

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*

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Gina Kuruvilla, *Director of*

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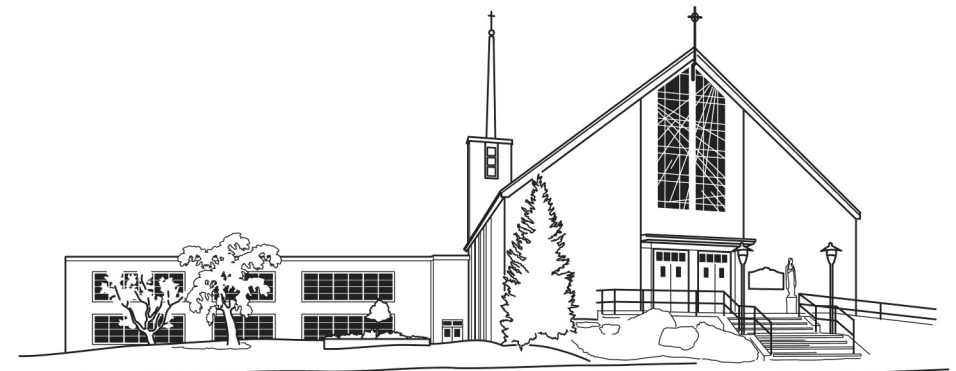
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Our Parish Mission

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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ST. MARY'S SHREWSBURY

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, Feb. 22	8:30 am	† Fr. Louis Gould By the Burke family
	4:30 pm	† James Hopkins , Birthday Remembrance By Pam McKinley
Sunday, Feb. 23	7:30 am	† Frank Masiello , 37th Anniversary † Mary Masiello , 5th Anniversary By the family
	9:00 am	† John Norohna , 10th Anniversary By the family
	11:00 am	† Anthony Erensis By the D'Andrea family
	5:30 pm	† Maryann Ford By the family
Monday, Feb. 24	8:30 am	† Jacob Thach By the family
Tuesday, Feb. 25	8:30 am	† Danielle Simas 20th Anniversary by the family
Wed., Feb. 26	8:30 am	† Clinton Riddle By Elaine Ford
	12:00	† Betsy Colangelo By a parishioner
	7:00	† Daniel and John D'Apollo Birthday Remembrance by the family
Thursday, Feb. 27	8:30 am	Special Intention
Friday, Feb. 28	8:30 am	† Billy Lyon By a parishioner
Saturday, Feb. 29	8:30 am	† Therese Tison LeBlanc By the Paulina & Ferguson Families
	4:30 pm	† Ruth Foley By the family
Sunday, March 1	7:30 am	† Patty Flowers By Magda Margelony
	9:00 am	† Dr. E.A. Thomas , 90th Birthday Remembrance By the family
	11:00 am	† Theresa & Jose Fernandes and Sousa family and friends By Joe and Elisa Sousa
	5:30 pm	† Terry and Curry Galli 12th Anniversary by the family



Please pray for: Repose of the soul of Larry Tracy, Jeff, and Megan's father; Susan; a woman who has recently suffered great loss to know God's enduring love; all those suffering with the flu and coronavirus to gain strength and healing; all refugees from Turkey to be allowed into Greece and for our country to do more to aid them; compassion and the best responses to those with addiction; CJ to pursue full health; Darlene to find her way to health and happiness; Sherri's wellness; Yuva for an accurate diagnosis of the cause of his lower body paralysis; Steven Fox full healing after a heart attack and stent insertion and God's peace for his family; John Montague full healing of two broken ribs; Hunter Horan full healing of brain tumor after automobile accident; employment for those seeking it, especially Lynn, N., and Sherri; Greg to find his community; a woman's health; our brothers and sisters in Australia to be safe during so much natural destruction; an increase in vocations; and the promotion of peace and justice in all our words and actions.

Continued prayers for: Mickey; Marge, Carol; Judy; Fr. Marcin; Gloria; MF; M.; Jackie; Sue; Sarah; John; Sara; K.; David Cargill after cardiac bypass surgery; Martin Finnegan as he continues chemotherapy; Angelo; Gloria; RSM; Martin; Kendra; Scott; Michael; Tim M.; Tim C.; Charlie; Dan W.; Darla; Fred H.; Ron; Janine; Christin; Wesley; Jacob; Carlos; Joe; Matthew; Jeremiah; Chris; Mary; Ray; Lilly; Angelo; Marilyn; Toni; Caleb; Stan; Megan; Pam; Mark; Bailey; Richard; and Helen.

Thanksgiving for: For the safe delivery of Winston Patrick; safe travel for a group; love and support for a new business venture; a kind official; unexpected time off from work; KC's joy in work; Joan's health; Elsie's health; Phyllis's presence; Community Animal Hospital's staff and clients who, collectively, paid for a tactical safety K9 vest through the Massachusetts Vest-A-Dog Program; safety for a youngster after a fall; inspiring art; honest action; vision; books and all answered prayers.

Prayer Line: Call or text Tracy at 508-450-0137



Liturgical Ministry Schedule February 29-March 1

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	T. Pitney	M. Damico, C. Engdahl, S. Gallerani, S. Goodwin, M/M Nelligan, S. Seed	H. Bissonnette, E. Clifford G. Nickerson, R. Rourke	J. Nelligan
Sunday 7:30am	P. Caouette	M. Blute, P. Caouette, M/M Holland, P. Kelly, M. Lemoine, A. Noone	A. Corazzini, P. Hastings, A. Johnson, R. White	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am	S. Zybert	P. Ahearn, A.M. Bird, S. Hannoush, S. Landry, B. Randazzo, S. Zybert	C. Bird, N. Hannoush, R. Hannoush K. Minton, C. Salvan, S. Salvan	R. St.Pierre
Sunday 11:00am	G. Morelli	S. Allington, J.M. Carey, J. Dalpe, E. Hirtle, M. Minnucci, E. Page, L. Shuba M. Smith	A. Foss, M. Johnson, S. O'Connor J. Sweetwood	J.M. Carey
Sunday 5:30pm	J. Guilford	J. Davidson, G. Joubert, S. Pegg, J. Smka, M/M Thompson	W. Brunner, T. Buricatu, E. Ferguson, N. Srnka	S. Pegg

LENT 2020 BEGINS THIS WEEK

The season of Lent will begin this week on Ash Wednesday, February 126th. 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 Interfaith Hospitality Network and our sister parish in Haiti, St. Michel's.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Beginning at 6:00 pm on Friday evenings during Lent (February 28, March 13, 20 & 27) 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.



During our two **Lenten Adult Faith Formation** sessions, we will reflect and pray with the Lord's tender farewell. We will meditate on verses from Chapter 17 of John's Gospel.

Wednesday, March 4th: *A Melody of Tender Love* (John 17.6 & 17.11)

Wednesday, March 18th: *Joyous Song* (John 17.13-16)

Contact Rita St.Pierre (508-373-2678) with any questions.



Sunday, February 23

- 9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
- 5:30 Eastpoint Services-Large Meeting Room

Monday, February 24

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 1:45 Mass at Shrewsbury Crossings
- 5:30 Lion Cubs-Hall
- 5:30 Eastpoint Services-Large Meeting Room
- 6:15 Bear Cubs-Hall
- 7:00 Haiti Committee Meeting-Mary's Room
- 7:30 SMPA Meeting-Gathering Space

Tuesday, February 25

- 9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Eucharist Adoration-Church
- 6:00 Burning of the Palms/Pancake Supper-Hall

Wednesday, February 26

- 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 with Ashes
- 6:00 Brownie Troop 30705-Hall
- 7:00 Grade 8 Mass
- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, February 27

- 9:15 Weight Training
- 6:30 CMSC Parent Class-Gathering Space
- 7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall

Friday, February 28

- 9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
- 6:00 Lenten Soup Supper-Hall/Gathering Space
- 7:00 Stations of the Cross-Church

Saturday, February 29

- 8:00 Shrewsbury Little League Equipment Sale-GS
- 9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 9:15 Grade 2 Parent Meeting-Large Meeting Room
- 11:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 11:15 Grade 2 Parent Meeting-Large Meeting Room

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Grade 2 Mass
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 12:30 Baptisms-Church

LENTEN MISSION

Save the dates for the Lenten Cluster Mission
March 29, 30 & 31 ~ 7:00 pm

With Our Three Pastors

Fr. Juan Echavarria, Fr. John Foley & Msgr. Michael Rose

Sunday, March 29 at St. Mary of the Hills
Monday, March 30 at St. Anne's
Tuesday, March 31 at St. Mary's



Accepting Applications for the 2020 – 2021 School Year

Saint Mary School is now accepting applications for the 2020 – 2021 School Year.

Click on the Admission tab on the Saint Mary School website to begin the application:

<https://school.stmarysparish.org/application-packages>

Preschool Options:

Option 1: Tuesday/Thursday 8:00 am – 11:00 am
(2.9 years old by 8/31)

Option 2: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00 am – 11:00 am
(3.9 years old by 8/31)

Now Offering 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.



Shadow of the Cross

A Contemporary Musical Tenebrae Service

Date: Friday, April 3, 2020

Location: St. Mary's Church

Time: 7:00 pm

Choirs will include: St. Mary's, St. Anne's and St. Mary of the Hills

Rehearsal dates: March 25, 2020

April 1, 2020

St. Mary's Church Choir Loft

Please Save the Date!

IHN An Evening of Hope, Taste and Take Care

Plans are underway for our 3rd annual IHN fundraiser, An Evening of Hope, Taste, Toast and Take Care. This special evening will be held on Saturday, March 14th, from 7-10pm at Temple Emanuel Sinai, 661 Salisbury Street, Worcester. To purchase tickets, please visit ihnworchester.org. If you would like more information, please email twait@townisp.com or rubin@townisp.com. Thank you.

Discounted Tickets On Sale Now!



**The 10th Annual Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, March 6
4-8pm**

Join the St. Mary Community for a fun evening at this Annual Lenten Tradition.

Here are 5 fun facts you should know about the Fish Fry:

1. The first Lenten Fish Fry was served in 2011. It was an instant hit and has grown every year since.
2. In 2019, we served over 400 lbs of fish. That's over 750 fish filets!
3. It takes nearly 100 volunteers to set up, prepare, cook, serve and clean up. To volunteer, visit StMarysParish.org; scroll right to the 2nd Fish Fry banner; click <Volunteer>; sign-up!
4. Our Sponsors allow us to keep ticket prices low. Please thank them when you see them. (You'll notice them listed on the Fish Fry placements.)
5. This is not a fundraiser. It is a break-even, community event that has become a Lenten Tradition.

Discounted tickets are on-sale now - after all Masses, from Kerry at the Pastoral Center (508-845-6341) or at www.StMarysFishFry.com

Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall and Gathering Space. So, invite your family and friends to enjoy a great meal at a great price! No reservations needed!

National Council of Dementia Practitioners Seminar Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care

Be Part of a Dementia Friendly Community. National Council of Dementia Practitioners Seminar entitled, Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Care being offered at St Mary's parish on March 14, 2020. It is an eight hour seminar which could be the pathway to a certification as a certified Dementia practitioner for medical professionals, and 7 CEUS possible for nurses. This seminar also meets the MA mandate for Dr's, nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants and is CMS approved. For more info please go to www.sselders.com

Mustard Seed Donations

There will be a collection of peanut butter and cereal for the Mustard Seed patrons during the next couple of weeks. Boxes for the donations will be at both entrances to the church. Any questions, call Maryanne at 508-845-9674.



Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms and Pancake Supper

Join us on **Shrove Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 PM** for the burning of the palms, a traditional pancake supper, and Mardi Gras celebration. Our Youth Ministry will be serving up pancakes, sausages, applesauce, and desserts in the parish hall. Children can make a mask, collect some beads, and the whole family can enjoy a pancake feast – and experience a sharp contrast with the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. A freewill offering will be accepted at the door.

Did you save your palms from last year's Palm Sunday?

Bring them to the Pancake Supper with you or drop them off in the basket at the front entrance of the church on the weekends of February 15/16 & February 22/23. Before we enjoy our pancakes, we'll gather in the side parking lot with Fr. Javier who will bless and burn them. The ashes created at the burning of the palms will be used on Ash Wednesday.

Shrove Tuesday originated in the Middle Ages and food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and sugar were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras.



SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR NEXT LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT WEEKEND MARCH 20 – 23, 2020

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 on Friday evening. It continues from 8am - 7pm on Saturday & Sunday, and concludes with a final session on Monday evening.

- Friday, March 20 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Saturday, March 21 - 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Sunday, March 22 - 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Monday, March 23 - 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For more than a half century, 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.

Social justice issues are a constant challenge to living a life in faithful witness to our faith. For example, human captivity remains a real challenge throughout Latin America. Human trafficking in Brazil, for example, is a serious problem that takes numerous forms: forced rural labor that amounts to modern-day slavery, trafficking to support prostitution, and forced marriages. The Church in Brazil is addressing this challenge by training leaders to publicize and denounce trafficking practices and to work with all levels of government to combat human trafficking. By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you are helping Brazilians fulfill their Gospel call to protect the vulnerable, defend human life and dignity, and address the causes of human trafficking throughout the country.

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 Latino 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 when your parish takes up the collection. 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

St. John High School Open House

St. John's High School will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm. To register, please visit www.stjohnshigh.org/admissions/openhouse. Contact the Admissions Office with any questions at 508-842-8934, ext. 266 or admissions@stjohnshigh.org

Notre Dame Academy Spring Open House

Sunday, March 22 2-4pm
Register online today at www.nda-worc.org
Spend A Day at NDA
Discover the difference at Notre Dame Academy in Worcester. Register your daughter to spend the day shadowing one of the students at our all-girls Catholic, college-preparatory school. Accepting grades 7-12. Register today at www.nda-worc.org/admissions.