

St. Mary's Parish Family

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Grade 6 KINGDOM BUILDERS



Our awesome 6th Graders worked diligently during their retreat to make sure each bag for hungry children in need were packed with love and nourishment.

With your help we were able to feed 500+ children!

Friday, February 28th



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

Luca Joseph and Nicco Koa Garafalo

Baptized, Saturday, March 1st

Our church is richly blessed by your presence.

**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 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 Faith

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

Monday, March 10

12:00 PM Ann Harrington (*The Family*)
99th Birthday

Tuesday, March 11

8:00 AM Herve and Family

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13**Friday, March 14****Saturday, March 15**

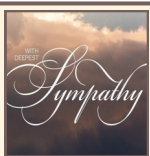
4:30 PM David Lamacchia (*Barbara*)

Sunday, March 16

8:00 AM In Memory of Jadwiga & Czeslawa Chalecki
(*Chris & Justyna*)

10:00 AM Anthony Toan Lam (*Marguerite Nguyen*)

5:00 PM Leopold & Janina Tawczynski (*Their Children*)

***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

Jacque Gerardi

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, March 8**

3:15 - 4 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/Hall

Monday, March 10

12:00 PM Mass/GR

12:30 PM **Adoration/Church**

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

Tuesday, March 11

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM **Bible Study/GR**

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

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

5:30 PM **Family Magic Night/Hall**

Wednesday, March 12 - Mustard Seed Drop

8:00 AM Mass/Church

10:00 AM **Lenten Longing/GR**

10:30 AM **Prayer Shawl/DR**

7:30 PM **Al-Anon Meeting/GR**

Thursday, March 13

10:30 AM **Faith Sharing/GR**

12:30 PM **Moving Forward Group/GR**

2:00 PM **Mustard Seed Cook/Hall**

Friday, March 14

6:00 PM **Stations of the Cross/Church**

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Grade 9 & 10 Class

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.



Join Knights of Columbus Today!

The Knights of Columbus is one of the nation's premiere volunteer and charitable organizations.

The St. Mary's - Frederick F. Davis Knights of Columbus Council currently has almost 100 members. Our Council supports the St. Mary's Parish community (serving parish breakfasts, delivering prepared meals to Mustard Seed, loading Thanksgiving food bags, Christmas Eve Mass traffic/parking lot control, etc.) as well as the surrounding community (Fill the Pantry Golf Outing, Coats for Kids, selling gift cards for Hope for Housing, etc.)

If you are a Catholic gentleman, 18 years and older, we invite you to join us.

For more information you can visit: www.kofc.org/join (we are Council 14298) or ask one of our Knights staffing

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



PRAYERS FOR OUR GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION

CLASS Confirmation Candidates celebrate the **Rite of Enrollment** this **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 will also seek prayer support from our parish family, as well as their parents and sponsors. **Please accompany these beautiful young people with your prayers** as they move towards the celebration of Confirmation next December. **Jack Anderson, Elena Annunziata, Tyler Balyk, Madison Benson, Matthew Benway, Jacob Bonczek, Gabrielle Cayabyab, Liam Clarke, William Deignan, Braydon Douglas, Harry Egan, Jack Floyd, Leila Jordan, Cassandra Kontchou, Andrew Labovitz, Lila Mall, Emily Messina, Cameron Nastanski, Molly O'Brien, Hannah Quinn, Grace Reilly, Izabella Szarama, Evelyn White, Isabella Zein, and Mahdi Zein.**



Middle School Continues Their Mission~

Looking for **any baby essentials** (clothes, toys, diapers, formula...New or gently used baby items can be donated before March 23rd.) The Grade 7 & 8 class will hold a birthday celebration on March 23rd from 4-5PM to celebrate the moms and their babies in residence at the Visitation House.

Update

Here's great news! Thus far, the Grade 7 & 8 kids have made **1,075 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, 200 Care Packs of Soup, and assembled 970 Hygiene Care Packs. 675 Laundry Packs, and more than 500 Sanitary Packs** that have been delivered to our homeless friends living on the streets of Worcester. We are proud to team with 4Others Inc. who provide all the hygiene, sanitary and laundry products for packing. We look forward to continuing our mission through April. Please feel welcome to join us during our 4PM Religious Ed sessions in the Hall to help serve those in need!



Middle and High School young people~ If you are 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:
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

Jam (Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches for the Homeless), Wrapping Paper (Visitation House Baby Gift Donations), & Diapers

MARCH 9TH, 2025



Spring Forward!

- 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



Men's Retreat

May 2nd - 4th

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
West Hartford, CT

We are fortunate to have **4 scholarships** available for any men interested (**A \$350 Value**).

If you have questions or would like further details, please contact: Fran Meringolo at 508-479-0912 or Ed Connor at 774-364-3189.

Or visit: www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/men13

Congratulations to all of our... FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

We raised a total of ??? for St. Mary's!
Thank you for all your support!

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

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE

A DONATION USING

YOUR MOBILE PHONE VIA

WeSHARE?



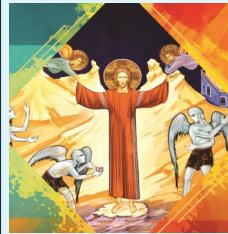
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The Place To Be!



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10) This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the

first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF MARCH 2ND
Will Go To
40thers.org



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
TO

**All who helped with the
Souper Supper!**

DID YOU KNOW....

What is the forbidden word in Lent?

The prohibition of Alleluia is part of a larger orientation of the liturgy toward a more penitential mode; the Gloria, which echoes the words of the angels at Jesus's birth, it also omitted, and the Responsorial Psalms are drawn from the Penitential Psalms or other psalms that call upon the Lord in times of trial.

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

	FEBRUARY	YEAR TO DATE
Amount Collected.....	\$37,679	\$296,731
One Time Donations.....	\$2,500	\$39,150
Amount Needed.....	\$50,933	\$314,980
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$(10,754)	\$20,901

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