

## St. Mary's Parish Family

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WISDOM

UNDERSTANDING

COUNSEL

KNOWLEDGE

*Confirmation*

FORTITUDE

FEAR OF THE LORD



Julian Alves

Georgia Bourque

Kaitlyn Chouinard

Jack Clarke

Ava Dadah

Aidan Dionne

Elyse Gamache

Liam Howley

Patrick Lynch

Anna Namiotka

Logan Otero

Joseph Paradis

Owen Purcell

Izabela Ramos

Curt Soderman

Matthew Sullivan

Anna Zereski

Rory Fenlon

William Gemme

***Confirmation***

*December 7, 2024, 11:00 AM ~ St. Paul's Cathedral*

***Please keep our newly Confirmed in you prayers!***



**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 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 Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril (*Friends & Family*)  
 5:00 PM Danielle Knight (*Sandra Knight*)

### Monday, December 2

12:00 PM Susan Cobb (*Donna and Richard Cobb*)

### Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

### Wednesday, December 4

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

### Thursday, December 5

### Friday, December 6

### Saturday, December 7

4:30 PM Christopher Pope (*The Family*)

### Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Mark Yiolette (*Maureen Buffone & Family*)  
 10:00 AM Charles Shores (*The Lambert Family*)  
 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,

*Linda Romano*

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, November 30

3:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Mass/Church  
**Baptism of Jovie Ann Coyne**

### Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Coffee Shoppe/GR  
 10:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
 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, December 2

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

### Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM Mass/GR  
 10:00 AM Bible Study/GR  
 4:15 PM **Grade 1 - 5 Class**  
 6:00 PM **Grade 11 Rite of Light/Church**  
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/Church

### Wednesday, December 4

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

### Thursday, December 5

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/DR  
 12:30 PM Moving Forward/GR  
 1:30 PM Prayer Card/DR

### Friday, December 6

### Saturday, December 7

11:00 AM **Confirmation ~ St. Paul's Cathedral**  
 3:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Mass/Church

### Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Coffee Shoppe/GR  
 10:00 AM Mass/Church  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR  
**St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast/Hall**  
 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  
**Christopher Pope**  
 Requested by The Family



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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 Masses

#### Christmas Eve Masses

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

#### Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25th  
10:00 AM

### 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



**Welcome back!** Grade 1-5 Classes resume this Monday and Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.



#### **Gingerbread Houses make a dandy centerpiece!**

**PLEASE CONSIDER bidding on a Gingerbread House created with love by our Grade 7 & 8 kids!** Houses will be on display in the Hall beginning this weekend. With the help of your generous donations, each Grade 6 student will receive \$10 to begin their KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT. Grateful to our Grade 7 & 8 students, and their teachers who guided them in creating these beautiful centerpieces!



#### **Congratulations to our young people who will be confirmed this Saturday 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 next Sunday, December 8th.



#### **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 9<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Grade 7 & 8 Mission Project - KINGDOM COOKIES** -Cookie Baking Frenzy will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-5PM in the Hall. We are looking for helpers to assist with baking and packing cookies during class. Also looking for Home-Baked Cookies from home bakers. Cookies will be delivered to our homeless friends in Worcester on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 7 & 8 ON MISSION:** We are so, so proud of our Grade 7 & 8 kids! Here's an update on the great work our missionaries have accomplished to date: 405 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, 300 Hygiene Packs, 300 Laundry Packs, 96 Blankets, 92 Pairs of Gloves, 196 Pairs of Socks, 98 Hats, 10 bags of gently used hats, gloves, blankets and socks. All these gifts of love were distributed to our homeless friends of Worcester. In addition, 67 Gratitude/Prayer Packs were put together and were delivered to Veterans Inc.!

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP SUPPORT THESE YOUNG MISSIONARIES IN THEIR INCREDIBLE WORK. Peanut butter, jelly, bread, sandwich Ziplock bags and parent helping hands are needed weekly. Watch for other ways to help!**



#### **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.

#### **WISH LIST**

Unfrosted Cupcakes - Christmas Pageant-Drop off on or before 12-9!  
Cupcake Sprinkles/Candy Topping



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

**DECEMBER 1, 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.



**Thursdays ~ 10:30 AM ~ Gathering Room**

Do you know the meaning and symbolism of the Advent Wreath candles? We invite you to join our Faith Sharing group as we explore together the spiritual significance of the candles.

**The Will be a Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious Next Week**



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**



**FOR ANY CANCELLED EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL, THE FACEBOOK PAGE, OR THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION AT: [WWW.STMARYSJEFF.COM](http://WWW.STMARYSJEFF.COM)**

**DECEMBER 1, 2024**



Advent is a powerful season for preparation and reflection on the Incarnation of Jesus and His eventual return. It serves as a reminder of our individual judgment day and the importance of stewardship. The readings for the first week emphasize urgency in reflection and preparation, urging believers to "wake up" and focus on their spiritual lives. The Gospel from Luke warns against distractions like indulgence and daily anxieties. Christians are encouraged to assess their prayer life, service to others, and reliance on material possessions, as they prepare with awe for the coming of the Lord.

**PARISH TITHE**

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24TH  
Will Go To The  
**Knights of Columbus Coat Drive**



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

Deershon Farm in Sterling, who donated 3 bushels of apples for the 7 & 8th Grades pie making, and a sack of potatoes for our Thanksgiving for all!

**DID YOU KNOW....**

In 2007 there was an undertaking to build an addition to the church building. This addition included a multi-functional Gathering Room, a sacristy and two bathrooms. But as this renovation developed it was found necessary to also repair the church with vinyl siding and to repave the parking lot. The Luring Construction Co. was the contractor for these projects. The estimated total cost of these three projects was \$736,240.00.

*Next February the Gathering Room will be dedicated to the **Memory of Father Andy Remillard** and will be renamed **Father Andy's Room**.*

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

	<b>October</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Amount Collected.....	\$46,158	\$96,138
One Time Donations.....	\$5,750	\$12,050
Amount Needed.....	\$53,196	\$98,264
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	<b>-\$1,288</b>	\$9,924
Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.		