

St. Mary's Parish Family

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

Colton John Pickrell

Baptized, Saturday, May 17th, 2025

Our Church is richly blessed by your presence.



Our recent "Fifties"
Religious Education Teacher Appreciation Party
was filled with laughter, smiles and fun!

Thank you to all our volunteers who gave generously of their time and talents to share their love of Jesus with our beautiful children.

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

**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, May 24**

4:30 PM **Barbara & Ernest Rocha** (*Barbara Rocha*)
Anniversary

Sunday, May 25

8:00 AM **Barbara Rollins** (*The Rollins Family*)
4th Anniversary
10:00 AM **Dana Catarius**

Monday, May 26

12:00 PM **Office Closed/Happy Memorial Day!**

Tuesday, May 27

8:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Mary's**

Wednesday, May 28

8:00 AM **No Mass**
7:00 PM **Ascension of the Lord Mass/Church**

Thursday, May 29

8:00 AM **Feast of the Ascension Mass/Church**

Friday, May 30**Saturday, May 31**

4:30 PM **Marion Kruszynski** (*Marureen Buffone*)

Sunday, June 1

8:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Mary's**
10:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Mary's**



The **Tabernacle** candle burns for
Barbara Rollins
Requested by The Rollins Family

**Schedule Around Campus...****Saturday, May 24**

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

Sunday, May 25

8:00 AM **Mass/Church**
Coffee Shoppe/GR
10:00 AM **Mass/Church**
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Coffee Shoppe/GR

Monday, May 26 Happy Memorial Day!

12:00 PM **Office Closed/No Mass**

Tuesday, May 27

8:00 AM **Mass/GR**
10:00 AM **Bible Study/GR**

Wednesday, May 28

8:00 AM **No Mass**
10:30 AM **Prayer Shawl/DR**
7:00 PM **The Ascension of the Lord Mass/Church**
7:30 PM **Al-Anon Meeting/GR**

Thursday, May 29

8:00 AM **Feast of the Ascension Mass/Church**
10:30 AM **Faith Sharing/GR**

Friday, May 30**Saturday, May 31**

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

Sunday, June 1

8:00 AM **Mass/Church**
PB & J Making Mission/GR
Coffee Shoppe/GR
10:00 AM **Mass/Church**
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Visitation House Visiting
PB & J Making Mission/GR
Coffee Shoppe/GR

Ascension Masses

Wednesday, May 28 - 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 29 - 8:00 AM



We are looking for Liturgical Ministers
to help with both Masses, if you can help please use
the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room.

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

Pentecost Celebration

Sunday, June 8th
following the 10 AM Mass

Celebrate with us in appreciation of
Our Parish Family!
~ Wear Your Red ~

Join us for food, fun, and friendship under the tent, including Pentecost Sundaes, burgers, hot dogs, a "touch a truck" event, animals, face painting, lawn games, volleyball, and more!



Partners in Charity
2025 Appeal

SHARING THE GIFT OF HOPE

Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. To date

111 of our 1,449 Parish Families have responded, and have helped us reach 62% of our Goal!

However, we need the support of all members of St. Mary's Parish if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of **\$73,800**.

If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket.

We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pew today, use the QR Code, or visit [www. Partners-charity.net](http://www.Partners-charity.net). Thank you!



Donate
Online

A Message from St. Mary's Parish

You will **never** receive an email or text from our parish, our pastor, or anyone associated with us looking to "reach out to you personally" for gift cards or cash—other than the official programs we administer for our charitable giving programs. **DO NOT RESPOND TO EMAIL OR TEXT REQUESTS.** Either delete them or call the parish office to check. *Hint: If you look at the actual email address it often looks "close" but it is not the actual parish email address!*

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St Mary's is truly the place to for feeding the Hungry! 150 New life Bags have been returned brimming with food. Our donations have been delivered to Mustard Seed each week since Easter. **Operation PB & J began this past weekend in the Gathering Room during Coffee Shop.** Middle School kids assisted in assembling peanut butter and jelly and bologna sandwiches following the 5PM Mass. A whopping 234 Sandwiches in total were made this weekend! The sandwiches were distributed to the homeless on the streets of Worcester. The kids also packed 100 Hygiene packs that were distributed. **The next PB & Jelly sandwich making will be Sunday, June 1st following the 8 AM & 10 AM Masses (for about 20 minutes).** Join us during Coffee Shop for this important mission or contact us to set up a time for family or friends to gather at an alternate time. There are also home projects available for pick up! kogady1@msn.com



2025-26- Religious Education Early Bird Registration is still available. Mail or drop off registration forms or register online today!

Grade 1-5 Make-Up Classes! A second series of **Make-Up Classes for Grade 1-5 are scheduled for June 9, 10, & 11 from 4:15-5:15PM in the Hall.** If you missed your Make-Up Class, please plan to attend one (or more) or these sessions to proceed to the next grade level next year! Any questions please contact Maryjane @ maryjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com!



Little or no Religious Education? Come grow in faith with us! We have special sessions to welcome you into our Faith Formation Program. All ages welcome. Call us today for more information



SIGN UP TODAY!!! Awesome News! Volleyball is back!!! We are recruiting for our St. Mary's Summer Volleyball Team! Middle and Highschool teens, contact Coach Janet at: janet.vignaly@gmail.com



Incredible events and Opportunities for our Young People: Check out these Diocesan summer youth events and trips! Offering a wide array of opportunities this summer, including social and spiritual experiences. For more information or to reserve spots contact Tim Messenger

at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org or at 508-929-4360.

***Worcester Diocesan Youth Retreat "Revealed"-All high school youth (current 8th graders to graduating seniors) are invited to the annual Diocesan Youth Retreat!** A fun, laid-back, and spiritually powerful weekend. The retreat will include fun games & activities (including open gym for basketball, frisbee, lawn games, board games, etc.), a lot of free time to relax and recharge, engaging talks geared toward teenagers, dynamic music, as well as spiritual encounters with Jesus Christ through Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for confession!
***Aerial Adventure Outing @ Boundless Adventures-High Ropes and Zipline Park Tuesday, July 8th**
White River Rafting @ Crabapple White Water-August 14th.

MAY 25TH, 2025

Our Outreach Minister, Beth Cunningham has decided to retire at the end of June. She wishes to assure parish family members that she will continue to serve the parish as a volunteer. We are currently seeking to fill her position. A job description is included as an insert in this week's bulletin.



St. Mary's Youth Volleyball

First Practice:

When: Sunday, May 25 at 6:00 PM

Where: St. Mary's, Jefferson
Behind the Parish Hall on Fairview Ave.

Practices:

Wednesdays & Sundays ~ 6 -7 during the summer.

Games:

When: Monday evenings at 6:15 or 7:00 PM, starting on June 9th.

Where: St. Christopher's in Worcester, St. Joseph's in Charlton, or St. John's in Clinton.

Questions:

Please email janet.vignaly@gmail.com



The Meal Train is a service that helps prepare and deliver evening meals to St. Mary's parishioners in need.

When a Meal Train request arises, volunteers receive an email from our Meal Train coordinator, Kim Drozd. This email details the requested dates, specifies whether the assistance is needed for an individual or a family, includes the delivery time, and provides the local address. Volunteers can choose a convenient date to prepare a meal, which should be a simple dish suitable for one's own family. The volunteer then delivers the meal and places it in a designated cooler at the recipient's door.

Participating not only provides practical support but also fosters community connections. Through this simple act of kindness, you can make a significant impact on someone's life during a challenging time. Your help, whether as an experienced cook or a willing supporter, is greatly appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer, contact:
Kim Drozd at: 508-450-8400 or Beth Cunningham at 508-272-6923 or email her at: beth@stmaryjeff.com.

MAY 25TH, 2025



"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27) Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God

laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF MAY 18TH
Will Go To

The Mustard Seed



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE
TO

**The Strengthening our Parish Family
Committee who hosted our
Better Together Retirement Luncheon
and to**

Steve Charette for his Strolling Close-Up Magic.

DID YOU KNOW....

Pope Leo XIV is the first Pope from the Religious Order of Saint Augustine (Augustinians) to be elected Pope. The Augustinians were formed in 1244 and serve in 50 countries. Their Motto is "One mind and one heart intent upon God".

Villanova University in Pennsylvania and Merrimack College in Massachusetts were founded by the Augustinians.

Pope Leo (Robert Prevost) was elected Prior General of the Augustinians in 2001 and served two six years terms until 2013.

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



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

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

	APRIL	YEAR TO DATE
Amount Collected.....	\$53,742.00	\$403,276.00
One Time Donations.....	\$2,500.00	\$46,250.00
Amount Needed.....	\$52,514.00	\$425,320.00
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$3,728.00	\$24,206.00
Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.		