechist Meeting

#### Tuesday, September 10

8:00 AM Mass/GR  
 10:00 AM Bible Study/GR  
 4:15 PM Grade 1-5 Catechist Meeting

#### Wednesday, September 11 Mustard Seed Drop

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

#### Thursday, September 12 Mustard Seed Cook

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry/DR  
 10:30 AM Faith Sharing Group/GR  
 5:00 PM Scout Registration/Hall  
 5:30 PM Pajama Picnic/Hall  
 6:30 PM Knights Of Columbus Meet/GR

#### Friday, September 13

#### Saturday, September 14

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

#### Sunday, September 15

8:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Coffee Shoppe/GR  
 10:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
 Coffee Shoppe/GR  
 3:00 PM Grade 6 Teacher Meeting  
 4:00 PM Grade 7&8 Teacher Meeting  
 5:00 PM Mass/Church

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

## 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



## Families with Small Children

Friendship, Fun, & Community  
Games, Crafts, Books, & Play

Come and join us

2nd Thursday of each month  
(9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12)

5:30—6:30 PM ~ St. Mary's Parish Hall

*BYO Snack/Dinner*

Contact Anna with any questions:  
AnnaEKaram@gmail.com



Thursdays  
10:00 AM

In The Gathering Room  
Beginning September 12th

## RELIGIOUS Education 2024-25

*Wish no more!  
It's here!*

**Check out the Religious Education Calendar!!!! Families who have registered for the 2024-25 Religious Ed Year, confirmation of the day and time that we are expecting your child for the upcoming Faith Sharing Year will be located inside your calendar.** 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)

## RELIGIOUS Education Continued



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 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.



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: [kograd1@msn.com](mailto:kograd1@msn.com) or call the Office for more information!



Peanut Butter  
Jelly



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



**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**



St. Mary's Parish

## ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

**When:** 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

**Time:** 9:00 AM—10:30 AM

**Where:** Pastoral Office Dining Room.

**Our First Meeting is on:**

**Thursday, September 12th**

If you should have any questions feel free to contact us.

Anyone interested in the Ministry please call :

• Pam Anzaldi co-chair

[pamanzaldi57@gmail.com](mailto:pamanzaldi57@gmail.com)

978-400-1883

• Janet Davis co-chair

[Davis98@charter.net](mailto:Davis98@charter.net)

508-210-0034

## **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...

### ***Knights of Columbus***

A fraternal organization dedicated to furthering and preserving the Catholic Church in the USA. They work together on project around the church while building community and doing projects beyond the walls of St. Mary's. They meet on a regular basis.

Interested? Please Contact Jim Cunningham:  
[jcunnin266@charter.net](mailto:jcunnin266@charter.net)



**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)

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

**Abuse Hotline 508-755-9030**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**



Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The Gospel presents us with the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, “Be opened!” Immediately he was healed.

This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on this reading, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper — our souls.

Oftentimes we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments — through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might “be open” to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

#### PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of September 1** will go to **Care Net**

Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center of North Central Massachusetts, Inc. educates, supports and empowers women facing unplanned pregnancies with compassionate and professional care.



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE**  
to

**The Knight of Columbus**  
for cooking our pancake breakfast

#### DID YOU KNOW....



**Miss Barbara's Story Time**  
for Pre-School children will be  
coming back on  
**Wednesdays at 10AM in the  
Gathering Room!**  
Starting Date to be announced.

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

**Months of September - August End of Fiscal Year**

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$44,903	\$575,407
One Time Donations.....	\$720	\$66,677
Amount Needed.....	\$51,335	\$614,649
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	(\$5,712)	\$27,435

**Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.**