

St. Mary's Parish Family

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Our Beautiful Children helping to provide 210 Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need!
Friday, November 22nd



Our awesome volunteers setting up our Giving Tree to provide presents for our less fortunate families.
Wednesday, November 27th



Our talented 7th and 8th Graders building gingerbread houses to auction.
Proceeds go to our Grade 6 Kingdom Builders.
Sunday, November 24th



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 14

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

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00 AM Michael O'Hare (*Laren & Jake Ruder*)
 5:00 PM Richard Buffone (*Maureen*)

Monday, December 16

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

4:30 PM Gene Byrnes (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
 5:00 PM Danielle Knight (*Sandra Knight*)

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Masses

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

Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25th
 10:00 AM

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, December 14

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

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 10:00 AM Mass/Church
Rite of Welcome
 Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
RCIA/DR
 4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Class
 5:00 PM Mass/Church
 Grade 9 & 10 Class

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

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, December 18

8:00 AM Mass/GR
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/Church
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, December 19

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

2:00 PM Potvin & Turgeon Wedding
 3:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, December 22

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



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for
Danielle Knight
 Requested by Sandra Knight

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

As of December 3, 2024

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



A SPECIAL CALLING

Serving as a Eucharistic Minister to assist with the Communion Service for residents at the Holden Nursing Home, comes with great rewards.

If you are not a Eucharistic Minister and feel in your heart open to be trained, we welcome you.

The time commitment is small. Your presence is invaluable.

(1) Tuesday per Month ~ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

If you are interested or have questions, please see or call Beth Cunningham at 508-272-6923 or beth@stmaryjeff.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



We're Better Together!

Grade 7 & 8 KINGDOM COOKIE MAKING PROJECT!

It's a one-hour Cookie Craze from 4-5PM THIS SUNDAY in the hall. JOIN US FOR THE JOY OF GIVING! It's a Mixing, Baking and Packing hour! HOW CAN YOU HELP??? Pack up your cooking tools, bring ingredients to make your favorite cookie recipe or bring along your prepared cookie dough to bake. You could HELP by being a mixer, a baker, a packer or a clean-up volunteer! Can't be with us? Drop off a batch of cookies or a box of zip lock sandwich bags or even some Christmas stickers!



GRADE 7 & 8 SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY MISSION UPDATE-

Grade 7 & 8 Kids made an additional 120 PB & J Sandwiches along with 100 Hygiene Care Packs last week. Thank you for your donations of PB & J and baggies to help feed the those in need each week! 4 OTHERS INC. provided all items for care packs and delivered our gifts of love to the homeless this past Monday. We welcome all who would like to join us for our weekly mission, in the hall during our scheduled Grade 7 & 8 class on Sundays at 4PM. We are always BETTER TOGETHER!!



GOD SMILES as He celebrates all our new Altar Servers and young lectors! We are blessed to have your beautiful example of service!! Young people are always welcome to these beautiful ministries. Call the Religious Ed Office today if you would like to serve at our Family Table!



We are so looking forward to welcoming our friend's home from college! Please mark your calendars for a "PIZZA WITH THE PAS-

TOR" gathering on Tuesday, January 7th at 6PM in the Hall. We cannot wait to share food and conversation!!!

WISH LIST

- ♥ Peanut Butter
- ♥ Jelly
- ♥ Ziplock Sandwich Bags

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

DECEMBER 15TH, 2024

**ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE** ♥

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At all masses, the invitation is extended to everyone that at the time of the Eucharist, all may come forward. Those who are not receiving, simply put your hands crossed over your chest and receive a blessing.



Stewardship In Action!

**When our Pews needed fixing,
our wonderful
Mr. Bob Hunt**

**sprang into action and saved
the day! Thanks to him we
have enough seating available
for the Christmas Season!**

**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.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

**New Day & Time
Beginning January 8th**

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

Time: 10:30 AM

Where: Pastoral Office Dining Room.

If you should have any questions feel free to contact us. Anyone interested in the Ministry please call :

• Pam Anzaldi co-chair

pamanzaldi57@gmail.com

978-400-1883

• Janet Davis co-chair

Davis98@charter.net

508-210-0034

**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**

DECEMBER 15TH, 2024



We celebrate Gaudete Sunday during the Third Week of Advent, embracing a joyful tone as we prepare for Christ's birth. St. Paul reminds us to approach God with our needs and thanks, leading to peace that guards our hearts. This reflects a stewardship of gratitude. The Gospel from Luke encourages us to live out thankfulness by sharing with those in need and being generous stewards of God's gifts. As Christmas approaches, let us rejoice in Christ's love, seek the peace He offers, and ensure our lives reflect a fitting gift for Him.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8TH
Will Go To The

Retirement Fund for Religious



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
For

The poinsettias for our homebound were donated by Sharon Talbert from Busy-Bee Nursery in Memory of her parents, Barbara and Richard Lovely and her brother Michael.

DID YOU KNOW....

We do not know the actual date that Jesus was born. The date of December 25th was chosen as the day to celebrate Jesus' birthday because Romans celebrated the winter solstice on December 25th and Christians of the day associated Jesus with the Sun. The date was first celebrated as Jesus' birthday in the year 336 in Rome¹. The decision to celebrate Christmas on December 25th was made sometime during the fourth century by church bishops in Rome, who wanted to provide a Christian alternative to pagan festivals related to the Roman god Saturn and the winter solstice.

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.		