

St. Mary's Parish Family

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

Miles Alfred Whitmore
Baptized Sunday, November 3, 2024

Our church is richly blessed
by your presence.



We Honor Those Who Have Died This Year At The Mass Of Remembrance
Saturday, November 2nd



**Our 7th and 8th Graders On a Mission To Help Build The Kingdom Of God,
Providing Warmth For The Worcester Community!**

Sunday, October 27th



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, November 9

4:30 PM Joseph Gaze (*The Family*)
Birthday Blessing

Sunday, November 10

8:00 AM Peter Brennan (*Elizabeth*)
 10:00 AM Danielle Knight (*Sandra Knight*)
2 Year Anniversary (11/11)
 5:00 PM Ernest G. Rocha (*His Loving Family*)

Monday, November 11 ~ Office will be Closed

12:00 PM No Mass ~ Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12

8:00 AM Robert Charbonneau (*Eileen Charbonneau*)

Wednesday, November 13

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, November 14

Friday, November 15

Saturday, November 16

4:30 PM Betty Ann Hale (*Carol Quinn*)

Sunday, November 17

8:00 AM Bryan Alix (*Sue and Bill Deedy*)
 10:00 AM Fred Davis (*Janet Davis*)
6th Anniversary
 5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's



The Tabernacle candle burns for
Danielle Knight
 Requested by Sandra Knight

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

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 10

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Mass/Church
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Baptism of Daniel Joseph Reagan
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:15 AM RCIA/DR
 4:00 PM **Grade 6-8 No Class**
 5:00 PM Mass/Church
Grade 9, 10 & 11 No Class

Monday, November 11 ~ Office will be Closed

12:00 PM No Mass ~ Veterans Day
 4:15 PM **Grade 1 - 5 No Class**

Tuesday, November 12

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
 6:30 PM **Grade 2 & Beginnings Parent Reconciliation Meeting/Hall**
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/Church

Wednesday, November 13 Mustard Seed Drop

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

Thursday, November 14

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR
 10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR
 1:30 PM Card Ministry/DR
 2:30 PM Mustard Seed Cook/Hall

Friday, November 15

Saturday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 17

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Mass/Church
3rd Grade Communion Reunion
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Kopacz & Nadeau Wedding
 10:15 AM RCIA/DR
 4:00 PM **Grade 6-8 Class**
 5:00 PM Mass/Church
Grade 9 & 10 Class



THANKSGIVING FOR ALL

THIS NOVEMBER WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL TO PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING DINNER TO OUR LESS FORTUNATE FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE DATES.

PLEASE TAKE A TURKEY TAG FROM THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE VESTIBULE LISTING THE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED, AND INCLUDE A \$25 GIFT CARD THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH FAMILY. GIFT CARDS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE K OF C HOPE FOR HOUSING KIOSK ON WEEKENDS AT MASS TIMES.

PLACE ITEMS IN A LARGE REUSABLE BAG PLEASE. NO FROZEN OR "NEED TO BE REFRIGERATED" ITEMS PLEASE, AND PLEASE NOTE EXPIRATION DATES.

The completed bags need to be dropped off at the Parish Hall between Sunday 11/17 through Noon Sunday 11/24.



Families with Small Children

Friendship, Fun, & Community
Games, Crafts, Books, & Play

Come and join us
2nd Thursday of each month
(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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



NO CLASS "Veteran's Day" ~ There will be NO Religious Education Classes for Middle School & High School Sunday, Nov. 10 and Grade 1-5 this Monday, November 11th. Grade 1-5 Classes WILL BE HELD on Tuesday, November 12th.



Grade 2 and Beginnings - First Reconciliation PARENT Meeting will be held this Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30PM in the Hall. (We ask that at least one parent attend!) Parents will receive instruction, materials and support that will help their children prepare for the Sacrament of God's Awesome Love.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED



"THANKSGIVING FOR ALL" Grade 1-5 children went home this week with notes about our mission to feed the hungry. Each grade will be donating items to add to Thanksgiving Baskets **Grade 1**-Corn, **Grade 2**-Peas, **Grade 3**-Cranberry Sauce, **Grade 4**-Gravy, **Grade 5**-Stuffing. **Grade 6 – 11** will be collecting apples for Operation Pie Campaign.



GRADE 7 & 8 MISSION UPDATE: 122 PB & J Sandwiches, 100 Hygiene Packs, and 100 Laundry Packs were assembled and delivered to the homeless this week...In addition, 67 Gratitude/Prayer Packs were put together and will be delivered to Veterans Inc.



"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 24th. Unsold pies will be baked to top off our Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy. Proceeds from the sale of the pies 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 (4PM - Sunday, Nov. 24th) or by donating a pie, please contact Kerry at kogrady1@msn.com or look for the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church.



LECTORS

The Word of God

Grade 3 through High School, looking for those special folks who can assist Fr. Tim around our Family Table! Call the Parish Office today to find how you can help serve or share God's Word with our Parish Family!



We are looking for **Grade 11 and 12 young people** to take on leadership roles as Retreat Team Leaders for Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat in March. Ministering is a fabulous way to build your college profile and to gather service hours for the National Honor Society. Most importantly, our younger kids need role models and faith heroes and benefit so much from your presence with them!



- ♥ **Apples** ("Project Pie" - Middle School pie sale to benefit those in need)
- ♥ **Frozen Pie Crusts** ("Project Pie" - Middle School pie sale to benefit those in need)
- ♥ **Gently used Bean Bag Chairs** - Middle/Highschool sessions)
- ♥ **Jelly** (Middle School Operation PB & Jelly Sandwiches for the Homeless)

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

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Calendars for the New Year can be found in the vestibule on the table.

Please help yourself and take one for your family & friends too.



Adult Choir Rehearsals

Interested in getting involved and singing praises to our Awesome God?
Join the Choir!

We are starting Rehearsals soon for the Thanksgiving Liturgy, Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral & Midnight Mass.

We rehearse Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 PM in Church
(We'll double up some rehearsals for Christmas.)

- Rehearsals for Thanksgiving Eve ~ November 12 & 19
- Rehearsals for Confirmation ~ November 26 & December 3
- Rehearsals for Christmas ~ December 10, 11, 17 & 18

Email Peter Gerardi at: Petergerardi60@gmail.com



St. Mary's Elementary Choir

Do you love to sing? 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 rehearse once a month in the morning before the 10 AM Mass from 9:15-9:55AM.

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

Our next Mass to sing will be November 17th!



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

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NOVEMBER 10, 2024



Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3RD
Will Go To

St. Mary's Abbey in Wrentham, MA
In memory of Fr. Andy



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
to

All those who helped make the Mass of Remembrance and the reception that followed a moving tribute.

DID YOU KNOW....

The renovation of the interior of the church began the week of January 2, 2002 and was completed the week of April 13, 2002. The "last Mass" in the former sanctuary was on January 1, 2002. This former sanctuary was the one that Father Welz had renovated in 1968 following the guidelines of the Second Vatican Council. During the 2002 renovations Mass was celebrated in the Wachusett High School Auditorium through the courtesy of the Wachusett School Department. Holy week services were held in our Parish Center.

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

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Amount Collected.....	\$46,158	\$96,138
One Time Donations.....	\$5,750	\$12,050
Amount Needed.....	\$53,196	\$98,264
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	-\$1,288	\$9,924

Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.