

## St. Mary's Parish Family

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# 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence

+ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025  
8:00 AM, 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM



### Upcoming Weekly Lenten Happenings



**Adoration - Beginning, March 10th - Mondays ~ 12:30 PM**



**Lenten Longings - Beginning, March 12 - Wednesdays ~ 10:00 AM**



**Stations of the Cross - Beginning, March 7th - Fridays ~ 6:00 PM**



**Reconciliation - Beginning, March 8th - Saturdays ~ 3:15 PM - 4:00**

**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, February 22**

4:30 PM Peggy & Bill Deedy, Sr. (*Sue & Bill Deedy*)

**Sunday, February 23**

8:00 AM Anthony Toan Lam (*Marguerite Nguyen*)

10:00 AM Albert & Emilia Menard (*Their Children*)

5:00 PM Henry Finnegan ~ Anniversary (*The Family*)

**Monday, February 24**

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Tuesday, February 25**

8:00 AM Anthony Toan Lam (*Marguerite Nguyen*)

**Wednesday, February 26**

8:00 AM Joan Shannon (*Carol Quinn*)

**Thursday, February 27****Friday, February 28****Saturday, March 1**

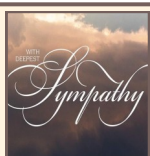
4:30 PM Andy Remillard (*Parishioners of St. Mary's*)

**Sunday, March 2**

8:00 AM Anthony Toan Lam (*Marguerite Nguyen*)

10:00 AM Diane T. Browne - *3rd Anniversary*  
(*The Browne-Jukubiak Family*)

5:00 PM Joan Shannon (*Carol Quinn*)



*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

**John A. Bohdiewicz**

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, February 22**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

**Baptisms of Evan Douglas Pavao/Grant &  
Aidan William Pavao/Grant**

**Sunday, February 23**

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

**Baptism of Layla Jane Lawrence**

**Baptism of Marcus Stanley LeBlanc**

Coffee Shoppe/GR

RCIA/DR

4:00 PM **Grade 6-8 No Class**

5:00 PM Mass/Church

**Grade 9 & 10 No Class**

**Monday, February 24**

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM **Grade 1 - 5 Class**

**Tuesday, February 25**

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

4:15 PM **Grade 1 - 5 Class**

**Wednesday, February 26**

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl/DR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

**Thursday, February 27**

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

**Friday, February 28**

6:00 PM **Grade 6 Retreat/Hall**

**Saturday, March 1**

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

**Baptisms of Luca Joseph Garafalo  
and Nico Koa Garafalo**

**Sunday, March 2**

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

RCIA/DR

**Retreat Team Meeting/Hall**

4:00 PM **Grade 6-8 Class**

5:00 PM Mass/Church

**Grade 9 & 10 Class**



As of February 19th

Raymond Podesta

Anne Pasko

## OUR FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE IS IN PROGRESS!

**You still have time to be one of our lucky winners!!!**

**Find your tickets in the vestibule today!**

*Tickets can be purchased thru February 28th*

## WINNERS SO FAR ARE...

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| •Gerri O'Rourke          | •Alexis Robinson    |
| •John & Christina Chesna | •Jared Towle        |
| •Jan Bonannas            | •Fr. Timothy Brewer |
| •Jim & Beth Cunningham   | •Nathan Oriol       |
| •Jim Ramsey              | •Brittney Sullivan  |
| •Barbara Stevens         | •Susan Gustafson    |
| •Julie Casey             | •Barbara Rocha      |
| •Sharon Maloney          | •Paul Murphy        |
| •Christopher Markham     | •Atlas Zottoli      |
| •Martha & Dave Wood      |                     |

## ASH WEDNESDAY FAMILY SOUPER SUPPER

Please join us for  
Clam Chowder, Vegetable  
Soup, Mac and Cheese,  
Homemade Cornbread and Friendship.



March 5th, 2025 ~ Parish Hall ~ After 4:30 Mass

*Free will offering*

## A Magical Family Better Together Event!

With Magician, Steve Charette

Please bring your appetites and join us on  
**Tuesday, March 11th at 5:30 PM**  
In the Parish Hall

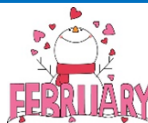
**Pizza and Magic** will be served up  
with delight for guests from ages 0  
-100+!

*Beer available for guests aged 21+*



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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**February Vacation** ~There are no scheduled classes Sunday, February 23rd. Religious Education Classes will resume beginning the following Monday 2/24, Tuesday 2/25 classes will resume as regularly scheduled.



**We are almost there in feeding Hungry Kids!**  
**Please help us reach our goal~**

- 600 Kellogg's Cereal Variety Packs (single serve **boxes not bags**)
- 300 Quaker Instant Oatmeal Packets
- 600 Dole Peach Fruit Cups or Dole Mandarin Orange Fruit Cups or Mixed Fruit Cup
- 600 Chef Boyardee Spaghetti Meatballs (15 oz cans) or SpaghettiOs with Meatballs or Beef Mini Raviolis
- 300 Nissin Cup Noodles or ind. bag of Ramen Noodle or can Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup
- 300 Kraft Mac and Cheese Full size box not microwaveable cup
- 600 Nabisco Oreo / Golden Oreo / Chips Ahoy 2 Cookie Packs
- 300 Animal Crackers or Teddy Grahams
- 300 Rice Krispies Treats
- 300 Pepperidge Farm Goldfish (1.5 oz packets) or Cheez -It ind. Bags
- 300 Mini Pretzels individual bags
- 600 Chewy Granola Bars

GOING ON NOW through SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

**Donations can be dropped off at the entrance of the church, in the hall, in the Gathering Room or shipped directly to St. Mary's** Visit <https://www.brighteyed.org> for more information and inspiration!



**Middle School Continues on Their Mission**~ Celebrating birthdays and the value of life for babies! Looking for **any baby essentials** (clothes, toys, diapers, formula...etc.) to help assist young moms raising their babies at Visitation House. Donations can be dropped off before March 23rd.



### Great Service Opportunities:

Looking for several Middle/High School/ College Students (Adults also WELCOME!) for the following events:

- Ash Wednesday Souper Supper
- Pizza and Magic Night
- Spaghetti Supper
- Stations of the Cross for Kids

Please call Maryjane or Kerry if you are interested in taking advantage of these or other service hours!

## WISH LIST

♥ Jelly



**FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025**

### A Note From Fr. Tim:

Nothing brings a Pastor more angst than a stormy weekend than to have two in a row.

First of all, I miss that we can't be together but also because it does incredible damage to our budget.

We only are able to survive due to our parishioners who give through their bank and those who give online.

We ask those, who for safety reasons, were not able to be with us. Please make up your envelopes or better yet, please sign up to give through your bank or by giving online.

Thank you for your generosity, your sharing of your time, talent and treasure helps to make St. Mary's the Place to Be.



### Lenten Reflections

**Monday, March 24  
6:30 PM ~ Gathering Room**

Please join us as we take deeper dive with Fr. Carlos Ruiz and we reflect on the season of Lent and Easter. It will be an enriching event!

Wine and Cheese will be served.

### **ST. MARY'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

As you travel along on your grief journey, know there are others who are experiencing the same confusion, despair, and loneliness as they navigate through a different life without their loved one. Loss is incredibly difficult.

Join us and share similar losses, feeling and difficulties. Through listening and sharing we explore and learn how to live again and find that joy is possible.

*We are faith based, open to the public and free.*

**Tuesday afternoons 1:00 –2:30  
March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, & 15th  
In the Gathering Room**

**RSVP by March 5th to Beth: 508-272-6923  
Beth@stmaryjeff.com**

*We are a friendly, casual and relaxed group.*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE

A DONATION USING  
YOUR MOBILE PHONE VIA  
WeShare?



**St Mary's Jefferson  
The Place To Be!**

**FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025**



### 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35) Easier said than done,

right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice

mercy and compassion more frequently.

Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

### PARISH TITHE

**OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH  
Will Go To  
Our Father's House**



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE  
TO**

**During school vacation week when we were short  
staffed a parishioner cleaned our church and  
bathrooms for our Wednesday Funeral.**

### DID YOU KNOW....

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

### **STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2024-2025 MONTHS FROM 9/1/24 - 8/31/2025 - END OF FISCAL YEAR**

#### JANUARY YEAR TO DATE

Amount Collected.....	\$45,553	\$259,062
One Time Donations.....	\$3,200	\$36,650
Amount Needed.....	\$54,450	\$261,515
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	<b>\$(5,697)</b>	\$34,197

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