

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.*

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CONTACT US

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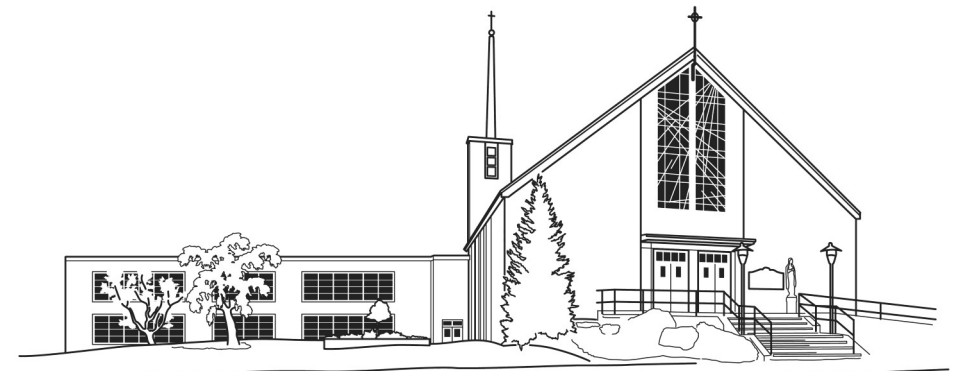
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Our Parish Mission

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, March 7	8:30 am	† Edmund F. Murphy, Jr. By friends of the family
	4:30 pm	† Edward J. O'Toole 18th Anniversary by his niece
Sunday, March 8	7:30 am	† Robert Piazza, Sr. By Paul and Elsie O'Dell
	9:00 am	† William Reese By Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Adams & family
	11:00 am	† John W. Connors By the O'Malley family
	5:30 pm	† Kathleen Delgaudio By the family
Monday, March 9	8:30 am	† David Carlstrom By the Howard family
Tuesday, March 10	8:30 am	† Patricia Daly Turo By Francis Turo
Wed., March 11	8:30	† John P. and Virginia M. Sheehan By the family
Thursday, March 12	8:30 am	† Brian and John Nelligan By the family
Friday, March 13	8:30 am	† Ernest Virgilio By the family
Saturday, March 14	8:30 am	
	4:30 pm	† Gregory Benoit By the family
Sunday, March 15	7:30 am	† Thomas Giampapa By the Valutkevich family
	9:00 am	† Denny Houseman By the Loconsolo family
	11:00 am	† Danielle Simas By the family
	5:30 pm	† John and Virginia Alicandro By the family



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please pray for: Repose of those killed in the tornadoes in TN; a woman to find full time employment; Marilyn's successful eye surgery; Shirley and Steve during a difficult time and employment for Steve following an interview; B and C; all immigrants' safety who are turned away from our borders; a special intention for David; J to recover from an injury; Erin to lean on Our Lord; our brothers and sisters in Nashville following a recent tornado; all those impacted by the Covid19 virus; Sherri, following a stroke, to pursue a healthful path; Darlene's successful cancer treatment; Bill's back to fully heal; George's wellness; GiGi; Roseanne with diabetes; a repentant spirit for Jamal C. and that God will deliver him from all mental and spiritual attacks of Satan; and all those suffering with disease.

Continued prayers for: Bruce; Megan; Mickey; Marge, Carol; Judy; Fr. Marcin; Gloria; MF; M.; Jackie; Sue; Sarah; John; Sara; K.; David Cargill after cardiac bypass surgery; Martin Finnegan; 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: the safe birth of Lucy; James's acceptance of treatment for PTSD and detox; a successful interview for Laura; a time away; a successful visit with a loved one; gracious hospitality and fellowship from several; safe travel; and all answered prayers.

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



Rest in Peace

Victor Salerno and Robert Durbano

Parish Support

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

Month of February (weekly average) \$16,108

Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 14-15

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	T. Pitney	M/M Blanchard, C. Engdahl, S. Seed	W. Brunner, E. Ferguson, N. Podlipec, R. Rourke	L. Nelligan
Sunday 7:30am	P. Caouette	M. Blute, P. Caouette, M/M Holland, P. Kelly, A. Noone	T. Hruskoci, R. White	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am	J. Valutkevich	P. Ahearn, K. Canfield, K. Ganger, S. Landry, M. Skehan, F. St. Pierre	A. Degenhardt, A. Harasim S. Sullivan, B. Sullivan, J. Thomas	J. Sliwoski
Sunday 11:00am	M. Page	J.M. Carey, J. McDonald, M. Minnucci, M/M Page, L. Shuba, M. Smith	J. Haugli, M. Johnson, S. O'Connor J. Sweetwood	J.M. Carey
Sunday 5:30pm	Confirmation Student	S. Blanco, H. Collins, V. Eda, G. Joubert, L. Perreault, J. Srnka	L. Collins, H. Bissonnette, T. Buricatu, N. Srnka	S. Pegg

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Open our ears to listen to Jesus, so that, embracing the mystery of the Cross, we may come to the holy mountain, to immortal life, and share in Christ's transfigured glory.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR LENT can be found on our parish website at www.stmarysparish.org. We also encourage you to sign up for FLOCKNOTES on the parish website to receive additional updates and information.

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
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. Join us on April 3 for The Shadow of the Cross.

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

Join us on Friday evenings during Lent (March 13, 20 & 27 and April 3) various parish groups will sponsor a simple Soup Supper in the parish hall. We thank Ms. Hughes Gr. 8 CCD class for serving at our first soup supper. At our upcoming Fridays we will find the Parish Pastoral Council, a Light of the World small group, the St. Mary School faculty and our parish youth group busy in the kitchen preparing to serve. 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 freewill offering will be accepted at the door (a suggested offering is what you would have typically spent on dinner). All proceeds from the soup supper will benefit our Parish Lenten Service Project with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as we package another 10,000 meals for hunger relief efforts in Africa.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION IN LENT

Join our next Lenten Adult Faith Formation session on Wednesday, Marcy 18 at 7:00 pm in the Large Meeting Room as we continue to mediate on verses from Chapter 17 of John's Gospel. Contact Rita St. Pierre at 508-373-2678 with any questions.



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

LENTEN MISSION

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

WATER.....LIGHTLIFE

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



PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2020

Next weekend, March 14 & 15, we will have our In-Pew Collection as we kick off the **2020 Partners in Charity Appeal**. After St. Mary's most generous response to the Legacy of Hope Campaign this past fall, which will fund endowments for our future, the Partners in Charity Appeal will support 25 ministries and agencies that are assisting tens of thousands of people throughout Worcester County. Partners in Charity encompasses three specific areas in our diocese: Charity, Education and Ministry. Children in parish religious education classes and Catholic Schools have their eyes, hearts and minds opened to Christ thanks to support for catechists and catechetical leaders. Men discern Christ's call to serve as priests or deacons and priests who have dedicated their lives in service to our people. Through Catholic Charities and other agencies, families and individuals have their basic needs met in a safe, welcoming environment. Watch the Appeal video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net. You may bring the pledge envelope you will receive in the mail this week or fill one out at Mass next weekend.

20th Anniversary Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 28

Assumption College

Come hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Scott Hahan, Luis Soto, and Bishop Robert Reed of Boston speaking on the need for confession. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registrations call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4245. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 11, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are \$30. Visit www.firstmensconf.org for more information or to purchase tickets.



Did You Know?

50% of our Class of 2019 graduates accepted to private prep schools were awarded merit scholarships!

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

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



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



Sunday, March 8

- 9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 2:00 Girl Scout Troop 30308-Gathering Space
- 6:30 Grades 9& 10 Faith Formation-Hall/School/LMR/GS/PC

Monday, March 9

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 10:00 Cluster Meeting-Mary's Room
- 7:00 Baptism Class-Mary's Room

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Eucharist Adoration-Church
- 6:00 Tigers-Hall
- 7:00 School Advisory Board Meeting-Media Center
- 7:00 Social Justice Ministry-Mary's Room
- 7:00 Confessions
- 7:00 PRAE-Large Meeting Room

Wednesday, March 11

- 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
- 6:30 CMSC Parent Meeting-Gathering Space

Thursday, March 12

- 9:15 Weight Training
- 7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

- 8:00 Alzheimers/Dementia Seminar-Gathering Space
- 9:00 Grades 1& 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 11:00 Grades K, 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR

Sunday, March 15

- 9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Children's Choir
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 12:30 Baptisms-Church
- 12:30 Households of Faith-Hall/LMR
- 6:30 Grades 9& 10 Faith Formation-Hall/School/LMR/GS/PC



Thanks to all who donated cereal and peanut butter to the Mustard Seed. It was much appreciated and helped stock their food pantry.
Maryanne

Notre Dame vs Arkansas Football

September 10-13

Ticket-Transportation-Hotel-Meals

Call Ed Pescaro 508-845-3081 or email Pepper_61@msn.com

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In recent days there has been increased discussion if the spread of the COVID-19 influenza or Coronavirus. This is in addition to the concerns health professionals are already voicing with regard to a difficult flu season.

How are we, as faithful sons and daughters of the Church supposed to respond to these evolving realities?

First, we should respond with prayer and trust in Divine Providence, for while there are always challenges and difficulties in life, God also gives us the grace to sustain us in every trial. No strain of influenza can separate us from the love of Christ, whose command to us, "Be not afraid," should resound in our hearts in these trying times. (Cf. Matthew 10:30-31)

Secondly, we should inform ourselves of the most accurate and proven scientific truth and not resort to the kind of hysterical speculation which so often dominates social media. Indeed, with the threat of regional outbreaks of the COVID-19 virus, even in the United States, now is the time for prudence in planning for a variety of possibilities.

As you know, COVID-19 is a new and potentially more dangerous strain of the influenza virus. While researchers continue to learn more about its modes of transmission and mortality rate, I want to echo the desire by health professionals not to incite panic. We already know that taking the customary precautions for avoiding the spread of the flu can help reduce the transmission of this new strain as well.

At this time, the threat from the COVID-19 virus in Massachusetts is low. Of more immediate concern is the influenza virus or flu, which has been described by Commonwealth health officials as "high" or "very high" in the past few weeks. We can assist in reducing the spread of the flu as well as instill confidence in parishioners that they are safe at Mass. I am urging our priests, therefore, to take the following steps to limit the spread of the influenza virus:

- ◆ **Education** of all parishioners by distribution of the provided bulletin insert, including at Masses, via Flocknote and on parish websites;
- ◆ **Reminding** parishioners that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is lifted when they are ill and that avoiding spreading illness is a Christian act of charity. Parishioners should also be assured that they can pray at home with the local Catholic community by viewing the Sunday Mass on cable TV and the internet;
- ◆ **Suspension**, for the immediate future, of the distribution of the Precious Blood and omitting the Exchange of the Sign of Peace;
- ◆ **Removal** of standing Holy Water in all fonts, keeping in mind that small bottles of Holy Water might be appropriately provided for parishioners;
- ◆ **Limiting** shaking hands with parishioners at the end of Mass;

As more information about COVID-19 is made available by proper authorities, the Diocese is carefully considering what further actions might prove to be helpful or necessary, including thoughtful response to any governmental restrictions on public gatherings. Please be assured that we are staying in touch with local and statewide medical professionals to provide further direction and advice to pastors as such issues arise.

Finally, we should take to heart the spiritual lessons which can be learned during this Lent of prayer, penance and influenza, for sickness reminds us of how utterly dependent we are on God's will for our lives. Indeed, if we accept all the blessings God bestows on us, should we not be willing to join our crosses to his Cross as well?

Through the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II, may God hear our prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are ill or suffering in any way, that they may receive a full measure of the Lord's peace, healing and strength.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

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



24 Hour Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

to pray for an end to abortion

March 20, 4pm to March 21, 4:30pm

It is even more urgent that you make an effort to drop by any time during these 24 hours because two bills before the Massachusetts legislature, S 1209 and H

3320, would remove all current regulations for the abortion procedure in Massachusetts Law.

Do you believe. . .

· . .that an unborn child in the 7th, 8th or 9th month of development should be deprived of life, even though she is no physical threat to the life of the mother?

· . .that abortion should be legal through all nine months of pregnancy?

· . .that a newborn child who survives an abortion procedure should not be required to receive medical care?

· . .that a pregnant 14-year old girl should be able to get an abortion even though she may have been coerced by an abuser – because Massachusetts laws no longer require parental or judicial protection?

· . .that Massachusetts should increase tax funding for abortion?

Come and pray with St. Mary's parishioners during the 24 hour Rosary.

Pro-Life Reflection

Taken from Evangelium vitae (Gospel of Life) of Saint Pope John Paul II.

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." (The Gospel of Life 28)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring Campaign for 40 Days for Life is underway. This is an international effort, that over the years, through prayer and witness has saved the lives of many, many, unborn babies.

Please join other parishes in the Worcester Diocese by participating in quiet prayer time across the street from Planned Parenthood, on 470 Pleasant St. There is no contact with Planned Parenthood. St. Mary's date to be there is Tuesday, March 24th starting at 8am, for as many hour slots as we can fill. We need 2 people an hour, and we will find a partner for you if you wish. Please consider supporting this Pro-Life effort of quiet prayer and witness! Contact Kurt: 508-842-1392 For more information visit Worcester's 40 days for life website. Thank you!