

# St. Mary's Parish Family

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## 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

**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, October 5**

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

**Sunday, October 6**

8:00 AM Janet Davis  
(Marie Clemente & The Coffee Group)  
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's  
5:00 PM Kathryn Follansbee ~ 33rd Anniversary  
(The Family)

**Monday, October 7**

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Tuesday, October 8**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Wednesday, October 9**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Thursday, October 10****Friday, October 11****Saturday, October 12**

4:30 PM Barbara Charbonneau  
(Eileen Charbonneau)

**Sunday, October 13**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's  
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's  
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Our prayers are so important for those who are in need of healing, comfort or peace. We are blessed here at St. Mary's, to be a beautiful praying community.

Please contact **The Office** if you know someone that needs to be added to the Prayer of the Faithful, **but just as important**, let us know of those who are ready to be taken off the list at: 508-829-4508

**Schedule Around Campus...****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

**Monday, October 7**

12:00 Mass/GR  
4:15 Grade 1 - 5 Class

**Tuesday, October 8**

8:00 AM Mass/GR  
10:00 AM Bible Study/GR  
1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/GR  
4:15 Grade 1 - 5 Class

**Wednesday, October 9/ Mustard Seed Drop**

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

**Thursday, October 10/ Mustard Seed Cook**

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR  
10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR  
5:30 PM Pajama Picnic/Hall

**Friday, October 11****Saturday, October 12**

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

**Sunday, October 13**

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 6-8 No Class**  
5:00 PM Mass/Church  
**Grade 9, 10 & 11 No Class**

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



## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:beth@stmaryjeff.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](mailto:smedineymca@hotmail.com) if you would like more information.

### 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](mailto:kogrady1@msn.com).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED

We need one Grade 7 Teacher ~ Sunday, 4PM  
We need one Grade 8 Teacher ~ Sunday 4PM  
We need one Grade 11 Table Leader ~ Sunday 5PM

**CLASS**  
*schedule*

**REGISTERED FAMILIES~ CLASSES BEGIN**

**9 & 10**

We welcome our Grade 9 & 10 Highschool classes back **THIS** Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Grade 6-8 Classes meet on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4PM
- Grades 9 & 10 Classes meet on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM
- Grades 1-5 Classes meet on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:15PM and Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:15PM!
- Beginnings Classes meet on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM



GRATITUDE to all of those who have volunteered to share faith with our children.....**WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!** We are so excited to share in this teaching ministry together.



**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEXT WEEK-SUNDAY OCT. 13, MONDAY OCT. 14 and TUESDAY OCT. 15 COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND!** Enjoy this precious time

together with your families! **CLASSES RESUME** on Sun., October 20 for Grades 6-9 and Grade 11, and Mon. & Tues. October 21 & 22 for Grades 1-5.

**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](mailto:petergerardi@msn.com)



**Teen Music Group is looking for musicians and singers.** Please contact Liz to get started!! [lizleandres91@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kogrady1@msn.com)



**Peanut Butter ("Operation PB&J" Middle School WISH LIST Kids feeding the Homeless in Worcester.)**

**Grape Jelly ("Operation PB&J" Middle School Kids feeding the Homeless in Worcester.)**

**Sandwich Bags ("Operation PB&J" Middle School Kids feeding the Homeless in Worcester.)**

**Gently used Bean Bag Chairs**

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

OCTOBER 6, 2024

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HERE

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At all masses, the invitation is extended to everyone that at the time of the Eucharist, all may come forward. Those who are not receiving, simply put your hands crossed over your chest and receive a blessing.

COFFEE SHOPPE  
VOLUNTEER  
NEEDED

ONE  
SUNDAY PER  
MONTH  
COMMITMENT!  
FOR THE  
10AM MASS

Please Contact Cathy Tierney  
cattrooper@aol.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...

#### Prayer Shawl

This Ministry knits/crochets shawls and prayer squares to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. They may also be made to celebrate life and its milestones. The reasons to knit/crochet a shawl or prayer square are numerous as the people who receive them. This group meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday mornings of each month.

Interested? Please Contact  
Pan Anzaldi at: pamanzaldi57@gmail.com  
or Jan Davis at: davis98@charter.net

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Our readings this week speak to each of our domestic churches — the little churches that we call our families.

The First Reading from the book of Genesis takes us to the beginning of creation when God made man and woman. When Adam sees the woman he says, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman.'"

We can almost hear the longing, gratitude, and appreciation in Adam's voice when he meets Eve as he says, "at last." She was a gift because she was an equal partner to him.

This was before the fall of man, meaning sin had not entered the world. Adam and Eve only viewed each other in total acceptance and love.

Our Gospel brings us to life after sin had entered the world — a time that is familiar to us. As the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, He expressed that Moses permitted it because of the hardness of man's heart. However, Jesus was calling them to deeper holiness. He was calling them to restore the original plan God had intended for marriage, "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Jesus' words still apply to us here and now in each of our domestic churches. It is the task of families to tirelessly work to restore God's original plan for marriage and family life — homes filled with gratitude, acceptance, and love.

It takes a daily commitment to live out our call to holiness to restore our families to this beautiful image.

#### PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of September 29**  
will go to **Veterans Inc.**



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE**  
to Our  
**First Grade Parents**

who are fulfilling the call entrusted to them at their child's baptism "keep the light burning brightly" by enrolling them in Religious Education Classes.

#### DID YOU KNOW....

Question: What is the name of the basin that holds Baptismal water inside a church?

Answer: Font

#### STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024 Months of September—August End of Fiscal Year

	September	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.**