

St. Mary's Parish Family

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JOIN US FOR THE

Liturgy of Thanks Mass

NOVEMBER 27, 2024

6:30 PM





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 23

4:30 PM Pope & Beck Family (*Peter & Nancy*)
In Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 24

8:00 AM Robert Anthony Cavanaugh
 (*Don & Patty DePietro*)
 10:00 AM Donna & John Manning (*The Family*)
1st and 5th Anniversary
 5:00 PM Danielle Knight (*Sandra Knight*)

Monday, November 25

12:00 PM Richard Terrault (*Ann Morondo*)

Tuesday, November 26

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, November 28 ~ Office Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving! 

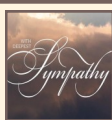
Friday, November 29 ~ Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

4:30 PM Kaminiski, Jusinski & Moniak Families
Thanksgiving for Blessing Received
(The Family)

Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM Christopher Moniak (*Justyna Moniak*)
Blessings and Health of 45th Birthday
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 5:00 PM Danielle Knight (*Sandra Knight*)



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,

Edward King

May the Peace of the Lord be with him always.

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

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, November 23

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

Sunday, November 24

8:00 AM Christ The King Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Christ The King Mass/Church
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:15 AM RCIA/DR
 4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Class
 5:00 PM Christ The King Mass/Church
 Grades 9 & 11 Class

Monday, November 25

12:00 PM Mass/GR
 4:15 PM Grade 1 - 5 No Class

Tuesday, November 26

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 10:00 AM Bible Study/GR
 4:15 PM Grade 1 - 5 No Class
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/Church

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 PM Thanksgiving Mass/Church
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

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Happy Thanksgiving

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Congratulations to
Elizabeth Nadeau Kapacz and Nicholas Kapacz
who were married last weekend!
May God bless their union always.



The Feast of Christ the King

was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

Christmas Giving Tree

Our tradition of helping our neighbors in need continues. Please consider taking a tag from the Giving Tree and buying a gift to make someone's Christmas more special. Gifts need to be returned by December 15th, 10 AM (Please place gifts in a gift bag only; no wrapping paper.)

In addition to the angels who will buy the gifts, we need some elves to help get them ready for distribution! Elves will be needed Sunday, December 15th at 11:30 AM to sort the gifts for our recipient agencies, and on Monday and Tuesday, December 16th and 17th to shop for additional gifts if needed.

Please see the sign up sheet in the church entryway.

Christmas Cleaning Angels

We are in need of some cleaning angels after the Christmas Eve 4:00pm and 6:00pm Masses

If you are interested in helping please contact:
Sarah at the office ~ 508-829-4508

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Grade 1-10 Classes will be on Thanksgiving Break Monday, November 25th through Sunday December 1st. Enjoy God's BLESSINGS!!! Classes resume on Monday, December 2nd Grades 1-5!



Ceremony of Light & Confirmation Practice

Grade 11 Confirmation Candidates will gather in the Church with parents and sponsors on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:45PM** for this special Rite. The **Ceremony of Light** is a beautiful, symbolic service where we look back and reflect on the student's first sacrament, remembering that at Baptism, parents took light from the Paschal Candle as a sign of the faith they would hand on to their children, helping and supporting them as they try to live out this faith in their lives. At this service, the Light of Christ that was received at Baptism, will be passed on to their student.

ALL ARE WELCOME! On **December 7th at 11AM**, Bishop McManus will be confirming our young men and women at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please pray that the Light of Christ will always burn brightly in the lives of these outstanding young people!



St. Mary's is the place to be for St. Nick! Join us for our **10AM Family Mass and St. Nick's Breakfast on Sunday, December 8th**. Please extend a special invite to friends and family! All are WELCOME!



YOUNG ADULTS YOUR WITNESS is Gift Beyond Measure! We are currently building our Confirmation Retreat Team. YOUNG ADULTS Grades 11, 12 and College age...We need your love, your witness...**WE NEED YOU** as a blessing for our kids! YOU ARE OUR BEST RESOURCE AND OUR FINEST GIFT. Be with us to help create a powerful experience for our young people, preparing to confirm their faith. Ministering is a fabulous way to build your college profile and to gather service hours for National Honor Society. Most importantly, our younger kids need role models and faith heroes, they benefit so much from your presence with them! Please call today for more information on how you can be part of this experience.



ALL ARE INVITED!!! Join us for The BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER... (And Birthday Party for Jesus!!!!)!! The Gospel of St Luke will be presented in great prayer by all our kids in Grades 1-5 during the time of Religious Ed. Classes on Monday, December 9th, and Tuesday, December 10th. Immediately following this dear extravaganza, we will continue the celebration in the hall with cupcakes to decorate and continued bliss! **PREPARE YOUR HEART!** Meet us in the Church...the children will begin, costumed and ready to proclaim the Gospel at 4:30PM in the Church!



- ♥ Gently used Bean Bag Chairs Middle/Highschool Sessions
- ♥ Jelly Middle School "Operation PB & Jelly Sandwiches" for the Homeless
- ♥ Small Candy Cupcake Toppings Elementary Christmas Pageant 12-9/10-Decorate your own Cupcake!

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

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM & Midnight

Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25th
10:00 AM

Christmas Poinsettias

❄️ FOR THE HOMEBOUND ❄️

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DELIVER
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS TO THE
HOMEBOUND?

PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP SHEET
IN THE VESTIBULE

FLOWERS WILL BE READY TO
DELIVER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH.

The Will be a Second Collection for the
Retirement Fund for the Religious on
December 7th & 8th



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Our Aging religious need your help. Like those pictured here, more than 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to service-praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually, for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation is crucial and can help bridge this gap. Providing critical support for their essential care, medicine, and daily needs. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

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

SCAN ME



NOVEMBER 24, 2024



On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority.

The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.

Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me.

Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others,

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17TH
Will Go To

Thanksgiving For All Baskets



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
to the
Prayer Shawl Ministry

DID YOU KNOW....

The architect for the 2002 renovations was Jordan O'Connor and Associates from Petersham, and the contractor was John Luring Construction Co. of Worcester. Rich Winward made all the new furnishings including the four shrines for the Blessed Sacrament, The Baptismal Font, Our Lady of the Streets, and St. Joseph, and he updated the Stations of the Cross. The old furnishings were either given to other churches or sold to a religious goods company that refurbishes them and sells them for use in churches. The cost of the renovation was \$243,638.00.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2024-2025

Months of October—August End of Fiscal Year

	October	YTD
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.		