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

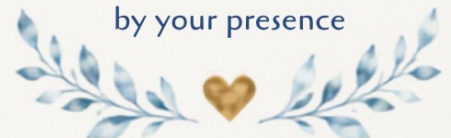


*Andrés
Gil Shepherd*

Baptized June 21st, 2026



We are richly
Blessed
by your presence



*Bereavement Support Group
Reunion*

HELD ON JUNE 16TH

Thank you to everyone who joined us
for an afternoon of sharing, laughter,
and support. Together, we honor our
loved ones, find comfort in friendship,
and remind each other that
we are not alone.

*May we continue to support
one another with love and compassion.*



**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, June 27**

4:30 PM Nancy Lee Pope (Beck)
(Ahmad & Peggy Rezai-Zadeh)

Sunday, June 28

8:00 AM Peter O'Connor (Chris & Delia)
1st Year Anniversary

10:00 AM Betty Ann Hazelhurst
(Carol Quinn & Family)

Monday, June 29

12:00 PM **Communion Service**

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Wednesday, July 1

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Thursday, July 2**Friday, July 3****Saturday, July 4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

4:30 PM Jim & Ellen McCorkle
67th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, July 5

8:00 AM Blessings & Health for Iwona
(The Moniak Family)

10:00 AM Cheryl Wright (The Family)

Schedule Around Campus**Saturday, June 27**

1:00 PM Wedding of
Shannon Kelly & Dylan Weiss

3:30 - 4 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, June 28

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe

10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Baptism of Connor John Lacey
Coffee Shoppe

Monday, June 29

12:00PM **Communion Service/GR**

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 AM **Communion Service/GR**

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

Wednesday, July 1

8:00 AM **Communion Service/GR**

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

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St Mary's Little Library

Visit the new children's library
by the choir loft stairs!

Borrow a book for Mass or bring it home.
Just return it when you're done.

Use this QR code to access the
Amazon wish list, buy a book for
the shelf, or just to see what our
church kids are reading!

**CARD DONATIONS NEEDED**

Our Card Ministry is seeking donations of
"Thinking of You" cards and **blank greeting**
cards to help us reach out to parishioners
in our community.

Card Donations can be placed in the Box in the Vestibule.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary's, a community of faith, is rooted in the Word and Body of Christ. We strive to live Christ's message of love and service by sharing our time, talent and treasure.



Partners in Charity 2026 Appeal

SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

Thanks to **162** of our parish families who have made their gift to the

2026 Partners in Charity Appeal

St. Mary's is **80%** towards our goal of **\$82,000**

We only need \$16,035!!!!

If you would like to contribute a gift or pledge, to help us reach our goal please;

- Fill out a commitment pledge envelope located at the end of the pews.
- Visit www.partners-charity.net/donate
- Scan the QR Code and Donate online

Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Can you share your gift as CATECHIST?

"Faith-Sharers NEEDED"!!!!!! We are in need of a minimum of 50 teachers as well as substitutes and general aides

before we are able to welcome nearly than 400 young people back for a new year of Faith Sharing. Classes are held on Sunday afternoon and evening as well as Monday and Tuesday afternoons. **Teachers are needed in all grade levels.** We provide training and will equip you with all that you need to help our beautiful children fall in love with Christ. Please call today if you are able to assist in any way!



ONLINE
REGISTRATION

Visit our website today at

www.stmarysjeff.com for Grade
**1-11 2024-2025 Religious Education
Registration!**



The purpose of SoulFest is to celebrate God's love and encourage all who attend to live from the inside out as soul-connected, risk-taking believers in God's Love. Enrich your soul this summer! Spectacular 4-day event!! Franklin County Fairground, Greenfield, MA August 4th through August 8th Visit www.thesoulfest.com for details and ticket sales!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Soul fest recruits volunteers ages high school through adult to help with the event success. This is an incredible service opportunity for Confirmation Candidates!

Christmas in July

Throughout the month of **July**, you will notice a Christmas tree in the front of the church. We invite you to pick up some school supplies and place them under the tree.

Supplies are needed for all grade levels.

The Family & Community Engagement of Worcester will distribute the items to the homeless children and teens in the Worcester community.



There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to sign up to sort and deliver the items, which will take place on

Tuesday, August 4th at 4:00 PM.

NEEDED ITEMS:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Headphones | Paper towels |
| 12 count crayon's | Folders with pockets |
| Back packs (Grades K-12) | Hand sanitizer |
| Spiral notebooks | 12" rulers (with in's and cm's) |
| Graphic Calculators | Scissors, glue sticks |
| Looseleaf paper | Liquid glue |
| Multi subject spiral notebooks | Colored pencils, 12-24 ct. |
| Dry erase board markers | Pens |
| Tissues | Pre-sharpened #2 pencils |
| Yellow high lighters | Post it notes |

For more info call: Patrice Gallagher | 508-335-6795

To our friends at St. Mary's,
We celebrate your generosity to the Mustard Seed Food Pantry! Your work to support our program over the Easter season was truly appreciated!

Averaging 200+ households a week is quite difficult, but we were able to meet those needs due to your support.

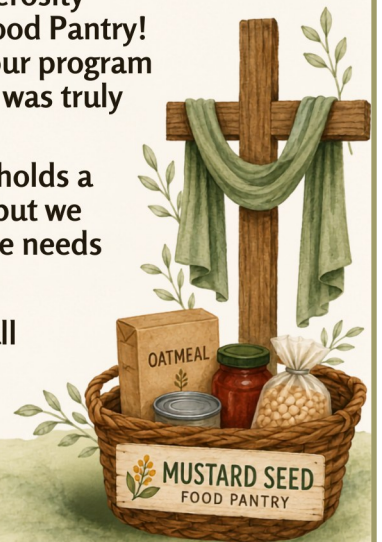
We cannot thank you all enough!

Sincerely,

Ray Kane

Mustard Seed

♥ Together, we make a difference. ♥



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

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

JUNE 28, 2026

**Order 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



**St. Mary's Game Schedule
Competitive (C)
and Recreation (R)**



Date	Time	Location/Winner/Score	Opponent	Team
6/15	6:15 PM	Winner St. Mary's 3-0	St. Patrick	R
6/15	7:00 PM	Winner St. Mary's 2-1	St. Louis	C
6/22	6:15 PM	Postponed	Our Lady of Hope	R
6/22	7:00 PM	Postponed	St. Matthew's	C

**THE SAINT MARY'S
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

ARE SPONSORING A

**50/50
RAFFLE**

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 8

The proceeds from the raffle will support the Knights many local charitable functions including winter 'coats for kids', financial support of the clergy, retreat scholarships and the Wachusette Area Food Pantries, among the many charities supported.

RAFFLE TICKETS

- \$1 = 1 TICKET**
- \$5 = 6 TICKETS**
- \$10 = 12 TICKETS**
- \$20 = 25 TICKETS**
- \$50 = 100 TICKETS**

PRIZES

- 1 GRAND PRIZE:
50/50 JACKPOT**
- 2 2ND PRIZE:
WOOSOX TICKETS**
- 3 3RD PRIZE:
\$50 AMEX GIFT CARD**



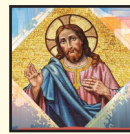
WE ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THIS CHARITABLE EFFORT.

IT WILL BE A LOT OF FUN!



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE KNIGHTS KIOSK AFTER EACH MASS. THE PROGRAM WILL RUN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS SO YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING ARE FANTASTIC! WE THANK YOU!

JUNE 28, 2026



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort,

you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF JUNE 21ST

The Gerry Nugent Fund for Kids

Worcester Comprehensive Education & Care



We offer our

THANKS AND GRATITUDE to

All those who helped to make Rick Mansfield's funeral a wonderful tribute to a man who has served our community with love and care for almost 50 years.

Did You Know

A sacarium is a special liturgical basis found in the sacristy or sanctuary of Catholic, Anglican, and Episcopal churches. Unlike a standard sink that connects to a municipal sewer system, a sacarium features a dedicated pipe that drains directly into the earth. This design ensures that sacred elements are returned straight to nature with the utmost reverence, completely isolated from common wastewater.

The sacarium is used for disposing of holy materials. It receives the water used to rinse chalices and communion bowls after Communion, capturing and microscopic particles of the Eucharist. It is also used to drain the water from the initial washing of sacred altar linens, as well as to dispose of the old holy water and blessed oils. If a consecrated host becomes soiled or spoiled, it is dissolved in water and resulting liquid is poured down this drain.

The term originates from the Latin word for a shrine or sanctuary. While the sacarium handles many holy fluids, it is never used for consecrated wine, which Christian tradition dictates must be fully consumed rather than discarded.

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



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The Place To Be!**

**STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2025-2026
MONTH OF MAY 2026 & YEAR TO DATE 9/1-25 - 5/31/26**

	MAY	YEAR TO DATE
Amount Collected.....	\$46,250.00	\$456,199.00
One Time Donations.....	\$0.00	\$49,000.00
Amount Needed.....	\$55,801.00	\$495,467.00
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$(9,551.00)	\$9,732.00
Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses		

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