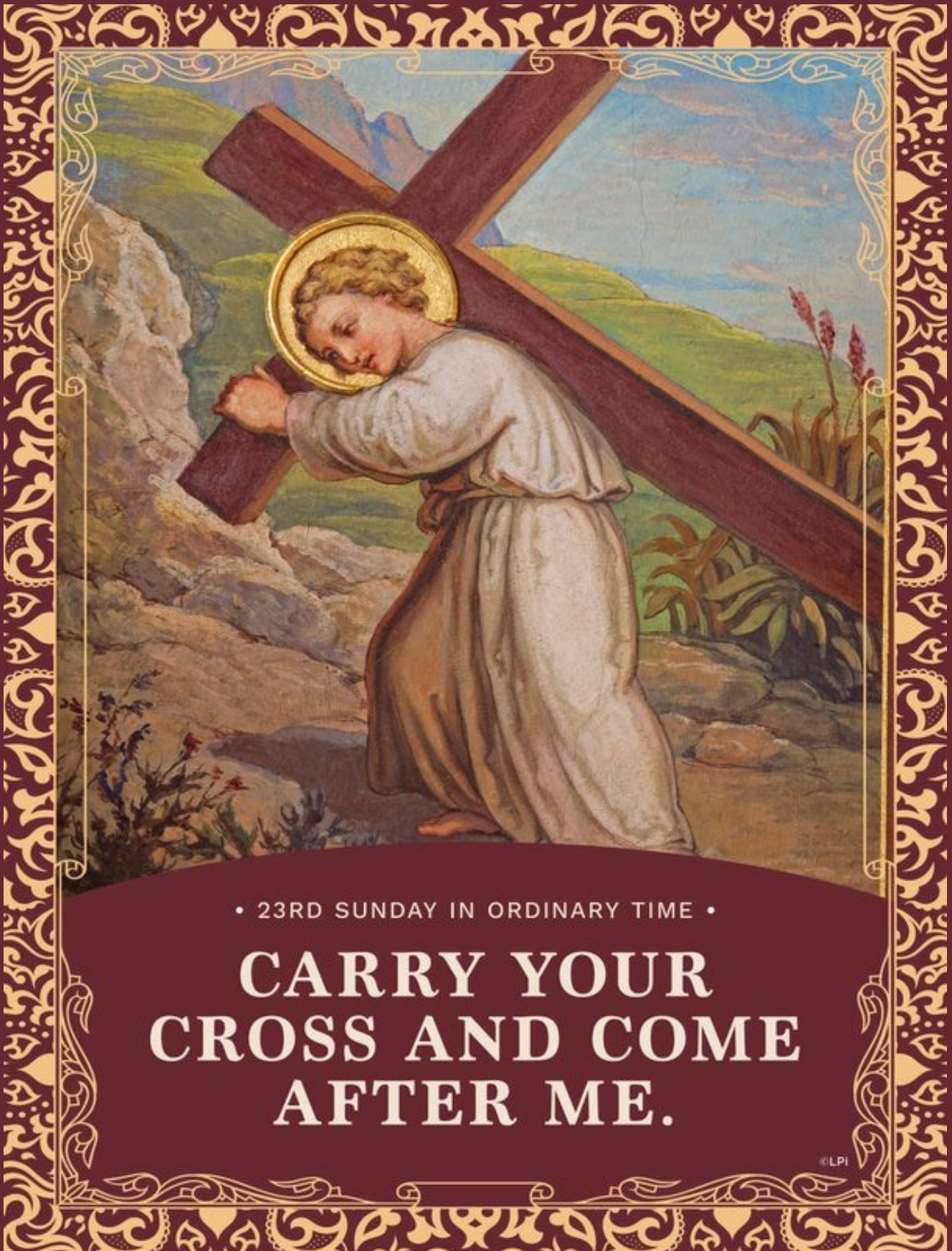


St. Mary's Parish Family

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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, 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 Joseph "Max" Beaudoin
(Sheila & Paul Bosse)

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

8:00 AM John Westphal (The Family)
Blessings & Health on 90th Birthday

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 AM Emmanuel del la Cruz (Zorina Cayabyab)
1st Anniversary

Thursday, September 11**Friday, September 12****Saturday, September 13**

4:30 PM Zachary Michael Leandres
(The Leandres Family)

Sunday, September 14

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00 AM Richard & Isabelle Pope (The Pope Family)
In Loving Memory
5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Schedule Around Campus...**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
Baptism of Owen Michael DiPerrio
Baptism of Robert Charles DiPerrio
Backpack & Grandparent Blessing
Coffee Shoppe/GR
Ice Cream "Sunday"
PB & J Making Mission/GR
5:00 PM Mass Resumes/Church

Monday, September 8

12:00 PM Mass/GR

Tuesday, September 9

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

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 AM Mass/GR
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Resumes/TBD
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

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

Sunday, September 14

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
4:00 PM Gr 9 (GR) & 11 (Hall) Parent Meetings
5:00 PM Mass/Church
6:00 PM Gr 10 Parent Meeting/Hall



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

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



The Tabernacle candle burns for
Dadah Family
Requested by Cathy Dadah

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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



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: Gathering Room

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wish no more! The Religious Education **Calendar has been mailed!!!!** For families who have registered for the 2025-26 Religious Ed Year, look for confirmation of the day and time that we are expecting your child for the upcoming Faith Sharing Year. **Families with children that have not yet registered will receive a calendar, however, registration is necessary for class placement for the fall.** Online registration is available or forms can be downloaded from our website. **Registrations must be received prior to the start of classes!** Need more info? Contact us today!
maryjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com



Grade 1 Parents, if you have not yet done so, it's time to register your child for Religious Education! Spread the word! We cannot wait to welcome our Parents and Grade 1 children to St. Mary's Faith Formation Program! Our Parent/Child orientation will take place at the Parish Hall on **Monday, September 29th at 4:15PM for those signed up for Monday class and Tuesday, September 30th at 4:15PM for Grade 1 students signed up for Tuesday class...** PS...Fr Tim is looking forward to sharing milk and cookies with you!!!



Parent, Student and Teacher MEETINGS ~ Before we begin another **GREAT YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MARY'S** (...The Place to Be) meetings are scheduled throughout the month of September. Parents, teachers, substitutes, and students please check your Orange Religious Ed Calendars for important meeting dates and watch the mail for more information for your grade level. We are looking forward to meeting with Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers during the weeks ahead!

We invite all those children and young people that have been away or have had little or no formal Religious Education to register for our "Beginnings Program".

Classes of various levels Grades 3-12 classes are available to help kids "catch-up" to enter at grade level following this year-long instruction period. Please call for registration details.

Parochial School Children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation are required to register for Sacramental Preparation within their home parish. If you have a child planning to receive a Sacrament, please register today!

Grade 11 students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should register and pay the registration fee as usual.



Peanut Butter & Jelly

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Mustard Seed Food Pantry-A Heartfelt Appeal

We extend our sincere thanks to all parishioners who have faithfully supported the Mustard Seed Food Pantry. Your generosity has had a meaningful impact on individuals and families facing food insecurity.

However, the Pantry has recently shared that donations have declined, and the need remains great. They have expressed deep gratitude for the contributions from our parish, noting the significant difference they make in the lives of those they serve.

We kindly ask you to continue supporting this vital ministry. Non-perishable food items may be placed in grocery bags at the back of the church. Again, a heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you who share so abundantly, with so many folks in need. God Bless

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;

Email: deaconjohnladroga@gmail.com



Resumes September 25th

We invite you to join our Faith Sharing Group a community of people who share a perspective, friendship and deeper understanding of their faith journey. We share faith experiences and gain a greater understanding of scripture. The ministry is meant to help deepen our prayer lives and help us find a clearer sense of God's presence in our lives. All are welcome!

Thursdays ~ 10:30 AM ~ Gathering Room

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33) When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31ST

**Donations to local food pantries distributed by
"Fill the Pantry Golf Tournament"**



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

The parishioner who built the beautiful retaining wall between the lower and upper handicap parking spots.

Did You Know

The priest puts a small amount of water into the wine at Mass to celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, where his divinity (wine) was united with his humanity (water). This act represents the faithful's union with Christ, as water and wine become inseparable, mirror how believers are joined with him in the Eucharist. The gesture also recalls the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side on the cross, signifying the sacraments and our salvation.

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

	AUGUST	YEAR TO DATE
Amount Collected.....	\$46,358.00	\$581,711.00
One Time Donations.....	\$2,500.00	\$52,250.00
Amount Needed.....	\$51,044.00	\$629,626.00
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$(2,186.00)	\$4,335.00

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