

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

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## 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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Jeannie MacDonough, *Principal*

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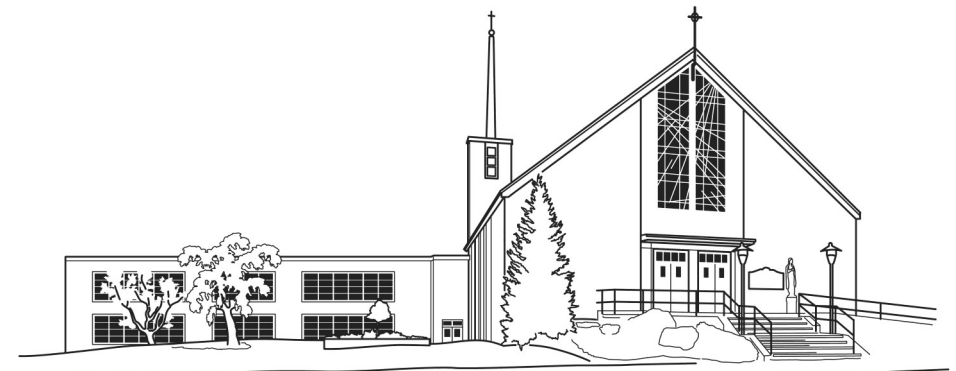
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### Our Parish Mission

*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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FR. JAVIER and MSGR. MIKE WILL CELEBRATE PRIVATE MASSES DURING THE WEEK FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. MARY'S AND FOR YOUR INTENTIONS LISTED BELOW. PLEASE CALL KERRY AT THE PASTORAL CENTER IF YOU WISH TO MOVE A SCHEDULED MASS INTENTION TO ANOTHER DATE.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, April 18	8:30 am	† <b>Fran Scannell</b> Birthday Remembrance by Nettie
	4:30 pm	† <b>Michael Zamarro</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary By Jayme, Jill Rob and Michael
Sunday, April 19	7:30 am	† <b>Michael Perri</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by the family
	9:00 am	† <b>Louis and Catalina Domenech</b> By the family
	11:00 am	† <b>Helena Simas</b> By the family
	5:30 pm	† <b>June Ekberg</b> By the Richard family
Monday, April 20	8:30 am	
Tuesday, April 21	8:30 am	† <b>John P. and Virginia M. Sheehan</b> By the family
Wednesday, April 22	8:30 am	† <b>Eileen Moriarty Moynihan</b> By the Turpin family
Thursday, April 23	8:30 am	† <b>Michael Perri</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by the family
Friday, April 24	8:30 am	† <b>Forest Wetmore</b> By Elaine Ford
Saturday, April 25	8:30 am	† <b>Ellen Donovan Samia</b> 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance By the family
	4:30 pm	† <b>Michael Bodge</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary by the family
Sunday, April 26	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	† <b>Carol Barrett</b> By the family
	11:00 am	† <b>Danielle Simas</b> By the family
	5:30 pm	† <b>Kathleen Delgaudio</b> By the family



Repose of the souls of Jean Johnson, Mary A. Scannell, Keith Miller, Matt Baugher and Francis D. Keating and God's peace for their families; John's full recovery from a heart attack; Brother Paul's sister; Shirley in ill health; Julie Gurindon in hospital; Dave and another man in the ICU; Katie's safe pregnancy and delivery of her son in June; Evan and Samantha; all those working on the front lines in hospitals and with at-risk populations; all those who support that effort in myriad roles; all public and civic employees and those involved in necessary supply lines of food and products; all scientists and researchers; B's safe pregnancy; God's protection for all victims of human trafficking and justice in the law for those who participate in this vile practice; DM; special intention for a family whose children are struggling; J fighting cancer; K with emotional issues; Hunter for full healing after an automobile accident; Whit; safety for a group of single women; our brothers and sisters in southern Africa living with the locust invasion to endure it with enough food and supplies; local monetary support for Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services and St. Anne's Food Pantry; and for continued and united world-wide cooperation to survive the pandemic.

**Continued prayers for:** Colleen; Connor; Paul; Margaret; Nancy; Patrick; Charlie; Robbie, DP; Angelo; Becca and family; Sarah; Sara; Christine; Brian; Joe; Joy; Carmen; Matt; Lisa; Linda; Doug; Paul; Larry D.; babies Mason and Caleb; Mary; Pat; Marilyn; Sherri; Darlene; Velma; GR; SD; Bruce; Megan; Carol; Judy; Fr. Marc; Gloria; MF; Jackie; Sue; John; Sara; David C.; Martin; Brenda; RSM; Kendra's pregnancy; Scott; Michael; Tim C.; Tim M.; Don W.; Fred; Ron; Janine; Christine; Wesley; Carlos; Matthew; Chris; Lilly; Toni; Stan; Pam; Mark; Bailey; Richard and Helen.

**Thanksgiving for:** Candy's negative covid 19 test; B's improved health; the safe delivery of Elliot Michael; Jacob's improved living situation; Margaret's successful surgery; zoom meetings; Sarah's efforts; an increase in SafeLink's budget and expansion of services; all businesses who have re-tooled and help meet the manufacturing need to produce PPE; everyone working with Andrea Castinetti and Nandana Kansra to procure and distribute food and medical supplies along with masks from the First Congregational Church and St. Mary's Parish volunteers; both Westborough and Shrewsbury Chinese American Associations working to do the same; Tatnuck Bookseller distributing books, free of charge, to those in need; for all those who continue to practice safe distancing and other safe protocols; and for all answered prayers.

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



### SHOPPING FOR SENIORS

Volunteers are ready to assist our Seniors or any parishioners who wish to remain in their homes as a precaution. If you need groceries or someone to run an errand for you, please contact Msgr. Mike at 508.845.6341 ext. 2 or Michael.rose@stmarysparish.org



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*In your great mercy, O God,  
you have given us a new birth to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
who gathers us into community,  
stands among us and gives us peace.*

*Help us, who have not seen to believe;  
send us, as you have sent Jesus,  
to greet the world with the Easter word of peace  
and to share with all  
the Spirit's new life of forgiveness.*

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter 1:6-9**

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



**The 2020 Census**

The 2020 Census is happening now. You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.

The time is now. Help shape your future, and your community's future, by responding to the 2020 Census. Most households received their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census between March 12 – 20. These official Census Bureau mailings will include detailed information and a Census ID for completing the Census online.

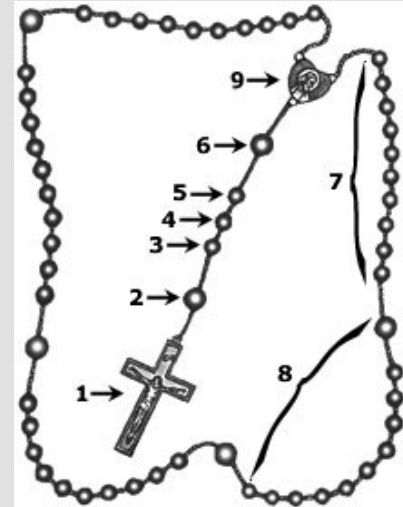
**Who Should Respond**

The 2020 Census counts everyone living in the United States and its five territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). One person should respond for each home. That person must be at least 15 years old. They should live in the home or place of residence themselves and know general information about each person living there.

**Divine Mercy Sunday April 19, 2020**

**How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Opening Prayer (Repeat three times) ***O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!***
3. Our Father
4. Hail Mary
5. The Apostle's Creed
6. The Eternal Father Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. Repeat for the remaining decade Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

**Optional Closing Prayer**

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.*

### A Prayer in Time of Pandemic



O God,  
 whose Only Begotten Son  
 bore the weight of human suffering  
 for our salvation,  
 hear the prayers of your Church  
 for our sick brothers and  
 sisters  
 and deliver us from this time of trial.  
 Open our ears and our hearts  
 to the voice of your Son:  
*Be not afraid, for I am with you always.*

Bless all doctors and nurses,  
 researchers and public servants;  
 give us the wisdom to do what is right  
 and the faith to endure this hour,  
 that we might gather once again  
 to praise your name in the heart of your Church,  
 delivered from all distress  
 and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ST. ANNE'S HUMAN SERVICES

#### A WORD OF THANKS

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous donation of grocery gift cards for Easter. We appreciate your support during this difficult time. The Covid-19 virus has brought challenging times to our community. The volunteers at the Food Pantry have been trying to keep a steady flow of food available and keep the food pantry running. Every day is a new challenge.

How St. Anne's Human Services is helping: On Monday's we are distributing food in the parking lot. We average about 40 families each Monday. With the assistance of the District Attorney's Office our new process in the parking lot has gone very smoothly. Gift cards are being distributed during the drive through lunch pick-up at the High School. Many people have lost their jobs during the last few weeks because of the virus and have been signing up with the food pantry to help cover their food needs. Families are given non-perishable food, frozen meats and fresh food along with a gift card. These are uncharted times and we will do what we can to help others.

On March 16th we distributed food and gift cards to 89 families through the food pantry and an additional 40 people came for the perishables the school system donated to us. We are also available for emergency food during our office hours. St. Anne's is proud to be part of your humanitarian charitable gift. St. Anne's Human services appreciates your generosity and support to accomplish our many missions to help provide food, personal care items, clothing and other services for the disadvantaged in Shrewsbury.

Your donations will help make a difference in people's lives. Thank you. We are a small group with a big job!

Sincerely,  
 Elaine LeBlanc,  
 Director of St. Anne's Human Services



### PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2020

Understandably this year's Partners in Charity Appeal is off to a slow start. Nevertheless many parishioners have already made their gift/pledge. THANK-YOU for your generous response. Please support this important lifeline for our local church when you are able and as you are able. The funds raised from Partners in Charity help to support more than 25 vital ministries and agencies in our diocese that assist tens of thousands of people throughout Worcester County.

You may return your pledge/gift envelope to St. Mary's Parish at the pastoral center or mail it to 20 Summer Street, Shrewsbury. You may also return your gift directly to the Partners in Charity Office at 49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609. Perhaps you may take a few minutes to watch this year's Partners in Charity video and make your gift through the online portal at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net).



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#### 3 Ways to Subscribe

1. Visit the parish website at [stmaryparish.org](http://stmaryparish.org)
2. Text STMARYPARISH TO 84576 from your phone
3. Scan the QR code on the posters in the church

### ON LINE GIVING THROUGH WE SHARE



As Disciples of Jesus we are called into community – a community where we are family and where we share our many gifts generously. Thank-you for your support of our parish which is expressed in many ways throughout the year. The sharing of “treasure” with your parish is not only appreciated, but it is also necessary for us to continue to thrive and reflect the Kingdom of God.

In these present days with the suspension of Sunday Masses I invite and encourage you to continue your support of St. Mary's through our online giving tool called WeShare. WeShare has implemented the safest security standards for online transactions and your privacy will be protected at all times. You will be able to set up one-time or recurring donations and choose when and how to give to any of our different collections. You will also be able to view your complete, accurate financial records at any time during the year.

Sign up on our parish website [www.stmarysparish.org](http://www.stmarysparish.org). If you have any questions about the WeShare program, please do not hesitate to call Kerry at the parish office at 508-845-6341.

## EASTER SUNDAY 2020

### AN EMPTY CHURCH, AN EMPTY TOMB

Msgr. Michael Rose

*Reprinted from Worcester Telegram*

Oberammergau, the tiny alpine village of wood carvers nestled into the backdrop of the Bavarian forest and hills, is the site every ten years of the world-famous Passion Play. The Passion Play was first presented in 1634 as an offering of gratitude to God after an outbreak of the bubonic plague stopped just short of the village. The play depicts the last days of Jesus as villagers reenact the story of his passion, death and resurrection. The people of Oberammergau made a solemn vow to perform the play every ten years and, with the exception of cancellations due to two world wars, have done so since 1680.

The Passion Play grew in popularity throughout the decades of the 20th century, and with the convenience of modern air travel, thousands of people from all over the world arrived in Oberammergau to view this great spectacle. The Passionspielhaus, where performances take place five days a week from May to October, is an immense open-air theatre which seats nearly 5,000 spectators. With a cast of more than 2,000 adults and children, the entire Oberammergau community is somehow involved in the play which lasts for nearly six hours.

For the past two years the village of Oberammergau has been busily preparing for the upcoming presentation of the Passion Play slated to open in May of 2020. Last week, however, organizers announced the cancellation of all performances this year. How ironic that a play performed in thanksgiving for deliverance from a plague would be cancelled because of the present coronavirus pandemic.

While most large-scale events around our country and world have been cancelled for this year, Christians feel the impact of this present pandemic closer to home with the cancellation of all local public celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. Tomorrow and next Sunday (Orthodox Easter) our churches will be empty. However, with the blessing of modern technology, livestreaming and recorded celebrations of Easter services will play in our homes. There in our “domestic churches” we will listen to the gospel story of the empty tomb and we will celebrate the hope and promise that come to us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Whether alone in our homes or with our families around us, Christians will, nevertheless, celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!! Although we are suffering in varying degrees during this time of our confinement, we still have much for which we are grateful. The Easter gospel story of the Resurrection reminds us that God never abandons us, even in our darkest hour. Sickness and death are still powerful forces in our modern world, but they cannot defeat God’s love for us. Though perhaps fearful and trying so hard to be careful, we can have hope and confidence that we will endure and persevere through the crisis that the coronavirus pandemic has brought to our communities, state, nation and world. We remain ever grateful to our doctors and nurses, other health care providers, first responders and volunteers for the sacrifices they are making for us each and every day.

Although it will be quiet in our empty churches this Easter, may the words of Psalm 118 echo in our minds and fill our hearts throughout the day – “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” And perhaps after Easter dinner the Christian people can sing out from their homes “Jesus Christ is Risen today. Alleluia!”