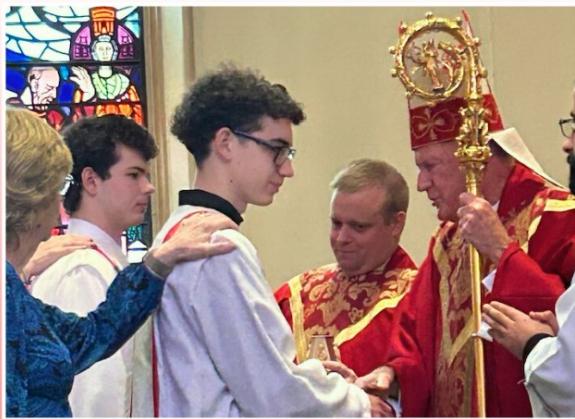


St. Mary's Parish Family

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Confirmation 2025

We were filled with gratitude and joy as we celebrated the Confirmation of 25 of our young parishioners at St. Paul's Cathedral on December 6th, 2025.

It has been a blessing for our parish community to accompany them in their faith journey, including some of their celebrations of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen them.



**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, December 13**

4:30 PM David Lamacchia (*Barbara Lamacchia*)

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM Doris Clark (*The Family*)

10:00 AM John Manning (*A Friend*)

5:00 PM Ken Vesesakis (*The Family*)

Monday, December 15

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, December 18**Friday, December 19****Saturday, December 20**

4:30 PM Emmanuel del la Cruz (*Zorrina Cayabyab*)
Birthday Blessings

Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM Barbara Craig (*Martha & Dee Anne*)

10:00 AM Gerald & Dorise Soucy
(Linda Soucy & Daughter)

5:00 PM Franciszek & Maria Tawczynski
(The Grandchildren)

Schedule Around Campus...**Saturday, December 13**

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

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR
 Packing Hygiene Kits For Homeless/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

Packing Hygiene Kits For Homeless/GR
 Gr 6 - 8 & High School Beg. Class/Hall

5:00 PM Mass/Church
 Gr. 9 & 10 Class

Monday, December 15

12:00 PM Mass/GR

4:15 PM Gr. 1-5 Christmas Pageant/Church

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 AM Mass/GR

9:30 AM Bible Study ~ Followed With Praying The Rosary/Church

4:15 PM Gr. 1-5 Christmas Pageant/Church

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 AM Mass/GR ~ Followed With Praying The Rosary/Church

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, December 18

10:30 AM Faith Sharing/GR

Friday, December 19**Saturday, December 20**

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8:00 AM Mass/Church
 Coffee Shoppe/GR

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10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

Packing Hygiene Kits For Homeless/GR
 Gr 6 - 8 & High School Beg. No Class

5:00 PM Mass/Church

Gr. 9 & 10 No Class





ST. MARY CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2025

4:00 PM | 6:00 PM
11:30 PM (CONCERT)
12:00 MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 25, 2025

10:00 AM



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ALL ARE INVITED!!!!!!

Join us for The BEST

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

(And Birthday Party for

Jesus!!!) The Gospel of St.

Luke will be presented in great

prayer by all our kids in Grades 1-5 during the time of Religious Ed. Classes on Monday, December 15th, and Tuesday,

December 16th. Immediately following this dear extravaganza, we will continue the celebration in the hall with...cupcakes to decorate and continued bliss! **PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD!**

Meet us in the Church...the children will begin, costumed and ready to proclaim the Gospel at 4:30PM Sharp! All Are WELCOME!



Grade 7 & 8 MISSION UPDATE!

A total of 626 PB & J Sandwiches along with more than 500 Hygiene care packs, 400 laundry packs and hundreds of blankets, hats, socks,

gloves and 120 Christmas Stockings have been distributed to the homeless since classes began in October. Our Grade 7 & 8 kids made 109 apple pies (in 50 minutes!) money collected will be used to fund our ministry in caring for the homeless. Thank you for your donations, helping hands and prayers that are so vital for our mission to continue! Big Thank you to Jim and 4 Others Inc. for the beautiful partnership!!! Look for upcoming projects in the new year! **We are always BETTER TOGETHER!!**



Grade 1-10 classes will be on break following this week's Christmas Pageants. Middle/High/Beginnings students resume on Sunday, Jan. 4th. Classes resume for Grades 1-5

on Monday, January 5th. Merry, Merry Christmas to all our families!

Memorial Donations

It is with sincere appreciation that we thank the families and friends of

Barbara Craig

And

Barbara Rocha

For choosing St. Mary's for their Memorial Donations.

DECEMBER 14, 2025

JAM & SING!
Christmas Edition!

Tuesday, December 23
3-5 PM

DOES MUSIC STIR YOUR SOUL? DO YOU SING, PLAY AN INSTRUMENT, OR JUST ENJOY LISTENING TO MUSIC?

Two days before the Nativity of our Lord, we will gather together, playing and singing Christmas hymns and carols!

No Experience necessary, no commitment needed, and all ages welcome!

Come experience the joy of making Christmas music together!

For More Information Contact Janet Vignaly at: janet.vignaly@gmail.com

Welcome to The Little Store
All are welcome in this place

The Little Store at Our Lady of Hope

Now Hiring

Do you love working with people, organizing, and making a difference in your community?

The Little Store at our Lady of Hope is seeking a

Full-Time Store Manager

to help lead daily operations, support volunteers, and create a welcoming environment for donors and shoppers.

Interested candidates can reach us at
careers@urbanmissionaries.com
242 Canterbury Street, Worcester



The Shoulders of Giants Estate and Gift Planning

Over the long history of St. Mary's, we are the vibrant parish community that we are because of the giants upon whose shoulders we stand. It is due to the generosity of our parish family members who have gone before us that we have been blessed with our beautiful Church and Parish Center.

Having benefited from their sacrifices, it is now our responsibility to provide for our children and for those who will come after us.

Please consider making a Legacy Gift to St. Mary's by remembering St. Mary's in your will.

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

DECEMBER 14, 2025



Our Advent journey continues, and Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday invites us to pause and celebrate: our Savior will come again in triumph.

Today's readings remind us of God's final victory and encourage us to stay faithful and steadfast. Even in a world of challenges, we trust this day will come. St. James urges us: "Be patient... make your hearts firm... do not complain." This is timely advice in these busy days before Christmas.

As Christian stewards, we can choose our response to life's strains. By practicing patience and guarding our attitude, we "make our hearts firm" and witness Christ's love.

No matter what surrounds us, we can choose to rejoice in God's presence.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7TH
Retirement Fund for Religious



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO
Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for hosting
our Breakfast with St. Nicholas!

Did You Know

The third candle is traditionally pink which is a color of celebration. This candle is called the Shepherd's Candle, and it reflects the joy that breaks into the world through Christ. The shepherds were the first to hear the news of the birth of Jesus. These shepherds were just ordinary and often overlooked people who were standing under and ordinary night sky. And yet they received a message from an angel of the Lord: "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." Advent joy is not superficial happiness; it is the deep assurance that God has come near.



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STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2025-2026 MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER—AUGUST END OF FISCAL YEAR

	DECEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
Amount Collected.....	\$41,854.00	\$136,513.00
One Time Donations.....	\$1,500.00	\$12,900.00
Amount Needed.....	\$45,716.00	\$143,676.00
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	(\$2,362.00)	\$5,737.00

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