

# St. Mary's Parish Family

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**Great Fun was had at the Better Together Retirement Luncheon!**

*Thursday, May 22nd, 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 31**

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

**Sunday, June 1**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Paul Thibeault (*His Wife*)  
*2nd Anniversary*

**Monday, June 2**

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

**Tuesday, June 3**

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

**Wednesday, June 4**

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

**Thursday, June 5****Friday, June 6****Saturday, June 7**

4:30 PM Chris & Justyna Moniak (*Chris & Justyna*)  
*17th Anniversary*

**Sunday, June 8**

8:00 AM Terrie McIvor (*The Family*)

10:00 AM Janice Weitz (*Maureen Buffone*)

**JUST A REMINDER:**

Registration forms for St. Mary's Parish can be found in the Parish office and electronically on our website, [www.stmarysjeff.com](http://www.stmarysjeff.com). Please take the time to register as it is the best way for the staff to communicate, through emails and mailings, what is happening in the parish.

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

**Schedule Around Campus...****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

**Monday, June 2**

12:00 PM Mass/GR

**Tuesday, June 3**

8:00 AM **Communion Service/GR**  
10:00 AM Bible Study/GR  
12:30 PM Bereavement Support Group Reunion/GR

**Wednesday, June 4**

8:00 AM **Communion Service/GR**  
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

**Thursday, June 5**

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR  
1:00 PM Card Ministry/DR

**Friday, June 6****Saturday, June 7**

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

**Sunday, June 8**

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  
**Pentecost Picnic/Hall & Parking Lot**

**Help Wanted: Part Time Outreach Minister**

St. Mary's Jefferson is seeking a compassionate, faith-filled Outreach Minister to assist the Pastor with Pastoral Care for the sick, homebound and bereaved. Responsibilities include volunteer coordination, home and hospital visits, funeral planning, and overseeing outreach efforts like Thanksgiving Baskets and Giving Tree Appeals.

To learn more, contact Father Timothy Brewer  
[tbrewer@stmaryieff.com](mailto:tbrewer@stmaryieff.com)

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!

**A PENTECOST CELEBRATION!**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
Parish Family Celebration  
Sunday, June 8th ~ Right after the 10 AM Mass  
**Wear Your RED**  
and join us for a joyful Pentecost party under the tent!  
What's Happening?

**Touch a Truck! Pentecost Sundaes! Face Painting!**  
**Friendly Animals! Silly Clown Fun! Fun & Friendship!**  
**Scavenger Hunt! Lawn Games & Volleyball!**  
**Sizzlin' Burgers & Hot Dogs!**

Bring your family, bring a friend—just don't miss the fun!



### 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

**121 of our 1,449 Parish Families have responded, and have helped us reach 62.44% 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

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! [kograzy1@msn.com](mailto:kograzy1@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](mailto: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



**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@worcestardiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcestardiocese.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 8<sup>th</sup>**

**White River Rafting @ Crabapple White Water-August 14<sup>th</sup>.**



**Fr. Tim & the Priests of the Diocese will be away this week at their annual Assembly. Please remember them in your prayers.**

**JUNE 1ST, 2025**

## **Online giving now available!**

St. Mary's Parishioners can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes, mailing in special donations, or ministry program fees. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account or credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like with your own online donor account. Visit: [stmarysjeff.com/give](http://stmarysjeff.com/give) to see how easy it is!

Questions: Please contact the office at:  
508-829-4508

## **St. Mary's Youth Volleyball**

### **Practices:**

#### **When:**

Wednesdays & Sundays ~ 6 -7 during the summer.

**Where:** St. Mary's, Jefferson

*Behind the Parish Hall on Fairview Ave.*

### **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](mailto:janet.vignaly@gmail.com)



## **Meal Train Ministry – Volunteers Needed**

The Meal Train provides evening meals to St. Mary's parishioners in need. When a request arises, coordinator Kim Drozd emails volunteers with the needed dates, delivery time, address, and whether the meal is for an individual or family.

Volunteers pick a date, prepare a simple, family-style meal, and drop it off in a cooler at the recipient's door.

**Right now, only a small number of people are helping—yet we have a parish of hundreds.** We truly need more volunteers to continue supporting those going through difficult times.

This is a simple way to make a meaningful difference. Please consider stepping in—even once makes an impact.

### **To help or learn more, contact:**

Kim Drozd: 508-450-8400

Beth Cunningham: 508-272-6923

[beth@stmaryjeff.com](mailto:beth@stmaryjeff.com)



<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchJefferson>

**JUNE 1ST, 2025**



The Ascension of the Lord  
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13) This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

## **PARISH TITHE**

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF MAY 25TH  
Will Go To

**St. Francis & St. Therese Catholic Worker House**



We offer our  
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE**  
TO

**All the volunteers who keep  
our property looking beautiful.**

## **DID YOU KNOW....**

The Fisherman's Ring, also known as the Piscatory Ring, is a signet ring presented to the Pope at his inauguration. It symbolizes the Pope's authority as the successor of Saint Peter, the fisherman who was one of Jesus' first disciples. The ring's design traditionally features an image of St. Peter fishing from a boat, representing the Pope's connection to the Apostle Peter and the “rock” of the church. In the past, the Fisherman's Ring was used as a seal for the Pope's private letters and papal briefs.

Each new Pope receives a custom-designed Fisherman's Ring. After a Pope's death, the Fisherman's Ring is ceremonially destroyed by the Camerlengo (the head of the Church's financial administration), signifying the end of the deceased Pope's authority. The ring represents the unbroken spiritual lineage of the Papacy, connecting each Pope to St. Peter and his legacy.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE  
A DONATION USING  
YOUR MOBILE PHONE VIA  
THE ST. MARY'S WEBSITE?



❤ **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**

	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
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
<b>Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.</b>		