

# St. Mary's Parish Family

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With Great Joy We Welcome Our  
Grades 1-5, Monday & Tuesday  
Religious Ed Kids  
*October 6 & 7*

&

Our Middle Schooler's Lend Their  
Hands In Support Of Their  
Operation PB&J Mission Of  
Feeding The Homeless  
*Sunday, October 6th*





**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 19

4:30 PM Bill Wesolowski (*Jane Wesolowski*)

#### Sunday, October 20

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

5:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Matters, Jr.  
 (*Cathy Dadah*)

#### Monday, October 21

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Tuesday, October 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Wednesday, October 23

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Thursday, October 24

#### Friday, October 25

#### Saturday, October 26

4:30 PM Thomas McCarthy (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

#### Sunday, October 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

5:00 PM Winnie & Willy Mangano (*The Family*)



#### *In Life & Death, We are the Lord's...*

We lift up in prayer those who have lost loved ones especially for the family and friends of,

**Betty Ann (Locke) Hale**

May the Peace of the Lord be with her always.

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

### Schedule Around Campus...

#### Saturday, October 19

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

#### Sunday, October 20

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

**Baptism of Evelyn Mae Riches**

**Pancake Breakfast/Hall/Following Mass**

10:15 AM RCIA/DR

4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church

Grade 9 & 11 Class

#### Monday, October 21

12:00 PM Mass

4:15 PM Grade 1 - 5 Class

6:00 PM Scout Fall Cleanup/Thank You Pack 46!

#### Tuesday, October 22

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

1:00 PM Bereavement Support Group/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1 - 5 Class

#### Wednesday, October 23

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

#### Thursday, October 24

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

#### Friday, October 25

#### Saturday, October 26

10:00 AM **Trunk or Treat/Parking Lot**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

#### Sunday, October 27

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

**Baptism of Odelia Marie Rosabee Deane**

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:15 AM RCIA/DR

4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church

Grade 9 & 10 Class



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for  
**Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Matters, Jr.**

Requested by Cathy Dadah



## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Congratulations to  
**Taylor Bolton Hall and Wesley Hall**  
who were married last weekend!  
May God bless their union always. Wesley we are  
proud to have you as part of our Amazing Team.

### ST. MARY'S Children's Choir Recruiting

Dear Grades 3-5 Children,

I will be Recruiting for Children's Choir members  
at Religious Ed on October 21 & 22.

If you sang in the Choir last year or you are a new  
member and would like to join us this year,  
here is your opportunity! I would love to have you  
sing at our first 10AM Mass, Sunday October 20,

We will rehearse that morning  
before the Mass from 9:15-9:55AM.

Please let me know if you can join us,  
I can be reached at:  
508 826-1090  
petergerardi60@gmail.com

Thanks Peter Piano



### 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 per-  
spective, friendship and a deeper understanding of  
our faith journey. Using websites, manuals and group  
participation we engage in topics relevant to our  
needs. *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.



### All are invited to Pray the Rosary at the St. Mary's Rosary Rally

As human efforts fail to solve  
America's key problems, **We Turn To God,**  
through his Holy Mother, asking his urgent help.

**Join us, Monday, October 21st**

*To be held following the noontime mass.*



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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Grade 7 & 8 Mission Update~** The class will  
sponsor a blanket, hat, gloves and sock drive for  
the homeless in Worcester. **"Operation Warm-  
er Winter" drop off will be on or before next  
weekend, October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in the entrance of the  
Church.**

**DO YOU KNOW?** ~The overall homeless population in  
Worcester County has risen each of the last three years.  
This year's count in Worcester County identified **1,927  
people who are unhoused**, up from 1,607 in 2023. The to-  
tal includes 718 children younger than 18 years old and  
100 people between the ages of 18 and 24. There was a  
37% increase in homelessness among people in families  
with children or young adults. **Your support is so greatly  
NEEDED!**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes resume this weekend.**  
**Grade 6-8 and Grades 9 & 11 will meet this Sunday, Oc-  
tober 20<sup>th</sup>. Grades 1-5 and Beginnings classes will meet  
on Monday, October 21 and Tuesday, October 22.**

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE PRAYER BUDDIES** ~ The  
prayers of our parish family are so very important for all  
our young people as they journey closer to Christ. Grade  
11 young people are completing their last few weeks of  
preparation for Confirmation. We ask God to bless each  
candidate with an increased sense of wonder and awe.  
**PLEASE PICK UP THE NAME OF ONE OF OUR CANDIDATES  
TO HOLD IN PRAYER.** Name cards can be found in the en-  
trance of the Church



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)



- Peanut Butter (Operation PB&J- Middle School Kids feeding the homeless in Worcester.)
- Grape Jelly (Operation PB&J- Middle School Kids feeding the homeless in Worcester.)
- Sandwich Baggies (Operation PB&J- Middle School Kids feeding the homeless in Worcester.)
- Gently used Bean Bag Chairs
- Socks
- Gloves/Mittens
- Hats
- Blankets (New or gently used)

OCTOBER 20, 2024

HURRICANE  
RELIEF!

There will be a second collection this weekend for Hurricane Relief through Catholic Charity's USA. Checks can be made out to St. Mary's

## TRUNK OR TREAT

October 26th

10AM-NOON  
\*Trunk setup @ 9:30

St Mary's Parking Lot  
114 Princeton St. Jefferson, MA

Register your family &/or  
vehicle by 10/21  
All ages welcome  
Questions & RSVP to Elizabeth  
(508) 365 - 8104

## COFFEE SHOPPE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

ONE  
SUNDAY PER  
MONTH  
COMMITMENT!  
FOR THE  
10AM MASS

Please Contact Cathy Tierney  
cattrooper@aol.com

SCAN ME



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



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

OCTOBER 20, 2024



Our Gospel today conveys how we are called to imitate Jesus through humility and service.

We are reminded that the Son of God became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father's mission

and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ.

James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment — “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.”

Jesus quickly reminded them, “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects — that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God's plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me?

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

### PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of October 13th**  
will go to **Hurricane Relief**



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE**  
to Our

**Holden Fire Department**

Thanks to the wonderful assistance of Holden's Fire Department, we were able to avert a much more difficult situation. There was an incredibly awful and overwhelming smell in the church before the Saturday evening Mass last week. We called the fire department, arriving quickly they asked us to evacuate the church.

The source of the odor was the battery that powered the emergency lights had burst. We are grateful to the Holden Fire Department for their prompt and professional response.

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

	September	YTD
Amount Collected.....	\$56,004	\$56,004
One Time Donations.....	\$0	\$0
Amount Needed.....	\$43,123	\$43,123
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$12,881	\$12,881
Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.		