

St. Mary's Parish Family

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• 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**“THE ONE WHO
HUMBLES HIMSELF
WILL BE EXALTED.”**

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**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, August 30**

4:30 PM Andrej Kaminski (*Chris & Justyna*)
Blessings & Health for 72nd Birthday

Sunday, August 31

8:00 AM Jaquie Gerardi (*Peter Gerardi*)
10:00 AM Gerald & Dorise Soucy (*Linda Soucy*)

Monday, September 1

12:00 PM **Office Closed/Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 2

8:00 AM James Kelly ~ For Good Health

Wednesday, September 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, September 4**Friday, September 5****Saturday, September 6**

4:30 PM Louise & Harold Gaucher
(*Barbara Lamacchia*)

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM Justyna Moniak (*Chris*)
Blessings & Health on 45th Birthday
10:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Mattress, Sr. &
Mr. & Mrs Raymond Mattress, Jr.
(*Dadah Family*)
5:00 PM Jospeh "Max" Beaudoin
(*Paul & Sheila*)



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

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

Schedule Around Campus...**Saturday, August 30**

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

Sunday, August 31

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

Monday, September 1

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

Tuesday, September 2

8:00 AM Mass/GR
9:30 AM Bible Study/GR

Wednesday, September 3

8:00 AM Mass/GR
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, September 4**Friday, September 5****Saturday, September 6**

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

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe/GR
PB & J Making Mission/GR
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Backpack & Grandparent Blessing
Ice Cream "Sunday"
Coffee Shoppe/GR
PB & J Making Mission/GR
5:00 PM Mass/Church



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!



Partners in Charity 2025 Appeal

We would like to thank the
St. Mary's Parishioners who donated to the
2025 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal
A total of **210 Families** Donated!
For those gifts we are truly grateful.
Our parish exceeded our goal, we raised
\$76,800/104%!

Through our pledged gifts to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal, may we become partners with Christ and partners in charity, and strengthen the unity of our diocesan family. Your gifts will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of your charitable giving, and we thank you for ALL your support.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR
NEW PARISH FAMILY MEMBERS



GLASS OF WINE + CHEESE + YOU

GATHERING FOR NEW PARISHIONERS, NEWLY MARRIED
& NEWLY BAPTIZED FAMILIES

September 19, 2025 | Drop in Anytime Between 6-7:30 PM

St. Mary's Gathering Room

Babysitting will be provided

RSVP FOR BABYSITTING SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY
PATTY HURLEY 508-414-3347



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin
meeting again on

Wednesday, September 10 ~ 10:30 AM - 12:00PM

(Sept—June) Meeting Schedule is as follows:

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: TBD

If you should have any questions feel free to contact
us. Anyone interested in the Ministry please call :

• Pam Anzaldi co-chair
pamanzaldi57@gmail.com
978-400-1883

• Janet Davis co-chair
Davis98@charter.net
508-210-0034

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**WE ARE JOYFULLY PREPARING TO
WELCOME OUR CHILDREN BACK
TO A NEW YEAR OF REL. ED.!**

We are in need of catechists
(teachers) as well as substitutes to
assist and share faith with our

fabulous kids!! Classes are held on Sunday afternoon
and evening, Monday afternoon, and Tuesday
afternoons. We provide training and will equip you
with all that you need to help our young people grow
in faith! **Please call today if you are able to assist in
any way!**

*****For all those who have already joined our Faith
Team, our hearts are so filled with gratitude! Our
children are so blessed to have you!!!**

Wish no more!
It's here!

..... The Religious Education
calendar has been mailed!

**For families who have
registered for the 2025-26
Religious Ed Year,**

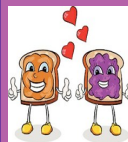
**a confirmation of your child's day and time will be
included.** Families with children that have not yet
registered, will receive a calendar, however,
registration is necessary for class placement. Online
registration available on the St. Mary's Website
www.stmarysieff.com



We are looking to grow our
**FANTASTICK Teen Music
Ministry.** Share your voice,
your instrument, your
talent.... Our Teens share
their gifts of time and
musical talent for our 5PM
Mass during the school

year!! Young People Grades 6-College.

Please contact Liz lizleandres91@gmail.com or call
the Religious Ed Office for more information!



Hundreds and hundreds of PB & J
sandwiches have been distributed to our
homeless friends on the streets of
Worcester.

We would love to welcome you to join us this
weekend! Why not stop by Coffee Shop for just a few
minutes after the 8AM Mass or after the 10AM Mass,
have a donut and make a sandwich or two????

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL for your continued generosity!!!!
Peanut Butter, Jam, Zip Lock Baggies~ Happily
accepted!

AUGUST 31, 2025

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group *Fall Session*

**Tuesdays, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21 & 28
1:00pm - 2:30pm | The Gathering Room**

A grief journey begins the moment a loved one dies. There are many sad days, weeks and months that follow where feelings of emptiness and sadness can be overwhelming.

St. Mary's Bereavement Support began in 2018 to provide a place where grieving people can find acknowledgement and understanding, support, and friendship as you travel this difficult journey. You and your feelings are not alone.

We are faith based, open to the public, and free. You are invited to attend. Please **RSVP by Sept. 19th** so we can supply you with materials, a book and refreshments.

**Text or call Beth Cunningham at:
508.272.6923 or email beth@stmaryjeff.com**



5 PM Mass

**5PM Mass will resume
September 7th**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *Are You Ready for the Next Step?*

Are you or someone you know:

- Interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Learning more about the Catholic way of life?
- Already baptized, but haven't received
- First Eucharist or Confirmation yet?

Already a Confirmed Catholic, but still seeking more in life? Journey with those becoming Catholic and learn more about your own faith. You won't be there to teach, but to learn with them as you continue your ongoing initiation as a disciple of Christ.

Come and join us! Open to all who are seeking to know Christ more fully in their life.

Contact Deacon John for more info:
Cell/Texts: 508-958-0998;



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

AUGUST 31, 2025



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14) One of the main

principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH

Rachel's Table

Rachel's Table is a volunteer-driven organization committed to fighting food waste and hunger throughout Greater Worcester. Every day, they rescue unserved and unsold prepared and perishable food from restaurants, markets, bakeries, senior centers, and private donors. Instead of being discarded, this food is delivered to over 30 shelters, soup kitchens, and neighborhood pantries that provide meals to people experiencing food insecurity.



We offer our
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE
TO THE**

All those who helped to make our Christmas in July Project a tremendous success.

Did You Know

The act of genuflecting in front of the tabernacle is a sign of adoration and reverence for the presence of Jesus Christ, who is believed to be contained in the Blessed Sacrament. This gesture is rooted in ancient traditions and is a way to honor the real presence of God in the Eucharist. It is a physical expression of faith and humility, acknowledging the sanctity of the moment and the importance of the Blessed Sacrament. The practice is observed during Mass and outside of it, when passing before the tabernacle. It is a way to show respect and devotion to the Lord who is present in the tabernacle.

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

	JULY	YEAR TO DATE
Amount Collected.....	\$39,761.00	\$535,352.00
One Time Donations.....	\$2,500.00	\$49,750.00
Amount Needed.....	\$43,619.00	\$578,860.00
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$(1,358.00)	\$6,242.00

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