

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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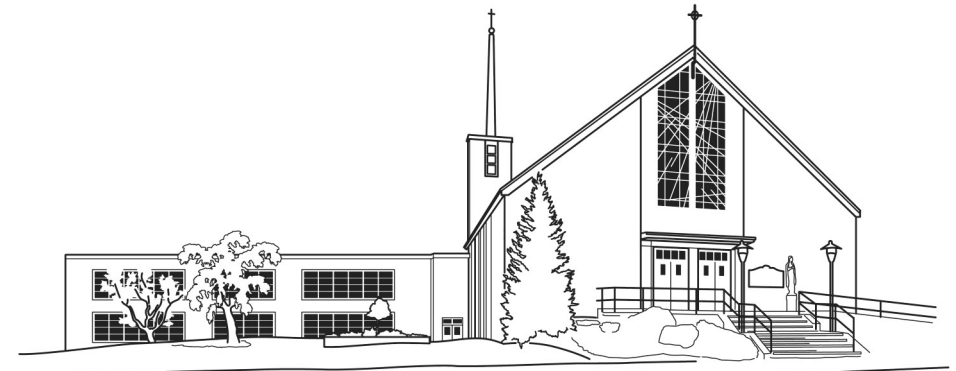
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Our Parish Mission

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

Marilyn Blanchard	508-845-1567	Silvester Norohna.....	508-925-4581
Jean Campaniello	508-842-8288	Kelly Paulina.....	774-275-1911
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Matthew Hastings.....	508-845-5012	Sheryl Zarozny.....	508-842-2159
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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: Maryanne Damico	508-845-9674
Stewardship: Kelly Paulina	774-275-1911

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
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
Monday, March 16	8:30 am	† Dan McKenna By the family
Tuesday, March 17	8:30 am	† James Broquist † Jennifer Broquist By the family
Wed., March 18	8:30	† Richard McNamara By the family
Thursday, March 19	8:30 am	† Mark Moakley By Cheryl and Tom Dolan
Friday, March 20	8:30 am	† Maria Curini By Angie Lo
Saturday, March 21	8:30 am	† Stacey Ann Baisley By Dad and Mom
	4:30 pm	† Hughes Family † Rourke Family By the family
Sunday, March 22	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	† Paul Kozakevich By the family
	11:00 am	† Fay Ritter By her friend
	5:30 pm	† Lynn Cote By Ray and Sue Cote



Please pray for: Repose of the soul of Martha Hasler; Mary O'Brien, in hospital, to have a speedy recovery; twin boys born prematurely, to be well; Pat's

broken leg to heal quickly and fully; for Marilyn's recovery following eye surgery; Bruce to receive an organ transplant; a successful meeting for Tim on 3/18; Frank's health to greatly improve; Linda's complete healing following a surgical procedure; Sarah and Hannah to fully recover from a nagging illness; restoration of health for Sherri after a stroke and to gain full-time employment; Darlene's successful weight loss and health following cancer surgery; caregiver Vela Del Rosario and her brother with brain cancer; Colleen's safe pregnancy; safe travel for several; a spiritually refreshing Lenten season for all, especially in our parish, and for all those who are affected in any way by the Covid 19 virus, including worry over it.

Continued prayers for: BO; SD's knee replacement; 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: SYFS's recent "You Go, Girl!" program; the acknowledgement and celebration of International Women's Day; the series of talks at the Shrewsbury Public Library commemorating the ratification of the 19th Amendment; TLM; safe travel for several; consistent openings for a regular pursuit; good health care; C's new job offer; a generous family donation; the beginning of a new business; acceptance from MM; the healing quality of forgiveness; an invitation; S's information-sharing; and all answered prayers.

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



Rest in Peace

Robert Durbano, Joan Garramone, and Patricia Hilmer

HAVE YOU 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 3 & 4. This retreat begins at 6:00pm on Friday and ends at 6:00pm on Saturday. It is designed for young men of high school and college age. The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. There is no cost and transportation is provided if needed. Contact our Vocation Director, Fr. Donato Infante at director@worcestervocations.com

Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 21-22

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	E. Van Atten	S. Gallerani, S. Goodwin, C. Engdahl, M/M Nelligan, K. Van Atten	E. Clifford, G. Nickerson, N. Podlipec, R. Rourke	L. Nelligan
Sunday 7:30am	W. Gooley	W. Gooley, M. Gulino, T. Keegan, G. McNamara, R. Mungovan, S. Puthanangady	T. Hruskoci, R. White	R. Holland
Sunday 9:00am	M. Dupont	K. Contreras, M. Coghlin, S. Landry, J. Travers, A.M. Bird	C. Bird, E. Boucher, N. Daley, S. Grenier, M. Kassa, C. Teuscher	P. Ahearn
Sunday 11:00am	J. McAdam	S. Berkowitz, S. Howard, L. Ferguson, J. McAdam, J. McDonald, M. Page, K. Paulina, J. Sousa, M. Vallejo	A. Belanger, M. Farrell, A. Foss, J. Karam, S. O'Connor	S. Berkowitz
Sunday 5:30pm	E. O'Connor	A.M. Blute, C. Cruz, N. Duquette, V. Moskowitz, M/M Thompson	A. Kerekon, B. Kerekon	V. Moskowitz

Third Sunday of



O God, the living fountain of new life, to the human race, parched with thirst, you offer the living water of grace that springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 (except on March 31)

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. Be sure to join us on April 3 for The Shadow of the Cross.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evenings in the church from 6:00 – 9:00 pm (Except on March 31)
Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00pm in the Pastoral Center Chapel.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Join us on Friday evenings during Lent (March 20 & 27 and April 3). We thank members of the Parish Pastoral Council for serving last Friday and we welcome one of our Light of the World small groups this coming Friday. 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 on Saturday, April 4 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, March 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 (508-373-2678) with any questions

EASTER FOOD GIFT CARDS for ST. ANNE'S HUMAN SERVICES



Please consider taking home a small tag to hang on your refrigerator. Tags are available this weekend. Please purchase a food gift card from any local supermarket. Attach it to the tag and return it by March 29 in any Sunday collection. May we pray for an continue to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters



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

This weekend, March 14 & 15, we will conduct 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 currently 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 receive support. Through Catholic Charities and other agencies, families and individuals have their basic needs met in a safe, welcoming environment.

If you are not making your gift/pledge today please be sure to watch the Appeal Video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net. You may bring your pledge envelope to Mass next weekend, mail or drop off at the Pastoral Center, or make your gift on line at www.partners-charity.net.

**GRADE 5-8 BASKETBALL LEAGUE
A WORD OF THANKS**

Playoffs for our Grade 5-8 Boys Basketball league were recently held and the season has now ended. Congratulations to our teams and coaches who participated this year. We extend a word of deep thanks and appreciation to those who organized and led the League through the season:

Kern Narva ~ Mike McLaren~
Derek D'Antillo ~ Mike Campanale



Have You Heard?

79% of our Class of 2019 graduates placed into Honors or Advanced Math classes as Freshmen!

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 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

Monday, March 16

9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
3:00 Commission for Woman-Large Meeting Room
7:00 Cub Scout pack Meeting-Hall

Tuesday, March 17

9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
6:00 Eucharist Adoration-Church
6:00 Daughters of Isabella-Large Meeting Room
7:00 Confessions

Wednesday, March 18

4:15 Children's Choir-Church
4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
5:45 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room
6:00 Brownie Troop 30705-Hall
7:00 Respect Life Ministry-Mary's Room
7:00 Adult Faith Formation-Large Meeting Room

Thursday, March 19

8:30 School Mass
9:15 Weight Training
6:30 Bears Den 1-Gathering Space
7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall
7:00 Men's Group-Media Center

Friday, March 20

9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
2:30 Mass at Shrewsbury Nursing Home
4:00 24 Hour Rosary-Church
5:00 Light of the World Retreat-GS/LMR
6:00 Lenten Soup Supper-Hall/Gathering Space
7:00 Stations of the Cross-Church
7:00 Boy Scout Troop Comm. Meeting-St. Mark

Saturday, March 21

8:00 Light of the World Retreat-Hall/LMR/GS
9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
11:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR

Sunday, March 22

8:00 Light of the World Retreat-Hall/LMR/GS
9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR



Catholic Men's Group will meet Thursday, March 19 at 7pm in the school's media center. We will continue with Fr. Michael Gaitley's video series "Divine Mercy In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told". The Men's Group meets every 3rd Thursday of the month.

GUIDELINES TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE SEASONAL FLU & THE THREAT OF THE CORONAVIRUS

St. Mary's has implemented the following practices for the coming weeks to help reduce the transmission of the seasonal flu virus and as a precaution for the coronavirus:

- Parishioners who are ill or suspect they are ill are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. They should remain at home and return to church when they are well.
- During the Lord's Prayer parishioners are asked to refrain from joining hands with people outside of their family
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace should be offered without any physical contact. Outside of the family, instead of a handshake, parishioners may bow or speak the greeting of peace to persons nearby.
- Ministers of Holy Communion will continue to use hand sanitizer prior to the distribution of Holy Communion. The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Communion.
- Holy Water has been removed from the fonts. A small bottle of Holy Water, found in the front vestibule, can be used for those who wish.
- Limit shaking hands with other parishioners at the end of Mass.



24 Hour Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary." One of the promises the Blessed Virgin Mary made through St. Dominic to Christians who pray the rosary.

- You have an opportunity pray the Rosary of the Blessed Mother and spend time with Our Lord Jesus Christ in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to ask for their intervention to end the scourge of abortion. We are also praying for women facing a crisis pregnancy, as well as praying for the healing of women who regret their abortion.
- Join us any time for 24 hours from 4pm on March 20 and ending at the 4:30 Mass on March 21.

Pro-Life Reflection

From Pope Saint John Paul II in the Gospel of Life, Evangelium Vitae

"To celebrate the Gospel of Life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ." (The Gospel of Life 84)

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: 508-842-0322 or Clare 508-842-1392. For more information visit Worcester's 40 days for life website. Thank you!



The St. Mary's Fish Fry Committee would like to extend a warm THANK YOU to all who helped to make the 10th Annual Lenten Fish Fry a fun evening in our community! Thanks to the team of over 120 volunteers (the most ever!), **we served 876 meals!** We hope you enjoyed your meal!

We are blessed to have the support of Msgr. Mike, and Fr. Javier as well as the St. Mary staff, faculty & students.

We appreciate the generosity of our Sponsors: Central One FCU: Maria Lemieux, CPA; Lynne Grden, Realtor; Atlas Distributing; Beth Casavant, Selectman; Chiampa Funeral Home; Nicky D's Donuts; Creedon & Company; New England Coaching; Thomas Roque, Mortgage Loan Originator; Shrewsbury FCU; Knights of Columbus. We also appreciate the businesses that donated food and drink: Pickle Haus Deli, Dean Park Grill & Pizza, The Mill 185, Panera Bread; The Marino Family Dunkin Donuts. Please be sure to thank them if you have the chance.

Thank you to the Fish Fry Committee for their time and efforts to plan, order and/or secure donations for food and drink, to spread the word, to decorate and to recruit and organize the volunteers who served us that evening.

To the many who prepared, cooked and plated all of the meals, **Thank You!** Dinner was delicious!

It was truly a community effort to make the evening such a success. The St. Mary School students provided the artwork in both rooms. The Boys Scouts helped with set-up. A huge round of applause to the team of student and adult volunteers who served & bussed tables. Kudos to the St. John's and Shrewsbury High School students who came Saturday morning to help with clean-up!

Finally, thank you to all of you who came to enjoy a great meal with your families and friends. We are grateful for your support and hope to see you again next year!



The next meeting of the Cluster Book Club will be at 7 pm on March 26 in St. Anne's rectory. We are starting a new book, namely "Thomas Merton, Brother Monk: The Quest for True Freedom" by Basil Pennington. All are welcome. Call Tom Schonhoff at 774-262-6174.

**Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services
Community Walk for Mental Health**

Saturday, April 4

Oak Middle School

Registration 10:30

Walk starts 12:00

Suggested donation \$25

Register and donate today! <http://bit.ly/CWMH20>

Or email syfishwalk@gmail.com

Notre Dame vs Arkansas Football

September 10-13

Ticket-Transportation-Hotel-Meals

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