

St. Mary's Parish Family

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It is with great joy and
thanksgiving to God that we
welcomed into the life of Christ
and the St. Mary's Community

Brady Fitzgerald Galvin

Baptized on Saturday, July 11th



**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, July 18**

4:30 PM Michael Rice (*Family Friends*)

Sunday, July 19

8:00 AM Danny Harrington
(*Andrew & Debbie Douglas*)

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

Monday, July 20

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, July 23**Friday, July 24****Saturday, July 25**

4:30 PM Maureen Fassett (*Larry & Phyllis Yont*)

Sunday, July 26

8:00 AM William Sullivan (*The Family*)

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

Schedule Around Campus**Saturday, July 18**

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

Sunday, July 19

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Baptism of Sophia Margaret Grossi
Coffee Shoppe

Monday, July 20

12:00PM Mass/GR

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 AM Mass/GR
9:30 AM Bible Study /GR ~ Followed With
Praying the Rosary/Church

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 AM Mass/GR~ Followed With
Praying the Rosary/Church
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, July 23**Friday, July 24****Saturday, July 25**

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

Sunday, July 26

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Baptism of Vincent Marco Salerno
Baptism of Cooper Peter Towle
Coffee Shoppe

**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 Little Library

Borrow for Mass, or borrow for home.
Please return for others to enjoy when you're done!



Check
out our
Amazon
wishlist

If you would like to donate a book from home, please leave it in the basket next to the bookshelf so we can make note of it and get it ready for the bookshelf!

Any overflow books will be donated so we can share Jesus with kids beyond our walls.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In Life & Death, We are the Lord's...

We lift up in prayer
to those who have lost loved ones
especially for the family and friends of

Ann Harrington

May the Peace of the Lord be with her always.



**Partners in Charity
2026 Appeal**

SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

Thanks to **176** of our parish families
who have made their gift to the

2026 Partners in Charity Appeal

St. Mary's is **83%** towards our goal of **\$82,000**

We only need \$13,959!!!!

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



2026-27 Registration~ Please note that
space is limited for **MONDAY Elementary**
Grades. We still have space in all Tuesday Elementary
Grades 1-5! **Visit our website today at**
www.stmarysjeff.com to register online for Grade
1-11 2026-2027 Religious Education!



We have a program that welcomes kids in
Grades 3 through 12 who have had little or
no Religious Education. Come and grow in
faith with us!!!!



REMINDER~ Our Catholic School friends
preparing to receive Sacraments of Eucharist
or Confirmation should register to begin
instruction. Sacramental Preparation for
Parochial School children is the responsibility of the home
parish. Catholic School children are welcomed into the
parish program as they prepare for First Eucharist, First
Reconciliation (Grade 2) and for the Sacrament of
Confirmation (Grade 10). Register online today!



**Can you share your gift as
CATECHIST? "Faith-Sharers
NEEDED"!!!!!!**

We need 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 af-
ternoons. **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!



**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!

**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**



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**

Wednesday, August 5th at 10:00 AM.

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

JULY 19, 2026



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



Date	Time	Location/Winner/Score	Opponent	T
7/13	6:15 PM	Winner St. Mary's 3-0	St. Brigid & Assumption	R
7/13	5:30 PM	Winner St. Mary's 3-0	Sacred Heart 1	C
7/20	7:00 PM	Ellsworth McAfee Park	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Loreto	R
7/20	5:30 PM	Ellsworth McAfee Park	Sacred Heart 2	C

Visit www.stmarysjeff.com/st-marys-volleyball to read the game details, updated weekly!



St. Mary's Volleyball Court

We soon will begin construction our new Volleyball Court which will be constructed behind the rectory.

The Court will be dedicated to the memory of Joe Riley a 19-Year-old parishioner who was killed in a tragic car accident on Mother's Day 2008.

We recently received this beautiful note from his family in Texas.

A note from Joe Riley's family:

Dear Fr. Tim and friends,

Terry, Josh and I would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who made the volleyball court a reality. And a special thank you for honoring our beloved Joe.

While nothing can fill the space he has left in our lives, knowing that his memory will live on through a place where young people will gather, compete, laugh and build friendships brings us tremendous joy and comfort. Joe loved life and he loved his friends, but he loved hanging out at St. Mary's working on the Haiti garden, teaching CCD and summer camp. He loved making others smile and laugh. This court will serve as a lasting reminder of his kindness and the love he shared with others.

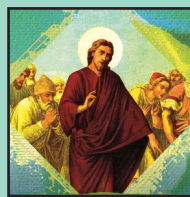
Your thoughtfulness, generosity, compassion and love have given us a beautiful way to celebrate his life. Every match played, every lesson learned and every smile shared on the court will honor his legacy in a beautiful way.

Thank you for sharing and comforting our family and for ensuring that our Joe's memory will continue to inspire future young people. We will forever be grateful for the love and support and the gift you have given us.

One story I like to share. Joe was not a good volleyball player, but he would ask, "will there be girls there?" and I'd say yes, and he would say ok I can go :) He had such a love for life and a caring spirit who wanted everyone to feel like they had a friend in him. St. Mary's will always be home to us. He told me one day the he wanted to live there forever And I guess he does. Hope to see you soon.

Thanks again, my heart is so full of gratitude.
Sending lots of love, Terry, Grace & Josh Riley.

JULY 19, 2026



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." (MATTHEW 13:22) Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF JULY 12TH
Earthquake Relief for Venezuela



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
All those who have been faithful to support the parish even when away on vacation.

Did You Know

We bow before the altar as a physical act of reverence because it is the ultimate symbol of Jesus Christ and the focal point of Christian worship. In Catholic, Anglican, and orthodox traditions, the altar represents Christ himself, who is the spiritual foundation of the Church. Furthermore, the altar is the physical place where the sacrifice of Calvary is made present during worship, serving as the table of the Last Supper and the sacred banquet where the faithful are spiritually fed.

It is also important to distinguish between bowing and genuflecting. Liturgical tradition dictates that we bow to the altar out of deep respect for what it symbolizes, but we genuflect on the right knee (if able) exclusively toward the tabernacle to adore the actual, true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

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



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**STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2025-2026
MONTH OF JUNE 2026 & YEAR TO DATE 9/1-25 - 6/3/26**

	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE
Amount Collected.....	\$51,017.00	\$507,216.00
One Time Donations.....	\$0.00	\$49,000.00
Amount Needed.....	\$50,433.00	\$546,906.00
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$584.00	\$9,310.00

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