

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

Corner of Main & Summer Streets, Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545 • Website: [www.stmarysparish.org](http://www.stmarysparish.org)

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Mass

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
& 5:30 pm.

Weekdays & Saturday: 8:30 am.

Holy Days: 8:30 am., 12:00 pm. & 7:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30–4:00 pm.; anytime by  
appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday: 6:00–9:00 pm, Church

Friday: 9:00–1:00 pm, Pastoral Ctr. Chapel

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Michael F. Rose, *Pastor*

Rev. Javier Julio, *Parochial Vicar*

Philip E. Devine, *Deacon*

Jeannie MacDonough, *Principal*

Gina Kuruvilla, *Director of*

*Religious Education & Youth Ministry*

Kathy Canfield, *Gr. K–8 Rel. Ed. Coord.*

Richard Vacca, *Director of Liturgical Music*

Viola Jefferson, *Parish Nurse*

Juan David Parra, *Seminarian Intern*

## CONTACT US

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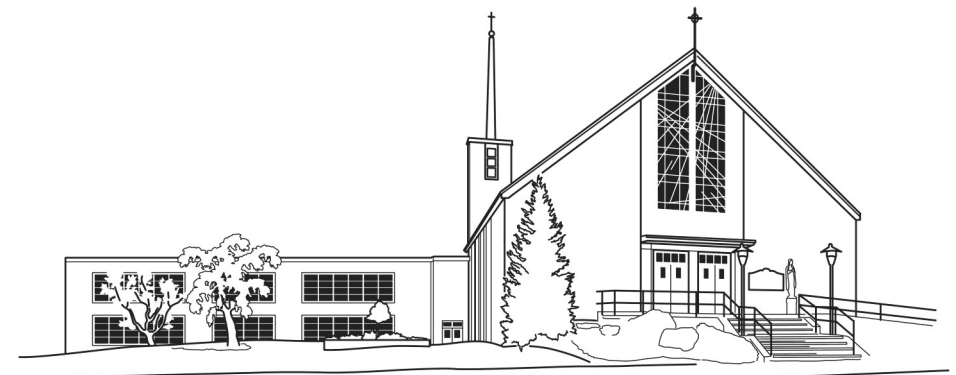
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### Our Parish Mission

*We, the people of St. Mary's, strive to be a community united with God, dedicated to continuing growth in knowledge and faith, giving witness to Christ through love, worship, education, and service. So that we may fulfill this mission and integrate spirituality with life, we shall reach out to all peoples within and beyond our faith community.*



**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We are always happy to welcome new people into our parish family. Please contact the Pastoral Center to register or for more information.

**BAPTISMS:** Baptisms at St. Mary are held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Parents may also schedule to have their child baptized during one of the Sunday Masses. A preparation session for parents preparing for the baptism of their first child is held on the second Monday of the month in the Pastoral Center. Call the Pastoral Center for more information.

**MARRIAGES:** The policy for the Diocese of Worcester requires a period of one year preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the parish priest and participation at either the pre-cana conferences or the Engaged Encounter weekend. Contact one of the priests for arrangements.

**PASTORAL CARE:** Arrangements for the reception of the Sacraments for homebound parishioners can be made by contacting the Pastoral Center. Please also notify the Pastoral Center when a parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise confined. Emergency sick calls at anytime.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Marilyn Blanchard ..... 508-845-1567

Jean Campaniello ..... 508-842-8288

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Robert Terry ..... 508-798-8734

Susan Zybert ..... 508-842-7554

## COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

**Finance:** Maria Lemieux ..... 508-845-8732

**Respect Life:** Kurt Brenner ..... 508-842-0322

**Seniors Jet Set:** Evelyn Baroni ..... 508-845-3511

**Social Justice:** Gina Kuruvilla ..... 508-925-7801

**Outreach:** Mary Daly ..... 508-845-6819

**Stewardship:** Kelly Paulina ..... 774-275-1911

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	8:30 am	† <b>William Walsh</b> By the family
	4:30 pm	† <b>William Isaac</b> By the Shields family
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	7:30 am	† <b>Daniel Daly</b> By the O'Leary family
	9:00 am	† <b>Duane Berquist</b> By Don and JoAnne Rondeau
	11:00 am	† <b>Samuel Ramondelli</b> By Brian and Jen Beaton
	5:30 pm	† <b>Terry and Curry Galli</b> 11th Anniversary by their children
<b>Monday, March 4</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Thomas McCabe</b> By the family
<b>Tuesday, March 5</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Ted Coghlin</b> By Joan
<b>Wed., March 6</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Joan Dolan</b> By St. Mary Faculty & School
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	8:30 am	† <b>John Collins</b> By the Commission for Women
<b>Friday, March 8</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Duane Berquist</b> By the Santiago family
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Gloria Bell</b> By a friend
	4:30 pm	† <b>John Alicandro</b> By the family
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	7:30 am	† <b>Robert Piazza, Sr.</b> 24th Anniversary By Paul & Elsie O'Dell
	9:00 am	† <b>Stephen McNeil</b> By the O'Leary family
	11:00 am	† <b>Danielle Simas</b> By the family
	5:30 pm	† <b>Hope Vittum</b> By friends of the family



**PRAY FOR...**

Brad; Matt battling melanoma and leukemia for two years; good test results for a woman; Peter M's safety during a scuba diving trip; Larry to retain his job until the end of the school year; for a young couple during a difficult time; courage and discernment for a man; all those living with addiction, needing recovery or in recovery; Kimberly's marriage; LY's employment; a man recently diagnosed with cancer; and for an end of violence everywhere around our world.

**Continued prayers for:** Jacqueline; a woman; Linda's full recovery from surgery; Justin; Ryan; Ann; Renee; Allison; Jacob; Jonathan Kramer; MB; RW; Sue; G; David; Tim C. Tim M.; Pamela; our church; Rylie; Martin; Ashok; Michael M.; Dr. Lovejoy; baby Hannah; Jim P. Robert; Sue M's liver; Cindy; Ronnie; Alex; toddler Liam; a teen; Doug; Caleb; Sheila's marriage; Christine's pregnancy; babies Dalton and Graham; Paul Lee; Matthew; George; Jim; Judy; Susan; Ed; Christine; Connie Lukas; Harry; Angelo; Maddie and Chico; John's research and those with no one to pray for them.

**Thanksgiving for:** the births of Magnolia Margaret and Declan Xavier; help from Annette and Mary; rapid and hopefully successful cancer surgery for Linda; CAB's excellent care; a good celebration for a 75th birthday; Paul's most recent MRI showing no cancer; bible study and their presence; E's reconciliation with a family member; Bluefin Technology Partners and their decision to actively recruit and train neurodiverse employees and those involved in the WPI study about the topic; and all answered prayers.

**Prayer Line:** Tracy at 508-450-0137

Rest in Peace  
 John Hawes, Jr. and Madeline Niemiec



**Catholic Men:**

*Find practical wisdom for dealing with the challenges of Life!*

Would you be willing to use 1 of the 365 days you have this year to find solutions to the challenges you and your family face every day? The speakers at the Worcester Diocesan 2019 Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday April 6 at Assumption College, Worcester will reveal the issues facing Catholic Men and the solutions to fix them.

For conference brochure, further information, registration or car pool call David LaLiberty 978-537-1134 or LaLiberty45@gmail.com or go to [www.firstMensConf.org](http://www.firstMensConf.org)

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 9-10**

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	T. Estaphan	C. Lynch, M.L. Lordan, M/M Nelligan, S. Goodwin, S. Gallerani, C. Engdahl	A. Kerekon, B. Kerekon	L. D'Souza
Sunday 7:30am	G. Kuruvilla	P. Caouette, T. Keegan, M. Benbenek, M/M Holland, W. Gooley, G. McNamara	R. White, T. Hruskoci, A. Corazzini P. Hastings, A. Johnson	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am	P. Larkin	S. Zybert, M. Coghlin, F. St. Pierre, E. Ford, K. Ganger	M. Larkin, L. Perkins, E. Perkins G. Morris, J. MacDonough, N. Daley	F. St. Pierre
Sunday 11:00am	D. Malo	M. Vallejo, J. Sousa, M/M Page, L. Ferguson, L. Shuba, S. Howard, K. Paulina J. McAdam	J. Malo, J. Karam, M. Johnson	S. Berkowitz
Sunday 5:30pm	Confirmation Student	E. Keck, M/M Thompson, H. Collins, R. Lopez, J. Garcia	E. Chillo, L. Collins, J. Thomas	A. Figueiredo

## LENT 2019 BEGINS THIS WEEK

The season of Lent will begin this week on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Plan now to join us at St. Mary's as we enter into this holy season

- 6:45 am Mass & Ashes
- 8:30 am Mass & Ashes (St. Mary School joins us)
- 12:00 pm Mass & Ashes
- 4:30pm Liturgy of the Word & Ashes (Gr. 3 & 4 CCD joins us)
- 7:00 pm Mass & Ashes

### FAST & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent for Catholics 14 years of age and older. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics from age 18-59. On these two days of fast one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

**DAILY MASS** will be celebrated during the season of Lent at 6:45 am and 8:30 am (Monday thru Friday) and 8:30 am on Saturday.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Come Home to God's Mercy and Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance during the season of Lent this year  
Every Saturday at 3:30 pm  
Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm. Join us as we reflect and pray on Jesus' journey to Calvary.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evenings in the church from 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00pm in the Pastoral Center Chapel.

### LENTEN ALMSGIVING

CRS Rice Bowls will be available this weekend for your Lenten almsgiving. Your contributions will be divided among several charitable ministries that our parish supports, including Catholic Relief Services, St. Anne's Human Services, Dismas House, the Mustard Seed, and the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Beginning at 6:00 pm on Friday evenings during Lent (March 15, 22, & 29, April 5 & 12) various parish groups will sponsor a simple Soup Supper in the parish hall. Three different meatless soups will be served along with bread and water. This is one small way for us to remember our solidarity with those who are hungry throughout the world as we pray, fast and give alms. A free will offering basket will help raise some funds towards our Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Food packing project in April.

### HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER SEEKS RIDE TO MASS

A homebound St. Mary's parishioner would welcome a volunteer driver to bring her to Mass on occasion on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. For details and more information please contact Fr. Mike at 508.845.6341 or Michael.rose@stmarysparish.org.



### Sunday, March 3

- 8:00 Sunday Coffee-Hall
- 9:00 St. Mary's Adult Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Grade 2 Mass
- 9:00 Children's Choir
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 3:00 Girl Scouts-Gathering Space

### Monday, March 4

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 5:45 Cub Scout Tigers-Hall
- 7:00 Cub Scout Bears-Hall
- 7:00 Washington D.C. Parent Meeting-Large Meeting Room
- 7:15 YNIA Summer Service Parent Meeting-Gathering Space

### Tuesday, March 5

- 9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration-Church
- 6:30 Cub Scout Webelos Den 6-Hall
- 7:00 Social Justice Meeting-Large Meeting Room

### Wednesday, March 6

- 8:30 Ash Wednesday Mass
- 12:00 Ash Wednesday Mass
- 4:15 Children's Choir-Church
- 4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 4:30 Liturgy of the Word
- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Mass

### Thursday, March 7

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 6:30 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room
- 7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall
- 7:00 Liturgy Committee-Mary's Room

### Friday, March 8

- 9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
- 4:00 Lenten Fish Fry-Hall

### Saturday, March 9

- 9:00 St. Mary School Playgroup-Media Center
- 9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 9:00 Shrewsbury Little League Equipment Sale-GS
- 11:00 Grades K, 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR

### Sunday, March 10

- 8:00 Sunday Coffee-Hall
- 9:00 St. Mary's Adult Choir-Media Center
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 4:00 Grade 10 Catholic School CCD-Pastoral Center
- 6:30 Grades 9 & 10 CCD-PC/Hall/School/LMR/GS

### Mass for Haitian Students with Bishop McManus

A dozen students from Haiti who have been sponsored by our diocesan Haitian Apostolate will join us for the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, March 16 provided the present violence in Haiti ends, the airport reopens and the students receive their travel visas. Bishop McManus will celebrate the Mass and all are invited to join us for a light reception in the Large Meeting Room following the celebration.

### ST. MARY'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The basket will be passed a second time this weekend (March 2/3) for St. Mary's Capital Campaign – Our Enduring Covenant. Thank-you for your continued generosity.



## Saint Mary School

Registration for the 2019 - 2020 School Year  
Saint Mary School is now accepting applications online for our Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 through 8 classrooms for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Schedule a tour or a Student Shadow Day to see how Saint Mary School is making a difference for our students, our community and our world through our commitment to faith, academic excellence and authentic examples of service.

Our After-School Program is available for Kindergarten through Grade 8 students from 2:30 - 5:30 pm.

Saint Mary School welcomes students and families from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

For more information, please contact our Admissions Director, Cheryl Dolan at Cheryl.Dolan@stmarysparish.org or 508 842-1601.

Visit our website to complete an application and learn more about Saint Mary School: <https://school.stmarysparish.org/application-packages>



Saint Mary School is looking to hire an adult to vacuum classrooms and sweep hallways in the evening, for a total of about 8 hours/week.

Interested? Call Jeannie MacDonough at 508-842-1601.

Come join us for  
**Saint Mary's Playgroup**  
(Ages 2.6-4 are welcome to attend)

**When:** Saturday, March 9th  
**Time:** 9:00 - 10:30 am  
**Place:** Saint Mary School Library

Join us for story time and a fun craft! Light refreshments will be served. This is a great way to get to know your Saint Mary community!

A parent/guardian is required to stay with their child.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY AT OUR WEBSITE: [HTTPS://GOO.GL/FORMS/JGS2PB1V3KQGGZ73](https://goo.gl/forms/JGS2PB1V3KQGGZ73)**

Hosted by: Saint Mary School

## NEW PARISHIONERS



We extend a warm welcome to the following people who joined St. Mary's parish during the month of February: Paul and Alicia Desiderio.

## WELCOME TABLE

If you are a new parishioner, we are very glad to welcome you to St. Mary's. In the coming months we hope that you will take time to GET REGISTERED ... GET CONNECTED ... and GET INVOLVED. Parishioners involved in our Welcoming Ministry are here to help you in any way we can.

To register in the parish, you may call or stop by the Pastoral Center and Kerry, the parish secretary, will help you. You can also register online at the parish website at [www.stmarysparish.org](http://www.stmarysparish.org).

## 9th Annual



**Friday, March 8 from 4-8 pm**

**Last weekend for discounted tickets!**

Stop by the Fish Fry table after any Mass this weekend to get yours. You can also get them through Thursday March 7 by visiting [www.StMarysFishFry.com](http://www.StMarysFishFry.com). (For those who buy online-your names will be on a list at the door).

Advance tickets are just \$8 for Fish & Chips, coleslaw, a soft drink, dessert and coffee. Kids' meal tickets are just \$4 for pizza or mac & cheese, a soft drink and dessert.

**Come with your family or friends!  
No reservations needed!**

You will also be able to purchase tickets at the door- \$10 for the Fish & Chips dinner; \$5 for the Kids' Meals. Clam Chowder, beer and wine will also be available for an additional charge.

## Environmental Stewardship Ministry: Great news

Millions of monarch butterflies safely made it from Canada to Mexico for the winter - more than twice as many as last year! "Goldilocks" weather - not too hot, not too cold, just right - along the migratory route helped the eastern monarch population swell to its highest number in over a decade.

But the monarch population is still far lower than that needed for long term survival. Habitat loss, herbicides, and climate change have impacted the beautiful creatures. Why not plant milkweed in your home or parish garden this spring to help them out? Swamp milkweed is recommended for gardens (even if the soil isn't wet). Milkweed is the only plant monarch caterpillars will eat. For more information please click on this link:

<https://monarchjointventure.org/get-involved/create-habitat-for-monarchs>

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the families and the children who were baptized during the month of February: Declan Adcock, Luciana Bisceglia, Giovanni Lima, Thea Mackey, Connor Murphy and Mateo Sousa.

*May they grow in the faith that we profess in Christ Jesus.*

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm. Please call the pastoral center to make arrangements for your child's baptism. Parents who would like to have their first child baptized will be asked to participate in a Baptism Preparation session which are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the pastoral center.



**SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR 4th  
LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT WEEKEND  
MARCH 29 - APRIL 1, 2019**

The Light of the World (LOTW) parish retreat gives parishioners the opportunity to grow in their faith together. The experience helps people to live the Catholic Christian life with more zeal and enthusiasm. The retreat weekend starts on Friday evening (after work) through Monday evening (after work) and during the day on Saturday and Sunday. Unlike most retreats, however, participants return to their homes each night. Men and women attend the same retreat.

**Retreat Dates & Times**

The retreat weekend will be held right here at St. Mary's and starts with an opening session of Friday. It continues from 8am - 7pm on Saturday & Sunday and concludes with a final session on Monday evening.  
Friday, March 29 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday, March 30 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Sunday, March 31 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Monday, April 1 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

**Additional Details**

All meals and snacks are included. You do not need to prepare or bring anything with you, but feel free to bring whatever will make you more comfortable. The environment is relaxed & dress is casual and at the end of each day, you will return to the comfort of your own home. There will be a series of presentations, each building on the one before to complete a journey of discovering the "Good News." For this reason, we ask that you please plan to attend the entire retreat.

**WHAT ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THEIR LIGHT OF THE WORLD EXPERIENCE**

*For most of my life, I felt that the practice of my faith was an individual endeavor. After attending the LOTW Retreat, I understood that Christ meant for us to become more Christ-like as a community together-helping us find our true self-which is one with Christ himself by being a part of one family of God-the Church. Jack Collins*

*LOTW Retreat was one of the most profound experiences (much to my surprise) of my life. There are truly no words to describe it.*

**Have you ever thought of a vocation to the priesthood?**

Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on April 12 & 13. This retreat begins 6pm Friday and ends 6pm Saturday. It is for men high school age, college age and older. The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester in Putnam, CT. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed. Visit [worcestervocations.com](http://worcestervocations.com) for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at [jmazzone@charter.net](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net) or by phone at 508-340-5788 to sign up.

**LENTEN MISSION**

Save the dates for the Lenten Cluster Mission  
March 24, 25 & 26 7:00 pm

With Fr. Vincent Fortunato, O.F.M. Cap.

Sunday, March 24 at St. Mary of the Hills  
Monday, March 25 at St. Anne's  
Tuesday, March 26 at St. Mary's

Fr. Vincent Fortunato O.F.M. Cap. is an ordained priest with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. He has served his community for 20 years in Formation Ministry and as Provincial Minister for 6 years. He has an M. Div. degree from Darlington Seminary and a MA degree in Spirituality from Creighton University. He has certifications in Spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats. He has taught Spiritual Direction at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall and Washington Theological Union. He is a preacher for Parish Missions and retreats and is a Missionary of Mercy. Presently he lives in Wilmington DE.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the Collection for the **Church in Latin America** has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all, and this collection is a prophetic and bold way to do so.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the faithful of Latin America and the Caribbean to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world. A significant portion of this collection is also used to assist in the ongoing efforts of our own Diocesan Hispanic Ministry, which serves the large number of Hispanic and Latina Catholics who are now in the Diocese of Worcester. It is gratifying to see the life of faith flourishing in these parish communities as their faith life enriches us all.

I encourage you to respond to the theme to "Share your Faith" by supporting the special collection for the Church in Latin America next weekend, March 9 & 10. Please be assured of my appreciation for your generous response.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

**Pray Like the Pope this Lent  
An Introduction to the Ignatian Examen.**

A team of people experienced in Ignatian Prayer will lead a Lenten prayer evening utilizing the Examen at 6:00pm at **St. Rose of Lima in Northborough, MA.** on March 10, 2019. The Examen is a method of prayer in which we sift through our daily experiences and notice the ways we are drawn towards God, or the ways we drift away from Him. During this evening those gathered will be led in a 20-minute Examen experience, followed by a small group reflection period. All are welcome. No prior experience is required