

St. Mary's Parish Family

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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 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

Monday, September 30

12:00 PM David Reponen ~ 1st Anniversary
 (*Beloved Wife Pam, Daughter Lisa & family*)

Tuesday, October 1

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, October 2

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, October 3

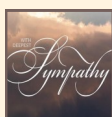
Friday, October 4

Saturday, October 5

4:30 PM Louise Bonazzoli - Mikaelian
 (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

Sunday, October 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 5:00 PM Kathryn Follansbee ~ 33rd Anniversary
 (*The 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,

Robert M. Avedisian,

Robert V. Ricker &

John "Jack" R. Curran

May the Peace of the Lord be with them always.

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
Book Signing
 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
Book Signing
 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 6:00 PM Grade 11 Class

Monday, September 30

12:00 Mass/GR
 4:15 Grade 1 Class/Students & Parents

Tuesday, October 1

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 10:00 AM Bible Study/GR
 4:15 Grade 1 Class/Students & Parents

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR
 1:30 PM Card Ministry/DR

Friday, October 4

Saturday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 6

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Catechist Commissioning
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Class
 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 Grade 9 & 10 Class
Catechist Commissioning

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass of Healing

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

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.

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group *Fall Session*

Date: Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 & November 5 & 12
Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Where: The Gathering Room

A grief journey begins the moment a loved one dies. There are many sad days, weeks and months that follow where feelings of emptiness and sadness can be overwhelming.

St. Mary's Bereavement Support began in 2018 to provide a place where grieving people can find acknowledgement and understanding, support, and friendship as you travel this difficult journey. You and your feelings are not alone.

We meet for 6 consecutive Tuesday afternoons 1:00 – 2:30 here in the Gathering Room, starting October 8th through November 12th.

We are faith based, open to the public, and free. You are invited to attend. Please RSVP so we can supply you with materials, a book and refreshments.

Text or call Beth C. 508.272.6923 or email beth@stmaryjeff.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



YIKES! Classes begin this weekend! We have some children without a teacher! It's time to join our team today!! Contact Kerry at kogrady1@msn.com.
We need 1 Grade 7 Teacher ~ Sunday, 4PM
We need 1 Grade 8 Teacher ~ Sunday 4PM
We need 1 Grade 11 Table Leader~ Sunday 5PM-7:30PM

CLASS
schedule

REGISTERED FAMILIES~ CLASSES BEGIN

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We welcome our Grade 11 Confirmation Class back THIS Sunday, September 29th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED...



Grade 1 First Class! We cannot wait to welcome our Parents and Grade 1 children to St. Mary's Religious Ed 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!!!**

Welcome to...

- ♥Grades 6-8 , Classes meet on Sunday, October 6th at 4PM
- ♥Grades 9 & 10, Classes meet on Sunday, October 6th at 6PM
- ♥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 Student or 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 Baggies
Gently used Bean Bag Chairs

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

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



Eileen O'Finlan

Author of

- Kelegeen
- Erin's Children
- All the Fur and Feathers



**MEET THE AUTHORS
BOOK SIGNING**

Barbara Lamacchia

Author of

- Among The Missing
- Distant Thunder



Book Signing - Sept. 29th
Authors will be available to sign books after the 8 & 10AM Masses in the Gathering Room
*Books will be available to purchase



**COFFEE SHOPPE
VOLUNTEER
NEEDED**

**ONE
SUNDAY PER
MONTH
COMMITMENT!
FOR THE
10AM MASS**



Please Contact Cathy Tierney
cattrooper@aol.com

**St. John-Ascension
Grammar School
All Years Reunion!**



October 19, 2024

**4:15 Mass at St. John's Church
5:30 Reunion at White Eagle
116-120 Green St., Worcester, MA**

Light Appetizers, Cash Bar, Fifty Fifty Raffle, Silent Auction

**\$25 Admission
Net Proceeds go to**

**St. John's
Food for the Poor**

Please send checks no later than September 30th, payable to either:

Mark Andrews or Daniel Deedy
P.O. Box 20052
Worcester, Ma 01602

Mark

Daniel

? mkjandrews@charter.net ~ danfdeedy@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



In our readings this week, Eldad, Medad, and the man driving out demons were all doing the work of God. They had been entrusted with a gift and used it to glorify the Lord. Joshua and John should have responded in joy and appreciation for another's gifts

and talents.

We oftentimes look at another's strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families.

Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

We do not want to end up like the rich in our Second Reading from St. James. They stored up their riches to the point where they withheld wages from their workers! They clenched tightly to the pleasures and luxuries that the world offers and put it in front of both God and their neighbor. They misused the gifts God bestowed on them.

We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next.

He has given us time every day, countless talents, and numerous treasures. Are we using them for His glory?

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of September 22** will go to **World Central Kitchen**

WCK volunteers feed people who are hungry due to natural or man-made disasters. They just show up and start cooking and distributing meals, regardless of politics or peril. They alleviate suffering by providing displaced folks with the food they need



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE

to our Religious Education teachers and substitutes who have taken part in teacher training to prepare themselves to share their faith with our young people.

DID YOU KNOW....

We recently lost our fifth maintenance person in two years for a better opportunity. As a result, we have had to reorganize and change job descriptions. Please be patient as we work out the kinks in this transition. Sheila Bosse has come out of retirement to be in the office two days a week. Thank you Sheila.

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.