

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Corner of Main & Summer Streets, Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545 • Website: 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*

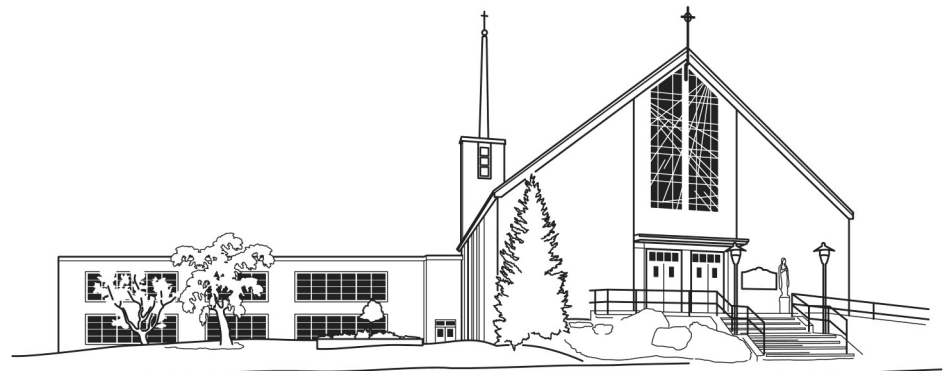
Philip E. Devine, *Deacon*

Jeannie MacDonough, *Principal*

Gina Kuruvilla, *Director of*

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

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



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	Matthew Hastings.....	508-845-5012
Jean Campaniello	508-842-8288	Silvester Noronha	508-925-4581
Robert Doiron.....	978-568-3696	Kelly Paulina	508-845-8557
Jim Farrell	508-330-6153	Sheila Seed	508-842-6326
Lynne Grden	508-363-3636	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	508-845-8557

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, Dec. 7	8:30 am	† Christopher Roy 1st Anniversary by the family
	4:30 pm	† Michelena Bibeau , 1st Anniversary By her daughter † Michael Marden By the family
Sunday, Dec. 8	7:30 am	† Megan and Madison Wolohan By the family
	9:00 am	† Ella Brown By the family
	11:00 am	† Danielle Simas † Glen and Mark Umphrey By the families
	5:30 pm	† John P. Collins By the Canzano family
Monday, Dec. 9	8:30 am	† John Iandoli By Evelyn Baroni
Tuesday, Dec. 10	8:30 am	† Ted Coghlin 5th Anniversary by the family
Wed., Dec. 11	8:30 am	† Simon L. Sawtelle By the family
Thursday, Dec. 12	8:30 am	† Paul Serra 1st Anniversary by MaryLou Darcy
Friday, Dec. 13	8:30 am	† Charlotte Erkson 5th Anniversary by the family
Saturday, Dec. 14	8:30 am	† Jean Pandolfi 1st Anniversary by the family
	4:30 pm	† Vernon and Muriel Babigian By the family
Sunday, Dec. 15	7:30 am	† Norman Balthazar By his brother
	9:00 am	† Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Coghlin, Sr. Edwin B. Coghlin, Jr., John Coghlin Joan Coghlin By the family
	11:00 am	† Sousa-Fernandes Family & Friends By Joe and Elisa Sousa
	5:30 pm	† Cindy Correia By the family



PRAY FOR...

Rest of the souls of Dot Wilson, Solange Duquette, John Trexler and Jacqueline Olivieri and peace for their families;

Henry and his mother, Marion; Nancy's wrist with carpal tunnel to heal; Emily's full healing following a shoulder replacement; safe travel for everyone over the holiday season; Jacob's recovery from a difficult illness; discernment for a young woman graduating from college; Corey and family; Joe's return to sobriety; Jay's easy and safe transition to school and wellness; Judy's full recovery from a difficult surgery; Brian and his family; Bill's full and fast recovery from a challenging illness and for a contemplative Advent season.

Continued prayers for: Bill and his wife; Jackie; Julie; Jim with a brain tumor and Jim P.; a young man in chemo for kidney cancer; Linda with bone and liver cancer; employment for Lynn; Agatha; Tim H.; Tim C.; Tim M; Katie; Bailey; Meghan; Mark; Pam; Susan; Katya; Mary Jane; Pat C.; Justin; Christine; DP; Stan; George; David; Phil; Richard; Mary; Peter; Paul; James; Jerry; Jeremiah; Susan; Joe; Sam; Jackie H.; Gail; Toni; Anita; Ethan; Nancy; Amalia; Martha; Carole; Effie; Paul; Caleb; Sarah; Helen; Jacob; and John.

Thanksgiving for: generous family members; the successful sale of a special property; Antonio's and friend's help; Josie's gift and ministry; all participants and benefactors for the Senior Luncheon, the Turkey Trot for the Memory, the creators and participants in the Seniors vs. seniors trivia contest at the Shrewsbury Senior Center; all those who donated Thanksgiving cards and food products for St. Anne's Human Services; the Jail Diversion Program overseen by Advocates, Inc.; some time off from work; thankfulness and graciousness and for all answered prayers.

Prayer Line: Tracy at 508-450-0137

Maysoon Khair will be at our church this weekend, December 7&8, 2019 representing school of Joy for slow learner children and over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles. Due to the bad situation in the Holy Land and the interruption of the tourist trade that is happening with our Christian families in Bethlehem, they must seek alternative ways to earn a living.



After all Masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues. Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land. Thanks you and God Bless you

Liturgical Ministry Schedule December 14-15

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	G. Kuruvilla	M. Damico, C. Engdahl, M.L. Lordan, S. Seed	E. Clifford, E. Ferguson, C. Jarry, N. Podlizec	J. Nelligan
Sunday 7:30am	T. Kennedy	M. Blute, P. Caouette, T. Keegan, P. Kelly, R. Mungovan, A. Noone, S. Puthanangady	P. Hastings, T. Hruskoci, R. White	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am	J. Valutkevich	P. Ahearn, K. Contreras, M/M Godek	B. Kerekon, A. Kerekon, E. Perkins A. Scheffel	B. Godek
Sunday 11:00am	J. McAdam	E. Baroni, J.M. Carey, J. Ellis, S. Howard, E. Korpi, M. Minnucci, M. Page, J. Sousa	A. Belanger, M. Farrell, M. Johnson J. Sweetwood	J.M. Carey
Sunday 5:30pm	J. Guilford	C. Cruz, N. Duquette, V. Eda, V. Moskowitz, M.L. Nevins, M. Serafin	T. Buricatu	A. Figueiredo



MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S

The Christmas Mass schedule will remain as it has been for the past several years. We are grateful to St. John's High School for allowing us to use the school cafeteria (Salem Commons) for the addition 4:30pm Vigil Mass where there is more handicapped parking and easily accessibility.

Tuesday, December 24

- 4:30pm Mass in Church
- 4:30pm Mass at St. John's High School (Salem Commons)
- 7:00pm Mass with Children's Pageant
- 12:00 am Midnite Mass with Adult Christmas Choir

Wednesday, December 25

- 9:00am Christmas Mass
- 11:00am Christmas Mass

LIGHTING & BLESSING OF OUTDOOR NATIVITY

The blessing of the parish outdoor nativity scene and manger will take place on Sunday, December 15th immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. The lighting of the outdoor manger will take place following the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, December 14th.



BLESSING OF HOME NATIVITY

On **Sunday, December 22nd** we invite children to bring a figure of the Christ Child to the 9:00 am Mass for a special blessing before placing it in their family nativity scene.

Christmas Carol Festival



From Thanksgiving to Christmas something happens in our culture. We embark on a quest for gifts, for family togetherness, for love, and for Christmas traditions. We invite you to encounter Jesus at the heart of the Christmas story by singing Christmas carols together! Friends and families are invited to come to St. Mary's on Friday, December 13th at 6:30pm for a joy-filled evening of song.

GIVING TREE

Once again our giving tree tables have 600 tags stating the needs of families from St. Anne's Human Service and Catholic Charities. The white tags are for Catholic Charities clients, the red tags are for St. Anne's clients. **All gifts must be returned December 15 by noon. Please do not return before December 15.** See each tag for wrapping instructions. Please firmly attach the tags to the outside of all gifts to insure proper distribution. The gifts will be delivered to the agencies on Sunday, December 9 after the 11:00 Mass. **You may buy as much or as little as you want.** Thank you. For more information call Maryanne Damico at 508-845-9674.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The December packet of offertory envelopes contains one marked Christmas Flowers. Your offerings will assist us in decorating the church for the Christmas season. Please write the names of family members on the envelope so that we may remember them at Mass.



Sunday, December 8

- 9:00 St. Mary Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Grade 4 Mass
- 9:30 Breakfast with Santa-Hall/Gathering Space
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/Large Meeting Room
- 12:30 Households of Faith-Hall/Large Meeting Room
- 4:00 RCIA-Media Center
- 6:30 Grades 9 & 10 CCD-School/Hall/LMR/GS/PC

Monday, December 9

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 7:00 Baptism Class-Mary's Room

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration-Church
- 6:00 Cub Scout Tigers-Hall
- 7:00 SYFS Fundraising Committee-Large Meeting Room
- 7:00 PRAE-St. Luke

Wednesday, December 11

- 11:00 Mass at Residence/Orchard Grove
- 1:00 St. Mary School Christmas Play-Church
- 4:15 Children's Choir-Church
- 4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 5:45 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room
- 7:00 St. Mary School Christmas Play-Church

Thursday, December 12

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 6:30 Bears Den 1-Gathering Space
- 7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall

Friday, December 13

- 9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
- 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 30930-Gathering Space
- 6:30 Christmas Carol Festival-Hall

Saturday, December 14

- 9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/Large Meeting Room
- 11:00 Grades K, 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/Large Meeting Room
- 5:30 Simbang Gabi-Hall

Sunday, December 15

- 9:00 St. Mary Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Children's Choir
- 9:00 Blessing of the Nativity
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/Large Meeting Room
- 4:00 RCIA-Media Center
- 5:30 Eastpoint Services-Large Meeting Room

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Today's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Religious sisters and brothers have cared for others and did so with little concern for themselves. Today tens of thousands of them are now elderly, frail and in need of assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious supports these men and women who continue to shape the lives and faith of millions of Americans. It is important that we offer our thanks to these religious who have influenced us so deeply.



Saint Mary School

Schedule a visit to see how Saint Mary School is making a difference for our students and our community as you witness our commitment to faith, academic excellence and authentic examples of service.

Our Programs

- Preschool (2.9 years old by 8/31)

Preschool Options:

2-day (T/Th), 3-day (M/W/F), or 5-day Morning Sessions
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Introducing Full Day Pre-Kindergarten for the 2020 – 2021 School Year!

- Full Day Pre-Kindergarten (4 years old by 8/31)
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Kindergarten (5 years old by 8/31)
- Elementary School Grades: 1 - 4
- Middle School Grades: 5 – 8

Our After-School Program is available for Kindergarten through Grade 8 students from 2:30 pm – 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 learn more about Saint Mary School: <https://school.stmarysparish.org/>

Wanted:

Actors
for the St. Mary's
Christmas Eve Pageant



Rehearsals will be held on
Thursday December 19th and Monday December 23rd at 6:30pm
in the church.

The play will take place during the 7pm mass on Christmas Eve.
A sign-up sheet is available in the sacristy.

For questions please contact Jamie Horvath at 719-322-3532

ST. MARY'S PARISH PRESENTS

BRITISH LANDSCAPES

A Trip to England, Scotland & Wales in 2020

June 25-July 4, 2020

Ten Days – Eight Breakfast & four dinners

With Collette Travel

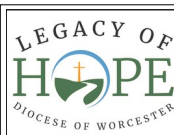
Brochures available in the sacristy and Pastoral Center

December 19, 2019 deadline to guarantee your seat.



COME SUPPORT THE ST. MARY'S CHILDREN CHOIR

The St. Mary Children's Choir will be featured guests at the Northborough Area Community Chorus Christmas Concert Sunday, December 8 at 3:00p.m. Algonquin Regional High School Tickets are \$5.00 at the door or contact Jan Capello 508-393-3189



LEGACY OF HOPE

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK-YOU to all the St. Mary's Parishioners who have been so generous in their support of the Legacy of Hope Campaign for our parish and Diocese.

We have raised \$1,365,971 in gifts and pledges!

Now that we have surpassed our parish goal, 60% of the funds raised will be returned to St. Mary's and 40% will offer additional support to the diocesan components-care for our retired priests, financial aid assistance for families providing a Catholic education for their children, social outreach, and evangelization programs.

Pledge envelopes can be found by the bulletins and on the window sills of the Church. While we have met our dollar goal, we still wish to increase the number of parishioners supporting the legacy of Hope Campaign. Gifts and pledges can also be made online at www.stmarysparish.org.

St. Mary's Youth Group

St. Mary's is forming a youth group for teens in High School. Anyone interested is invited to join Fr. Javier on Sunday, December 8 at 7:00pm in the Media Center. All are welcome!



SIMBANG GABI - A FILIPINO CHRISTMAS TRADITION

The Simbang Gabi tradition was introduced to the Philippines by the Spanish friars to allow the farmers to hear Mass before going to the fields early in the morning. Simbang Gabi is also known by its popular Spanish name as the Misa De Gallo or "Mass of the Rooster". Church bells would start ringing as early as 3:00am, waking people up so they could get ready for the 4:00am dawn Mass which they would attend for the nine days before Christmas. Today the tradition continues although it is celebrated in new ways. Churches are decorated with colorful lights and beautiful parol lanterns to welcome church goers. After the Mass traditional delicacies are served.

On **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14** this Filipino tradition will continue at the 4:30pm Mass here at St. Mary's. Some Filipino parishioners will lead the music at this Mass and will offer a taste of Filipino treats after the Mass. Please join us.



2020 CALENDARS

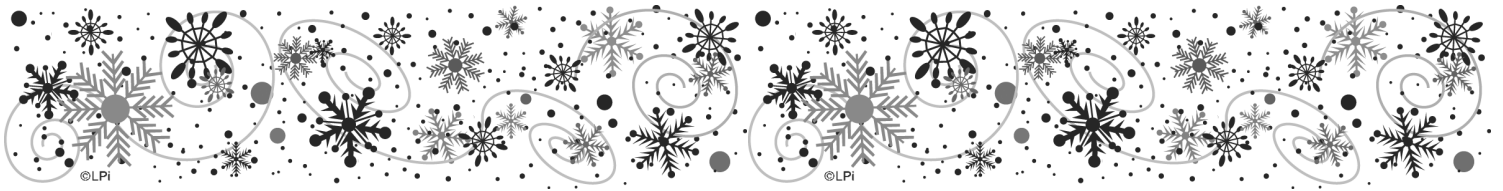
New calendars for 2020 are available this weekend in the front and sides vestibules of the church. We are grateful to Shannon Henry and Britton Funeral Home for making these calendars available to us each year.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the families and the children who were baptized during the month of November: Vanessa Caola, Matteo Carelli, Paul Gannon, III, Steven Horan, Elizabeth Murphy, and Sam Nickerson.

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.



Christmas Carol Festival

*Take a break from the shopping,
the rushing, and the stress and join us for our
Christmas Carol Festival.*

Friday, December 13th, 6:30-7:30 pm
Church Hall at St. Mary's Parish
20 Summer Street, Shrewsbury



*invite your friends & family to join you for
a night of Christmas music, story, and
community. After our sing-a-long, stay and
enjoy some refreshments. If you are able, please
bring a plate of cookies to share.*

