

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.*

Richard Vacca, *Director of Liturgical Music*

Viola Jefferson, *Parish Nurse*

CONTACT US

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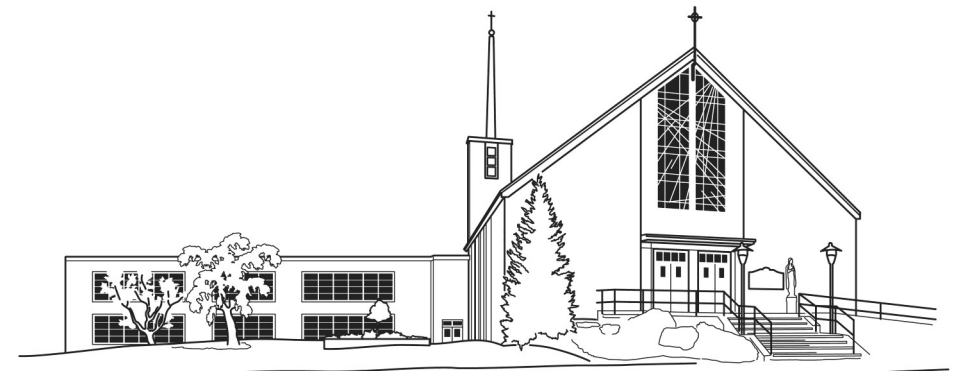
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Parish Health Ministry 508-925-7647

Our Parish Mission

St. Mary Parish is a diverse and welcoming Catholic community giving witness to Jesus Christ through love, worship, faith formation, and service. We fulfill our mission by living the Gospel through word, action, and evangelization within and beyond our 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

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COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

Finance: Maria Lemieux
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Social Justice: Gina Kuruvilla
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ST. MARY'S SHREWSBURY

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, Jan. 11	8:30 am	†Lt. Matthew J. Murray By the family
	4:30 pm	†Robert Simpson By Holly Simpson-Reese and family
Sunday, Jan. 12	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	†Gerard Tremblay By the family
	11:00 am	†Danielle Simas By the family
	5:30 pm	†Ildede Maggi and Guy Fruda By the family
Monday, Jan. 13	8:30 am	†Claudio Fernandez By the family
Tuesday, Jan. 14	8:30 am	†Matthew Smith By Gina Joubert
Wed., Jan. 15	8:30 am	†Sousa-Fernandes Family & Friends By Joe and Elisa Sousa
Thursday, Jan. 16	8:30 am	
Friday, Jan. 17	8:30 am	†James Broquist †Jennifer Broquist By the family
Saturday, Jan. 18	8:30 am	
	4:30 pm	†James and Mary Tinsley †Andrea Carlson & Nancy Reilly By the family
Sunday, Jan. 19	7:30 am	†Lillian Ovitt By Paul and Elsie O'Dell
	9:00 am	†Donnie Eaton By the D'Andrea family
	11:00 am	†William Kalinowski 9th Anniversary by the family
	5:30 pm	†Ralph Burgoyne By the family



Paul diagnosed with mononucleosis; Wesley; Jacob; Sam; LT's employment and financial stability; James battling addiction; Tom with kidney cancer; Pat and Denise also with cancer to have ease of pain and peace; all service members rapidly deployed and for their families; an end of war; a family's protection from unwanted influence by another family in their town and continued closeness between the members of the family; a family in financial difficulties to find a way through them; M's daughter's upcoming successful knee surgery; a man beginning chemotherapy for leukemia; an accurate diagnosis to correct David's ambulation; Bob to gain full healing and strength; Mary's improved illness; Jeff for healing of the heart; a woman; and for possibility and new beginnings.

Continued prayers for: Scott; Michael; Cheryl; Jim; Ray; Heather; Collette; Steven; Anna Bridget; D; David; Karen; Trudee; Lilly; Julie; Brian; Marylizbeth; Angelo; DP; Connor; Doug; Larkin; Jeff; Tim C.; Tim M.; Nancy; Emily; Corey; Joe T.; Kendra; Jay; Jackie; Julie; Jim; Mim P.; Linda; Agatha; Tim H.; Bailey; Meghan; Mark; Susan; Mary Jane; Pat C.; Christine; Stan; George; Phil; Richard; Mary; Susan Jackie; H.; Gail; Toni; Anita; Amailia; Caleb; Sarah; Helen; and John.

Thanksgiving for: Zack's and Charlie's presence and help; successful surgery and pain relief for David; L's recent birthday and appreciation for the life partner who "walked the walk in good and bad times" and for God's constancy; WDW; a business opportunity; SYFS and their assessment of needs of 60+ year old town residents; all the volunteers and participants for 12/23's Caroling on the Common; Jackson's improved health; improved health for a woman; DN; and all answered prayers.

Prayer Line: Tracy at 508-450-0137



Anthony Amorello, Maryann Ford, Marjorie Habib, Robert Liskiewicz, Michael Monahan, and Mary Pegg

Liturgical Ministry Schedule January 18-19

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	E. Van Atten	M/M Blanchard, M/M Nelligan, K. Van Atten	N. Apicerno, E. Ferguson, G. Nickerson, R. Rourke	L. Nelligan
Sunday 7:30am	N. Hughes	M. Blute, P. Caouette, W. Gooley, M. Lemoine, G. McNamara	A. Johnson, A. Corazzini	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am	G. Sullivan	P. Ahearn, K. Ganger, M. Skehan, J. Sliwoski	C. Bird, B. Jorda, E. Jorda, B. Sullivan, S. Sullivan	E. Ford
Sunday 11:00am	D. Malo	S. Allington, J.M. Carey, J. McAdam, M. Minnucci, E. Page, K. Paulina, L. Shuba, M. Smith	A. Foss, J. Karam, J. Malo S. O'Connor	J.M. Carey
Sunday 5:30pm	D. Corcoran	S. Blanco, C. Cruz, V. Eda, G. Joubert, L. Perreault, J. Srnka	W. Brunner, T. Hruskoci, N. Srnka	S. Pegg

Dear Friends,

As the Christmas season draws to a close with today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. I join Fr. Javier and the entire St. Mary's parish staff in extending to you our continued prayers and best wishes for a happy, healthy new year. I also thank you for your many gestures of kindness and care throughout the days of Christmas – for your cards and candy, cookies and gifts. We have enjoyed and shared them all!

As is the case every year, so many people have shared their gifts and talents this Christmas season so that our parish community could celebrate the fullness of Jesus' birth. Without their gifts shared so generously, we would not have been able to celebrate the Christmas liturgies with such beauty and joy. A special word of thanks to Rick Vacca, our Director of Music, as we welcomed him back to the choir loft after his successful kidney transplant surgery two months ago. A very special thanks to Christine Carter, our adult choir director, for all her efforts in preparing our Advent & Christmas music. Thank-you to the members of the adult choir and children's choirs & our high school, college and graduate musicians, Jan Capello, Stephanie Sarkisian, Charles Nwachuku, cantors and musicians for bringing us the sounds of Christmas. Thank you to Lisa Ferguson, Marilyn Blanchard, Fr. Javier, the Art & Environment committee and many volunteers for their tremendous efforts decorating the church for Christmas, and thanks to "men of the manger" who set up our outdoor crèche once again. Thank-you to Headmaster Alex Zequeira, Warren & Beth Hayden and the St. John's High School community for their hospitality welcoming us for Mass on Christmas Eve. Thank-you to all who served as liturgical ministers – lectors, ministers of communion, altar servers, greeters, ushers, Mass coordinators and leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word. Thank-you to Jamie Horvath for coordinating our Christmas pageant once again on Christmas Eve and those who assisted. Thank-you to all who work in our school and religious education program for helping our children and youth understand the true meaning of Christmas. Thank-you to Maryanne Damico and all who assisted in coordinating the Giving Tree and delivering hundreds of gifts for children and families in need. Thank-you to the volunteers who visit the nursing home and the homebound and bring comfort to people who are no longer able to be with us at Mass. And thank-you to all the staff members of St. Mary's for all that you do throughout the year.

God Bless you all!

Msgr. Mike



Sunday, January 12

- 9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 12:30 Households of Faith-Hall/LMR
- 3:00 Girl Scout Troop 30308-Gathering Space
- 6:30 Grades 9 & 10 CCD-School/Hall/LMR/GS/PC

Monday, January 13

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 7:00 Baptism Class-Mary's Room
- 7:00 Webelos Den 7-Hall
- 7:00 Haiti Committee Meeting-St. John
- 7:00 LOTW Prayer Group-St. Luke
- 7:00 Grade 10 Confirmation Parent Mtg-LMR
- 7:30 High School Parent Mtg/Summer Service Info-LMR

Tuesday, January 14

- 9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Eucharist Adoration-Church
- 7:00 Advisory Board Meeting-Media Center
- 7:00 PRAE-St. Luke
- 7:00 Middle School Catechist Meeting-LMR

Wednesday, January 15

- 11:00 Mass at Residence/Orchard Grove
- 4:15 Children's Choir-Church
- 4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/ LMR
- 5:45 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room
- 7:00 Middle School Catechist Meeting-LMR
- 7:00 Grade 9 Teacher Meeting-St. Luke
- 7:00 Respect Life Ministry-Mary's Room

Thursday, January 16

- 9:15 Weight Training
- 7:00 Men's Group-Media Center
- 7:00 Grade 10 Teacher Meeting-Mary's Room
- 7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall

Friday, January 17

- 9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
- 2:30 Mass at Shrewsbury Nursing Home
- 5:30 Pinewood Derby Setup-Hall
- 6:00 Grade 8 Retreat-Large Meeting Room

Saturday, January 18

- 9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 11:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 3:00 Pinewood Derby-Hall
- 4:30 Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Sunday, January 19

- 8:00 Girl Scout Cookie Sale
- 9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Children's Choir-Church
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 12:30 Baptisms-Church

Hearing Assistance Available

St. Mary's has installed a new hearing assistance system in our church designed for people who are hearing impaired and need help overcoming background noise, reverberation or distance from speakers. Please stop into the sacristy before or after Mass to learn more and to try one of the new receivers.



**NEW HOURS FOR
ST. MARY'S PASTORAL CENTER**

Kerry Martineau, our Parish Administrative Assistant, will be available in the Pastoral Center from Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 am – 4:30pm.

You may visit the Pastoral Center during these hours. Contact Kerry by phone at 508-845-6341 ext. 0 or email at Kerry.martineau@stmmarysparish.org



SAVE THE DATES!

**January 2020 Open House
& Registration**

Sunday, January 26, 2020

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Visit our Open House 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

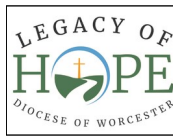
- Kindergarten (*5 years old by 8/31*)
- Elementary School Grades: 1 - 4
- Middle School Grades: 5 – 8

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/>



ST. MARY'S LEGACY OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

St. Mary's will conclude our Legacy of Hope Campaign at the end of January. We are so very grateful for such a generous response from so many St. Mary's parishioners. To date we have received \$1,446,000 in gifts and pledges which is 144% of our parish goal of \$989,782. Forty percent of all monies raised up to our goal will come back to St. Mary's. We are now at the point where 60% will be returned to our parish for needs we have identified:

New Flooring & carpeting for the Church New Lighting for the Church and Sanctuary Church Sanctuary Renovations Ongoing Maintenance for Church and parish hall.

The Diocesan share in the Legacy of Hope will support; Priests' Retirement & Custodial Care Endowment Catholic School Financial Aid Endowment Parish Charitable Outreach Endowment Parish Evangelization Endowment Capital Repairs at St. Paul's Cathedral

If you have not had the opportunity to make your gift or pledge, please consider doing so during the month of January. Pledge envelopes can be found by the bulletins and on the window sills. You may also make your gift/pledge on line. Visit St. Mary's Parish website at www.stmarysparish.org for complete information.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank-you for your ongoing support of St. Mary's Parish

Month of December (weekly average) \$17,692

St. Mary's Parish invites you to the

Saint Mary Pasta Festival

Please join us for a yummy dinner of pasta, meatballs and more!

When: Saturday, January 25

Where: Church Hall

Time: Immediately following 4:30 Mass

The Pasta Festival is sponsored by the Saint Mary School Parents Association (SMPA) with gratitude to our St. Mary's Parish community for all they do to support our school.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, February 8

Irish Pub Night

St. Mary's Church Hall

\$40 per person

Raffles and Silent Auction



The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Mary Parish offers you a source of comfort and God's love. If you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, please contact Deborah at 508-842-8653 or Sue at 508-842-8518 and they will make arrangements to deliver a "hug from God."

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY FAIR

JANUARY 11 & 12

"...Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me." Matthew 25:40

Are you looking for opportunities for service or to express your love and concern for the poor and the marginalized? Would you like to learn about the work of the Social Justice Ministry at our parish? Please stop by in the parish hall after Mass on **Saturday, January 11 or Sunday, January 12**. The Social Justice committee will be holding a ministry fair then. It will be an opportunity for us to "show and tell" about our work for organizations such as IHN, Days for Girls, WARM, Dismas House, Visitation House, Jeremiah's Inn and many others.

Please visit our display tables for information as well as fun give-aways and tasty goodies! All are welcome!

"Catholic Men's Group

...will meet on Thursday, January 16 at 7pm in the school's Media Center. Come and celebrate The Men's Group meets every 3rd Thursday of the month."



St. Bernadette Youth Ministry Invites you to March for Life!

St. Bernadette Youth Ministry invites all parishioners to join us as we travel to Washington D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life on Friday, January 24, 2020. The bus will depart St. Bernadette's at 8:00 pm on Thursday, January 23, 2020 and arrive in Washington, D.C. early Friday morning. The bus will arrive back at St. Bernadette's around 1:00 am on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Cost for the trip is \$100 per person. Contact Lori Howard at 508-393-2838 for details and to register.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our Giving Tree this past year. The outpouring of gifts was amazing and very generous and much appreciated.

Thanks to Msgr. Mike and Fr. Javier for their support. St. Mary's is truly blessed.

Thanks again, Maryanne and the Giving Tree Team

Dear Clergy and Parishioners,

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped with this year's Giving Tree Program. It was a huge success! Here are a few numbers to show the great work being done by our food pantry volunteers.

- The food bank issued this 2019 Fiscal Report
- Total households served-481 per month
- Total people-1263 per month
- Total visits involving food distribution for the year-12,719

We operate food assistance four times per week distributing an average of 32,256 lbs of food every month. This includes fresh fruit and vegetables, canned goods and meat. Excess produce is taken to a Worcester shelter.

God bless all involved.

Elaine LeBlanc

OVER-THE COUNTER MEDICINE FOR VENEZUELA

Juan and Cristina Perfetti will be collecting over the counter medications this month to send to their home country of Venezuela where there is a severe shortage of these basic necessities due to the ongoing unrest. Their friends from the Eudist Catholic Congregation helped a lot of people in need with St. Mary's donations two years ago, and they are asking for help once again. The goal is to collect 50-100 pounds of products and send them to Venezuela through a private parcel service. The package will be received and distributed by the Catholic congregation of the Eudists in different parishes in need nationwide.

Suggested list of products. Boxes will be placed at the church entrances for your donations:

Acetaminophen (Kids/Adults)
Ibuprofen (Kids/Adults)
Loratadine (Kids/Adults)
Cetirizine
Ranitidine
Omeprazole
Vaseline
Calamine lotion
Vitamin B complex
Diapers (baby)
Diapers (Adults)
Sanitary Pads (Women)
First aid:
sterile gauze pads of different sizes
adhesive tape
Adhesive and elastic bandages in several sizes
antiseptic wipes
antibiotic ointment
antiseptic solution (like hydrogen peroxide)
hydrocortisone cream (1%)
disposable instant cold packs
alcohol wipes or ethyl alcohol



The cluster book club will be meeting on Thursday, 23 January at 7 pm in the rectory of St. Anne's. We will be discussing the Gospel of John. If you have any questions, call Tom Schonhoff at 774/262-6174.

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2020 dates are: Men's - February 6-9, 2020 & September 10-13, 2020; and Women's May 28-31, 2020 & October 22-25, 2020. All Weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Pam Hamilton at 774.239.8909 or pamilton1284@gmail.com Or Joan Laracy at 774.239.2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.