

# St. Mary's Parish Family

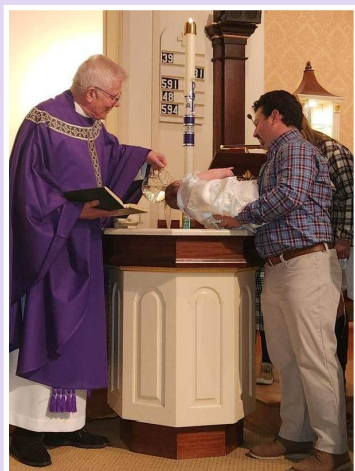
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It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we welcomed into the life of Christ and the Christian Community through the Sacraments of...

**Baptism, Eucharist,  
and Confirmation**

**Michael Wolpar Reyes**  
Saturday, November 30th



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

**Jovie Ann Coyne**  
*Baptized Saturday, November 30th, 2024*

Our church is richly blessed by your presence.



**Our 7th and 8th Graders peeling, cutting, making/selling 95 pies for their mission for the homeless  
Sunday, November 23rd**



**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, 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*)

#### Monday, December 9 ~ **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~ Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year**

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Tuesday, December 10

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Wednesday, December 11

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

#### Thursday, December 12

#### Friday, December 13

#### Saturday, December 14

4:30 PM Barbara Charbonneau (*Eileen Charbonneau*)

#### Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM 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 families and friends of

*James Joseph Miles, Jr. & Judith Perry*

May the Peace of the Lord be with them always.

### Memorial Donations

*It is with sincere appreciation that we thank the families and friends of*

**Deanna Raymond**

*for choosing St. Mary's for their Memorial Donation.*

### Schedule Around Campus...

#### 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

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12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM **Grade 1 - 5 Christmas Pageant/Church**

#### Tuesday, December 10

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

1:00 PM **Bereavement Support Group Reunion/GR**

4:15 PM **Grade 1 - 5 Christmas Pageant/Church**

7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/Church

#### Wednesday, December 11/Mustard Seed Drop

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/Church

7:30 PM AI-Anon Meeting/GR

#### Thursday, December 12

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl/DR

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

2:30 PM Mustard Seed Cook/Hall

#### Friday, December 13

#### Saturday, December 14

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

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8:00 AM Mass/Church  
Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church  
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

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4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church

6:00 PM Grades 9 & 10 Class

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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

As of November 26, 2024

Charlene Sangenario Dumais	Donato & Catherine A. Guadagnoli
Pam Nadeau	Jacqueline Kate Helenius
Nicholas DeMaria	Frederick & Hilda Buck
Eleanor DeMaria	Faith Guadagnoli
Locke Loved Ones	Shane Favreau
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Silvestri	Isabel Condon
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Sweeney	John Manning
Chuck Silvestri	Donna Manning
Albert, Emilia & Mary Menard	Joseph, Nellie & Ricci Gelsomini
Richard & Janet Phaneuf	Francis, Madeline & John Murphy
Trafficanti & Clementi Families	Karen Kodys
Helen & Michael Scanlon	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Isenhardt
Ernest & Muriel Rocha	All The Geoffrion Loved Ones
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Deroseir	Carolyn Bourget
Ralph J. O'Grady	Kathleen Smith
Charles H. Dufault	Melania & Jozef Kaminski
Elena Ferraro	Jadwiga & Czeslaw Chalecki
Richard & Isabelle Pope	Zofia & Wacław Moniak
Christopher Pope	Mary Gardner
Mr. & Mrs. William Class	Maurice & Lillian Dionne
Diane Deane	Dan & Terri Asper
Eileen Rafferty	Medard & Nellie Dorion
Louis & Wanda Weslowski	David & Marie Tremblay
George & Laura Benoit	Pat Gregs
Richard Gagnon	Julie Casey
John & Joseph McCorkle	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Grenoske
Anthony, Julia, & Richard Natola	Mrs. Raymond C. Lyman
Doris & Gene Byrnes	David E. Dickman
Louann Mollica	Susan Cobb
Frank Mollica	Mr. & Mrs. David P. Lucht
Elaine Crisp	Ronald & Diane Sampson
William & Winnie Mangano	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Thorngren
Paul B. Guadagnoli, Sr.	Doris Jarosz
Alice & John Flanagan	Joan Conrad
Dorothy & Arthur Nugent	Juliana

### 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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**St. Mary's is the place to be for St. Nick! Join us for our 10AM Family Mass and St. Nick's Breakfast THIS Sunday, December 8th.**



Congratulations to our young people who were 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.



Gingerbread Houses make a dandy centerpiece! **PLEASE CONSIDER bidding on a Gingerbread House this weekend.** Houses will be on display in the Hall this week. With the help of your generous donations, each Grade 6 student will receive \$10 to begin their **KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT**.



**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 of 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!

**Grade 7 & 8 Mission Project-NEXT WEEK-KINGDOM COOKIES! Cookie Baking Frenzy will take place on Sunday, December 15th 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 16th.



**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 for our Happy Birthday Jesus Party 12-9 & 12-10!
- ♥ Candy Toppings
- ♥ Jelly
- ♥ Home Baked Cookies for Distribution to the Homeless

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

DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**COOKIE**  
decorating & story time

SPONSORED BY THE YOUNG CHILDREN PLAYGROUP

DECEMBER 12TH 5:30 -6:30

ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL

PLEASE RSVP BY 12/9 TO ANNAEKARAM@GMAIL.COM



In Honor of **Betty Hunt** and to continue her legacy, Marty Pellegrino Picked up **268 sets of hats and mittens** sewed by the Shawl Ministry and American Sewing Guild. They will be distributed with the **Knight's Coats for Kids**.

## Christmas Masses

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

Christmas Mass  
Wednesday, December 25th  
10:00 AM

THE GIFT OF  
**GIVING BACK**

As we approach the end of 2024, we reflect upon the many blessings that we have received from our God during this past year. For some of us 2024 has been a year of exceptional blessings. Please consider an end of year gift to St. Mary's. Not only is it a sign of gratitude to God, but your gift also assists us as a parish family to bring the Good News to others and share the caring and compassion of Christ with those who are hurting and in need. Gifts given to St. Mary's by December 31st are tax deductible for the year 2024.

DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

## 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Second Week of Advent readings provide encouragement and challenge as we prepare for Christ's two comings: His birth at Christmas and His second coming at the end of time.

The First Reading from Baruch reminds us of God's victory over sin and death, urging faithful discipleship and stewardship of our gifts, while resisting materialism.

The Gospel from Luke highlights God's detailed love and preparation for Christ's arrival, emphasizing repentance as a way to celebrate both comings.

During Advent, we are called to turn away from sin and deepen our relationship with Christ, preparing for His birth and eternal life with Him.

### PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1ST  
Will Go To The  
**Friendly House**



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE**  
to

**Miles Funeral Home and Sunnyside Ford Motors**  
for sponsoring our calendars.

### DID YOU KNOW....

*The Christmas Season begins on Christmas Eve and lasts to the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12th.*

SCAN ME

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



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

	November	YTD
Amount Collected.....	\$43,579	\$139,717
One Time Donations.....	\$6,200	\$18,250
Amount Needed.....	\$46,364	\$144,598
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$3,415	\$13,369
Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.		