

# St. Mary's Parish Family

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We welcome the newest member  
to our  
St. Mary's Parish Family

**Evelyn Mae Riches**

*Sunday, October 20*

Our church is richly blessed  
by your presence.

A Blessing for our  
**New RCIA Candidates**

*Sunday, October 20th*



Shining the light  
on our  
**New First Grade  
Religious Ed. Students**

as they start their  
journey with Christ!

*Sunday, October 20th*



A Delicious Pancake Breakfast following our Mass filled with the love of God!

*Sunday, October 20th*



**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 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*)

#### Monday, October 28

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Tuesday, October 29

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Wednesday, October 30

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Thursday, October 31 Happy Halloween



#### Friday, November 1

8:00 AM **Feast of All Saints Day Mass**

6:30 PM **Feast of All Saints Day Mass**

#### Saturday, November 2 ~ **Mass of Remembrance**

4:30 PM Halina Kaminska (*Chris & Justyna Moniak*)  
*Blessing & Health on 71st Birthday*

#### Sunday, November 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Joseph & Barbara Harrington,  
 and Family and Friends (*Their Children*)

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's



*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,

**Donna L. Morrison**

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 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

#### Monday, October 28

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1 - 5 Class

#### Tuesday, October 29

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 30

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

#### Thursday, October 31 Happy Halloween



10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

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8:00 AM **All Saints Day Mass/Church**

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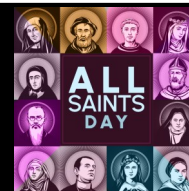
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 Grade 9 & 11 Class





## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### St. Mary Elementary Choir

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

We will rehearse that morning before the Mass from 9:15-9:55AM. Please let me know if you can join us.

Interested? Please contact Peter at: 508 826-1090 or petergerardi60@gmail.com

*Our Beautiful Choir Singers at the October 20th Mass!*



**A Special Thank You To Pack 46** for the beautification of our Parish grounds through their fall clean-up!



### Join Us For The Feast of All Saints

Masses on  
Friday November 1  
8:00 AM & 6:30 PM

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers for the Masses, please see sign up in the Gathering Room.

**Mass of Remembrance**  
Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 4:30 PM



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**GRADE 7 & 8 MISSION UPDATE** -This week the Middle School class made no-sew blankets for "Operation Warmer Winter" and assembled 80 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless in Worcester. **IT TAKES A**

**VILLAGE!** Grateful to our dear volunteers who provided peanut butter, jelly and sandwich bags, those who assisted our class for this week's mission during class, prepped our blanket project and distributed sandwiches to the community fridges in 4 different downtown Worcester locations.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED...



**Coming Soon "OPERATION PIE"!** The Grade 7 & 8 class will be making apple pies the Sunday before Thanksgiving. **Ready-to-Bake Pies** will be on sale at the 5PM Mass only on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will be used for projects serving the homeless, newborns at the Visitation House and Vets in need (Veteran's Inc.). If you are interested in assisting the kids in pie making during our class time or by donating a pie, please contact Kerry at kogrady1@msn.com.

**NO CLASS "ELECTION DAY"** ~ There will be NO Religious Education Classes on next Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we seek to make informed and just decisions in voting.



**Grade 2 & Beginnings First Reconciliation PARENT Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Hall. Parents will receive materials that will help their children prepare for the Sacrament of God's Awesome Love.



### "THANKSGIVING FOR ALL"

**Campaign for Religious Ed Kids is ongoing! *If you can*** share your blessings and donate an item to feed the hungry...TERIFFIC!! If not...keep those prayers coming that all will be fed! Grade 1-Corn, Grade 2- Peas, Grade 3-Cranberry Sauce, Grade 4- Gravy, Grade 5-Stuffing! **ELEMENTARY** Donations can be brought to class next week or by November 20th. **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL KIDS**-Fresh POTATOES can be brought in anytime by Sunday, November 24th.



- ♥ **Apples** ("Operation Pie" Middle School pie sale to benefit those in need.)
- ♥ **Frozen Pie Crusts** ("Operation Pie" Middle School pie sale to benefit those in need.)
- ♥ **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**
- ♥ **Leftover Halloween Candy**



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

OCTOBER 27, 2024

## 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. *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.

## COFFEE SHOPPE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

ONE  
SUNDAY PER  
MONTH  
COMMITMENT!  
FOR THE  
10AM MASS

Please Contact Cathy Tierney  
[cattrooper@aol.com](mailto:cattrooper@aol.com)



## 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](mailto:sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com)

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

SCAN ME



OCTOBER 27, 2024



Our Psalm today, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy," sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing — physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts.

Our Gospel story closes with the miraculous moment when Bartimaeus is healed. The conversation with Jesus was simple. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he would like Him to do. This man, blind for who knows how many years, desired sight. Jesus responded, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." He was healed and continued to follow Christ.

There was not much that Bartimaeus had to do to become healed. All he needed was his undoubting faith.

Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

### PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe from the **Week of October 20th**  
will go to **Holden Heating**



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE**  
to Our  
**Children's Choir**

### DID YOU KNOW....

**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 total 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!!!**

### STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2024-2025 Months of September—August End of Fiscal Year

	September	YTD
Amount Collected.....	\$50,604	\$50,604
One Time Donations.....	\$6,300	\$6,300
Amount Needed.....	\$45,069	\$43,069
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$11,835	\$11,835
Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.		