

St. Mary's Parish Family

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“WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS
IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME.” - MK 9:37A

25TH 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, 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

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, September 26

Friday, September 27

Saturday, September 28

4:30 PM Harold & Phyllis Greiff

Sunday, September 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Mary Anzaldi (*Pam Anzaldi*)

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's



Welcome Autumn
 September 22nd

Schedule Around Campus...

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

Monday, September 23

12:00 Mass/GR

4:15 Grade 1-5 Substitute Meeting/Hall

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, September 26

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry/DR

Friday, September 27

Saturday, September 28

3:30 PM Confessions

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Sunday, September 29

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

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

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Mass of Healing

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



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

FAITH SHARING

Meet & Greet

November 7
10:30 AM
Gathering Room

Would you like to deepen your prayer life and find a clearer sense of God's presence in your life? Consider joining our community of people who share a perspective, friendship and a deeper understanding of our faith journey. Using websites, manuals and group participation we engage in topics relevant to our needs. *Starting October 3rd, we meet Thursday mornings from 10:30 – 11:45 in the gathering room.*

Interested? Please contact Suzanne Medine at smedineymca@hotmail.com if you would like more information.

SCAN ME



WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE
A DONATION USING
YOUR MOBILE PHONE VIA
WESHARE?



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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASS
schedule

**WELCOME REGISTERED FAMILIES~
CLASSES BEGIN**

- ♥ **Grade 11**-Classes meet on Sunday, September 29th at 5PM.
- ♥ **Grade 1**-Parent/Child Orientation Monday, September 30th at 4:15PM and Tuesday, October 1st at 4:15PM.
(Gr. 1 Come on the day that you signed up for Rel. Ed.)
- ♥ **Grade 6-8** Classes meet on Sunday, October 6th at 4PM.
- ♥ **Grade 9 & 10** Classes meet on Sunday, October 6th at 5PM.
- ♥ **Grades 1-5** Classes meet on Monday, October 7th at 4:15PM and Tuesday, October 8th at 4:15PM.
- ♥ **Beginnings** Classes meet on Monday, October 7th at 4:15PM.

NOT REGISTERED? WE ARE MISSING YOU!!!!!! We are still welcoming children in Grades 1-11.

We also invite those who have been away for a while or have had little or no religious education to register for our Beginnings Program. (Following a year of catechesis, children will enter the program at grade level.) Please call the Religious Ed. Office for more info!



Hey, Grade 1-5 Kids! We are looking for lots of voices to praise our awesome God! **Our kid's choir NEEDS YOU!** The children's choir leads us in song at the 10AM Mass once or twice a month...Contact Peter (Music Director) today!! petergerardi@msn.com



Teen Music Group is looking for musicians and singers. Please contact Liz to get started!
lizleandres91@gmail.com

Do you have a College Students or a Young Person who has entered the Service? Our college care ministry is a way of sending our love, prayers and support to our college students and young service men and woman who are away from us. Please share your young person's contact information with us so that we can extend our love to them. kogrady1@msn.com



Peanut Butter
Jelly
Sandwich Bags
Gently used Bean Bag Chairs



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

SEPTEMBER 22, 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...

Altar Linens Ministry

In order to always have clean altar linens available for all celebrations, these special volunteers help wash and iron them on a regular basis.

Altar linens are used at all Eucharistic celebrations.

Interested? Please Contact Maureen Locke at: MLocke@msn.com

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance, to arrange for participation in the preparation program and the date of Baptism.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude.

In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.

If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies — we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior and that they were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of September 15** will go to **Urban Missionaries**



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
to

All those who helped to make our
New Parishioner's Meet and Greet a huge success!

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

	August	YTD
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.