

St. Mary's Parish Family

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St. Mary's Parish Family
Asked God's Blessing
Upon

Our Children,
Their Backpacks
And
Our Grandparents



Sunday
September 8th
At The 10AM Mass



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 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)*

Monday, September 16

12:00 PM David Reponen ~ 1st Anniversary
(Beloved wife Pam, daughter Lisa & family)

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, September 19

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

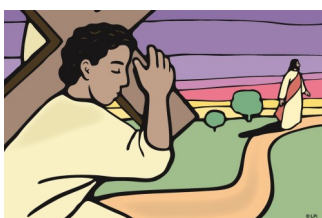
4:30 PM Ted DelDonno *(His Wife)*

Sunday, September 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Shirley Henrich *(Pam Anzaldi)*

5:00 PM Joseph Lynch



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Schedule Around Campus...

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

Monday, September 16

12:00 Mass/GR

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, September 19

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry/DR

Friday, September 20

6:00 PM "Welcome to St. Mary's" Gathering/Hall

Saturday, September 21

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, September 22

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

4:00 PM Grade 9 & 10 Parent/Student Meeting

5:00 PM Mass/Church

6:00 PM Grade 11 Parent/Student Meeting



Catechetical Sunday

We appreciate our Catechists for all their help in guiding our youth towards a path with Jesus!

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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass of Healing

Please join us at Mass on
Saturday, October 5th ~ 4:30PM
Receive the Sacrament of the Sick



Thursdays
10:30AM
In The Gathering Room
Beginning October 3rd

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR
NEW PARISH FAMILY MEMBERS



GLASS OF WINE + CHEESE + YOU

GATHERING FOR NEW PARISHIONERS, NEWLY MARRIED
& NEWLY BAPTIZED FAMILIES

September 20, 2024 | 6-7:30 PM

St. Mary's Gathering Room

Babysitting will be provided

RSVP FOR BABYSITTING SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY
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
(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



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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED



We have an urgent need for teachers to share faith with our Grade 7 & 8 young people. Religious Ed Middle School Classes are held on Sunday afternoons at 4PM. Please call today for more information on how you can help kids know and love Jesus!



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 30th at 4:15 for those signed up for Monday class and Tuesday, October 1st for Grade 1 students signed up for Tuesday class...** PS...Fr. Tim is looking forward to sharing milk and cookies with you!!!

When do Religious Education Classes Begin?

Grades 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)



Calling ALL Catechist (Teacher), Subs and Aides...Please join us for Commissioning and Blessing as you rededicate yourself to the mission of handing on the faith and being witness to the Gospel. **The Commissioning will take place on Sunday, October 6th at the 10AM and 5PM Masses.**



We would love to keep in touch with our college friends while they are away from home. If you think your student would like to stay in touch, please email kogradyl@msn.com with contact information!!!



Peanut Butter, Jelly
Bean Bag Chairs



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 lizleandres91@gmail.com or call the Office for more information!

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



STORYTIME VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**A Great Opportunity for those
who want to work in Early Childhood!**

St. Mary's is looking for a volunteer who wants to work with pre-school aged children in the Church Gathering Room.

The Volunteer would be in charge of a Story Hour with Songs, Finger Puppets, Poems, Hands-On Activities and more....!

All inquiries please call Sarah Brodie at the Parish Office Manager at 508-829-4508 or email at : sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com

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...

The Teen Music Ministry

The ministry brings the gift of music to our
5:00 PM Mass during the school year.
Comprised of High School and Middle School
students who enjoy singing and who have
instrumental talent. Rehearsals take place on
Thursday evenings.

Interested? Please Contact Liz Leandres:
lizleandres91@gmail.com

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday - Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM
Daily Mass - Mon 12:00 PM, Tue & Wed 8:00 AM
Holy Days - 7:00 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM Holy Day
(unless otherwise noted in bulletin)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30—4:00 PM
May also be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



Jesus addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." We are Jesus' disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now.

Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ's sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don't seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining about them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of September 8** will go to
St. Francis and St. Therese Catholic Worker



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
to

All those who wrap their loving arms around the family and friends of our deceased parishioners.

DID YOU KNOW....

There are multiple ways to give donations to St. Mary's? You can give electronically, cash, card or check! Options are:

- Bank Direct Deposits (Preferred)
- We Share. We now have a convenient QR Code to connect you. (Located in the Bulletin)
- Donation Envelopes (Mail, delivered or placed in the collection basket)
- Cash placed in the collection basket.

Please call the Parish Office with any question at 508-829-4508

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.