

St. Mary's Parish Family

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It is with great joy and thanksgiving to God that we welcomed into the life of Christ and the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism



Aiden William and Evan Douglas Pavao-Grant

Baptized, Saturday, February 22nd



Layla Jane Lawrence

*Baptized,
Sunday,
February 23rd*

Marcus Stanley LeBlanc

*Baptized,
Sunday,
February 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, 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*)

Monday, March 3

12:00 PM Susan Cobb (*Donna & Rick Cobb*)

Tuesday, March 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY

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

4:30 PM RCIA Candidates & Catechumens

7:00 PM Those who need to come home this Lent

Thursday, March 6**Friday, March 7****Saturday, March 8**

4:30 PM Isabella Hennessey (*Her Family*)

Sunday, March 9

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

10:00 AM For An Increase In Family

5:00 PM Deb Dyer-Duguay (*Paul Lizak*)

Adoration - Mondays ~ 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Lenten Longings - Wednesdays ~ 10:00 AM

Stations of the Cross - Fridays ~ 6:00 PM

Reconciliation - Saturdays ~ 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Schedule Around Campus...**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

11:00 AM Retreat Team Meeting/Hall

4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church
Grade 9 & 10 Class

Monday, March 3

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1 - 5 Class

Tuesday, March 4

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

4:15 PM Grade 1 - 5 Class

Wednesday, March 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM **Ash Wednesday Mass/Church**

4:30 PM **Ash Wednesday Mass/Church**

5:30 PM **Parish Family Souper Supper/Hall**

7:00 PM **Ash Wednesday Mass/Church**

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, March 6

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

6:00 PM **Children's Stations of the Cross/Church
Snack, Drinks, Pizza & Activities/GR**

Friday, March 7**Saturday, March 8**

3:15 PM **Confessions—New Lent Confession Time**

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, March 9

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

11:00 AM Retreat Team Meeting/Hall

4:00 PM Grade 6-8 Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church

Grade 10 Rite of Enrollment

Grade 10 Rite of Enrollment Reception/GR

Grade 9 Class



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.



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+



RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**MARCH 18TH
6:30 PM IN THE CHURCH**

Refreshments & Friendship Following



Lenten Reflections

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

Please join us together with Fr. Carlos Ruiz, Pastor of St. Anna's Parish in Leominster. He will lead us in a reflection on the theme of Becoming Eucharist for the World. It will be an enriching event!

Wine and Cheese will be served.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We're Better Together! **Very special thank you to all who shared their blessings with hungry children!** We far exceeded our goal of feeding hundreds of hungry children for one weekend. Weekend care packs were packed by Grade 6 kids this past Friday during their "Kingdom Building" Retreat. Hundreds of extra donated food items were delivered for an additional week's packing! St. Mary's is the place to be for feeding the hungry!!!



PRAYERS FOR OUR GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Candidates celebrate the **Rite of Enrollment Sunday, March 9th during the 5PM Mass**. During this rite our young people seek to prepare for full membership in the church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The candidates' presence at this Mass is a symbol that they desire to publicly profess their decision to prepare for Confirmation. The young people also will seek the prayer support of our parish family, as well as their parents and sponsors. Please accompany them with your prayers as they move towards the celebration of Confirmation next December.



Middle School continues to be 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 the young moms raising their babies at Visitation House. Donations can be dropped before March 23rd.



Can you be a Prayer Buddy? **If you would like to adopt one** of the First Eucharist children as a prayer partner, there is a sign-up sheet at the doors of the Church. **Prayer Buddies simply pray for our little ones. Will YOU hold one of our little ones close to your heart in prayer!!! Sign-Up TODAY!!**



Middle and High School Young People~ If you would like to offer your prayer by participating in **Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18th**, please contact the Religious Ed Office. Many people choose to take time off to observe this most sacred day. **Please consider being with us to reflect and thank our God for His incredible love through the gift of your participation.**



Great Service Opportunities:

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

- ♥ Ash Wednesday Souper Supper (Mar. 5)
- ♥ Stations of the Cross for Kids (Mar. 7)
- ♥ Pizza and Magic Night (Mar. 11)
- ♥ Pasta Supper (Apr. 5)

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

WISH LIST

- ♥ JELLY (Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches for the Homeless)
- ♥ Wrapping Paper (Visitation House Baby Gift Donations)

MARCH 3RD, 2025

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

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| •Geri O'Rourke | •Nathan Oriol |
| •John & Christina Chesna | •Brittney Sullivan |
| •Jan Bonannas | •Susan Gustafson |
| •Jim & Beth Cunningham | •Barbara Rocha |
| •Jim Ramsey | •Paul Murphy |
| •Barbara Stevens | •Atlas Zottoli |
| •Julie Casey | •Joe & Susan Sullivan |
| •Sharon Maloney | •The O'Neil Family |
| •Christopher Markham | •Anne Sweeney |
| •Martha & Dave Wood | •Barbara Rocha |
| •Alexis Robinson | •Kathy Smith |
| •Jared Towle | •Barbara Rocha |
| •Fr. Timothy Brewer | •Dave & Bobbi McClintock |

**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, feelings 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 PM
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.

**FOR ANY CANCELLED EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S,
PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL, THE FACEBOOK PAGE, OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.STMARYSJEFF.COM FOR
UPDATED INFORMATION.**

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WE SHARE?



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MARCH 3RD, 2025



8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43) Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would

like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD
Will Go To
Lenten Black Books



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
TO

**All those whose generosity made our
Food Drive For Hungry Children
A Huge Success!**

DID YOU KNOW....

The word "Lent" comes from an Old English word meaning "lengthen". It refers to the time of year when days start to get longer, in the spring.

Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and abstinence that many Christians observe before Easter.

It's a time to remember the events leading up to Jesus's death, ask for forgiveness, and prepare to celebrate his resurrection.

Lent is also a time to test self-discipline.

The 40 days of Lent are primarily identified with the time Jesus spent in the desert fasting, praying, and being tempted by the devil.

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 >.....	\$(5,697)	\$34,197

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