

St. Mary's Parish Family

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

Cooper Peter Towle
&
Vincent Marco Salerno



Baptized on
Sunday, June 26th

Our church is richly blessed
by your presence!



**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, Aug 1**

4:30 PM Carol Coling (*The Family*)

Sunday, Aug 2

8:00 AM Carol Miller (*Linda Soucy*)
Birthday Blessings

10:00AM Dan Harrington (*Ann Kelleher*)

Monday, Aug 3

12:00PM Communion Service

Tuesday, Aug 4

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, Aug 5

8:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, Aug 6**Friday, Aug 7****Saturday, August 8**

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, August 9

8:00 AM Matthew Deverdi (*The Family*)

10:00 AM Betty Ann Hazelhurst

Capital Projects

A few months ago, we had to replace the wood that had rotted beneath the windows on the backside of the Parish Center due to rainwater coming off the roof. Recently we were able to install gutters on both sides of the Center lessening the chances of this happening again. This project was made possible because of donations to the Memorial Fund which is reserved for the needed capital projects and liturgical vestments and furnishings. Our next project is to replace the cushions on the pews in the Church which have countless times over the years been patched by gifted parishioners.

Schedule Around Campus**Saturday, Aug. 1**

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

Sunday, Aug. 2

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Mission Appeal
Coffee Shoppe
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Mission Appeal
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Baptism of Charles Thomas Saari
Coffee Shoppe

Monday, Aug. 3

12:00PM Communion Service /GR

Tuesday, Aug. 4

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

Wednesday, Aug. 5

8:00 AM Communion Serv./GR~ Followed With
Praying the Rosary/Church
10:00AM Christmas in July Gift Sorting /GR
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

Thursday, Aug. 6**Friday, Aug. 7****Saturday, Aug. 8**

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

Sunday, Aug. 9

8:00 AM Mass/Church
Coffee Shoppe

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We Make It Possible!

Your generosity helps keep our

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welcoming, well-stocked, and a place
where parishioners and visitors
connect and feel at home.

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welcoming space
for friendship
and connection

Support a vital
ministry that
builds community
and faith

♥ Please prayerfully consider a donation today. ♥

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO OUR PARISH!

Sip & Stitch NIGHT

Yarn and materials will be provided!

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO KNIT OR CROCHET?
Come enjoy some refreshments and learn a new skill!

ALREADY KNOW HOW?
Come by and stitch with us!

Looking for New Members!

BRING YOUR CROCHET HOOKS AND KNITTING NEEDLES IF YOU HAVE THEM!

Hosted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry



**TUESDAY
AUG 25**



6:30-8PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

Do you enjoy writing cards?

Volunteers are needed to send cards to the homebound, sick, and those celebrating birthdays and more!

Meetings are held once a month on Thursday afternoons.

Please contact the parish office at **508-829-4508** to join.



Father Tim

will be on a
silent directed retreat
at
Mercy by the Sea
Retreat and Conference Center
in Madison, Connecticut
this week.



Please remember him in your prayer.




Partners in Charity 2026 Appeal

SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

Thanks to **178** 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 \$13,359!!!!

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

Teachers Needed  **We can't do it without you! WE NEED YOU!** We need a minimum of 60 loving catechists/teachers as well as substitutes, general aides and helpers before we are able to welcome our children into a new Faith-Sharing Year. If you love kids, love faith and can dedicate 1-2 hrs./week, and commit from Oct-April. Please prayerfully consider joining the ministry as a catechist or as a support helper. Note our current need below:

- **Monday 4:15PM~Grade 1-5: 1 Catechist needed**
- **Tuesday 4:15PM~Grade 1-5: 4 Catechists needed**
- **Sunday 4PM~Grade 6: 3 Catechists needed**
- **Sunday 4PM~Grade 7 & 8: 3 Catechists needed**
- **Sunday 5PM~Grade 9: 3 Catechists needed**
- **Sunday 5PM~Grade 10: 2 Catechists needed**
- **Sunday 5PM~Grade 11: 3 Catechists needed (Classes- Sept 27-Nov 22)**

INTERESTED? Need More Info?...please contact:
Maryjane ~ maryjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com or
Kerry kogrady1@msn.com

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 meet 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. Please let us know if the fee is a burden for your family. All requests will remain in the utmost confidence.



REGISTER TODAY! Visit our website at www.stmarysjeff.com for Grade 1-11 2026-2027 Religious Education Registration!



THE SAINT MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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RAFFLE



AUGUST 2, 2026

LOOKING FOR A

VOLUNTEER

✧ to assist in ✧

PRAYING THE Rosary

AT THE HOLDEN NURSING HOME

TUESDAYS | 10:45 AM

following the COMMUNION SERVICE

Please contact Barbara Stevens | 774-232-0319

✧ All are welcome! ✧

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	Winner Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel Loreto 3-0	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Loreto	R
7/20	5:30 PM	Winner St. Mary's 3-0	Sacred Heart 2	C
7/27	5:30PM	Winner St. Peter 2-1	St. Peter	R
7/27	7:00PM	Winner St. Mary's 3-0	North American Martyrs	C
8/3	5:30PM	Ellsworth McAffe park	St. Matthew	C
8/3	7:00PM	Ellsworth McAffe park	Our Lady of Hope	R

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

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

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

AUGUST 2, 2026

Eightieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.'" (MATTHEW 14:16) This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a bet-

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF JULY 26TH
RACHEL'S TABLE



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE To
All those who donated school supplies to
Christmas In July!

Did You Know

The priest adds a drop of water to the wine during Mass for several theological, historical, and symbolic reasons.

The Flow of Blood and Water: This action represents the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. According to the Gospel of John, when a soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear, blood and water flowed out. The mixture in the chalice mirrors this biblical event.

The Union of Divinity and Humanity: The wine represents the divinity of Jesus, while the water represents human nature. Mixing them symbolizes how Christ took on human form to connect humanity with God.

Ancient Roman and Jewish Custom: In the ancient Mediterranean world, wine was highly concentrated and thick. It was standard courtesy to dilute wine with water before drinking it. Jesus almost certainly used wine mixed with water at the Last Supper, and the church continues this historical tradition.

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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

Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses

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