

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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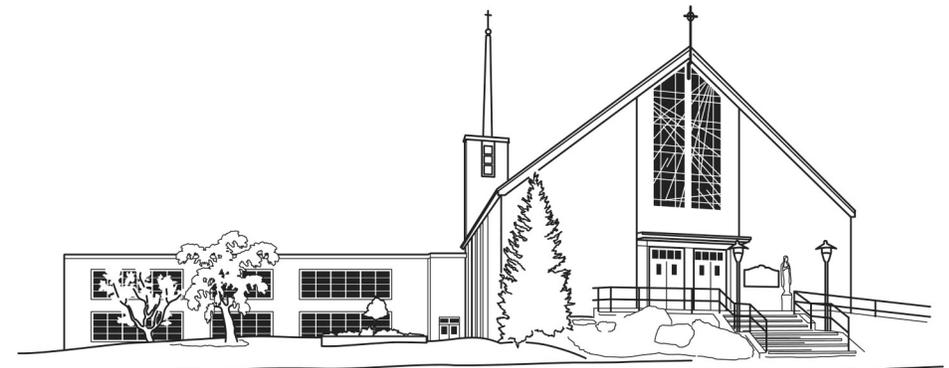
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Our Parish Mission

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.

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Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, May 23	8:30 am	†Myrtle and Claude Gooley By Bill Gooley & Louise Garone
	4:30 pm	†Leonard Bellerose By his wife
Sunday, May 24	7:30 am	Those sick with Covid-19 By a parishioner
	9:00 am	†Emil Smith By a friend
	11:00 am	†John Connors By Andree Connors and family
	5:30 pm	†Joseph Vo Van Ngo, Anna Bay Thi Huynh & Ann Kim Chi Ngu- yen Ngo By the family
Monday, May 25	8:30 am	†Josephine Virgilio By the family
Tuesday, May 26	8:30 am	†John P. and Virginia M. Sheehan By the family
Wednesday, May 27	8:30 am	†Gerry and Frankie Nugent By the family
Thursday, May 28	8:30 am	†John Dowd By the Dzienna family
Friday, May 29	8:30 am	†Those who have died from Covid-19
Saturday, May 30	8:30 am	†Robert and Ann Rohanna By the family
	4:30 pm	†Aime and Georgette Ledoux By the family
Sunday, May 31	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	Dennis and MaryEllen Daly 40 th Wedding Anniversary By the family
	11:00 am	†Marguerite Akey †Jean Malo By the family
	5:30 pm	†Patricia Marie Hilmer By Kathy and Karen Kelly



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rest of the souls of Jackie Lawson, Thomas Graham, Juanita Clinton, Beverly Brannon, and Maura's son who died unexpectedly at age 37; and all those who have died of Covid 19; Eddie and Barbara; Christine's recovery from a miscarriage; Donnie's successful medical test; a peaceful passing for Lorraine; EV success for an upcoming mission for people with addictions and dependencies; Diane to receive and benefit from the appropriate treatment for a serious ailment; a woman's severe arm wound to heal; GF; a family in turmoil to resolve their differences; and for a safe and steady re-opening of our state and a continued drop in Covid 19 infections; Karen dealing with multiple losses; Bob; Sr. Jeaninne's overall health; Melissa; all those who continue to work as first responders and health care workers and supporters of health care systems; truck drivers; essential business owners; all those struggling without work anticipating the re-opening of business; everyone wearying of social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing to stay courageous and follow our state guidelines; for everyone missing their religious services and those who provide spiritual direction; and especially for all those affected by Covid 19 who are ill, have died, or are dealing with the effects of this pandemic.

Continued prayers for: Michael; John S.; Joan F.; Tara; Beverly; Frank; Sarah R.; M.; Sean; Judy and family; Mercey L.; Juanita; Marge; Peter's uncle; AB; Jackie; Ray; Jen and those in group homes; Grace; Michael T.; Nicole; Clare; Jonathan; John; Julie G.; Dave; safe pregnancies for Katie, Kendra; Christine and Colleen; Hunter; Whit; Connor; Paul; Margaret; Nancy; Patrick; Charlie; Robbie; DP; Sarah; Sara; Christine; Brian; Jacob; Joe; Joy; Caren; Matt; Lisa; Larry; baby Mason; Mary; Pat; Marilyn; Sherri; Velma; GR; SD; Bruce; Megan; Carol; Judy; FM; Gloria; MF; Sue; David C.; Martin; RSM; Tim C.; Tim M.; Fred; Wesley; Matthew; Chris; Lilly; Toni; Mark; Pam; Charlie; Carin; Bailey and Megan.

Thanksgiving for: neighborly cooperation and aid; warmer weather; all those working tirelessly to improve our "new normal"; Frank's sister's recovery from Covid 19; HH Teachers; all offerings; the End of Life program at U Mass; Code 3 Association and Rally USA.org; the curve flattening; constant adapting to a "new normal"; KMC; many people grateful for the CARES act and some supplemental income; all the lessons available due to the pandemic and the presence to learn from it; for those who are working without thanks and behind the scenes to keep myriad things going; and for all answered prayers.

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



Rest in Peace

Eleanor Fuller and Charles Sbarboro



**CLASS OF 2020
CONGRATULATION**

Best Wishes and Prayers to all of our St. Mary's Parishioners who are graduating from high school and college this spring. We celebrate your achievements in the most unusual commencement season that has taken place within all of our lifetimes. May you continue to find creative and safe ways with family and friends to mark this long expected achievement.



MARY'S FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the statue of our Blessed Mother are in memory of

Dr. Alfred Iacobucci

Donated lovingly by his family

SAINT MARY CHURCH REOPENS FOR MASS

Effective Saturday, May 23, 2020 Bishop McManus is lifting the suspension of public celebrations of the Mass in the Diocese of Worcester. We will resume the regular Sunday Mass Schedule – Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. The 8:30 am daily Mass will resume in the church on Monday, May 25. While we are excited to welcome you back to St. Mary's Church for the celebration of Mass, we also want to ensure the health and safety of all our parishioners. Please familiarize yourselves with these protocols and procedures for returning to Mass at St. Mary's as they will help to ensure a smooth re-opening.

Attendance at Mass

- The suspension of the Sunday obligation to attend Mass on Sundays will remain in force until December 31, 2020. Keep in mind the State of MA's "Safer at Home Advisory".
- Older adults and those with underlying health conditions should continue to avoid public assemblies and remain at home. St. Mary's will continue to record the Sunday Mass each week which can be viewed on Sunday at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm on Shrewsbury Cable Channel 28. The Sunday Mass will also be posted at 8:00 am on the St. Mary's Facebook page @stmarysshrewsburyma and on the parish website www.stmarysparish.org.
- Persons who are feeling sick or exhibiting any of the following symptoms should not attend Mass in person – fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. Persons who have potentially been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should not attend.

Capacity & Seating for Mass

- During this first phase of reopening, our Masses at St. Mary's Church will be limited to approximately 125 people. (This is the estimated number of people who can be seated in the church while maintaining 6 feet of distance from others.) In order to ensure compliance people will not be allowed to enter the church once we have reached the occupancy limit.

Prior to Arriving

- Please wash your hands thoroughly and bring a small bottle of your own hand sanitizer that can be used before receiving Holy Communion.
- Face coverings or masks are required in the parking lot and during Mass. Please note that for children between ages 2 and 5, the wearing of a face covering or mask is at the discretion of the child's parent. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a face covering or mask. Places of worship may refuse entry to a person who refuses to wear a face covering or mask for non-medical reasons.

Arriving for Mass

- Parishioners may enter the church through the Main Street doors or side doors. Please wait to be seated by one of the parish volunteers. Please be sure to remain six feet away from the person in front of you. The floor will be marked in order to help maintain social distancing. This process will allow for the easiest and safest entry for all our parishioners.
- Volunteers will seat you and your household when you arrive. Those entering through the Main Street doors will be seated in the back half of the church and those entering through the side door will be seated in the front half.

- Some pews will be roped off in order to maintain social distancing and we appreciate everyone cooperating in sitting in only the open pews.
- Please note, you may be sharing a pew with another household, but social distancing must be maintained between households (6 feet).
- The holy water fonts will remain empty. Hymnals and missalettes have been removed from the pews. There will also be no bulletins available – Please read the bulletin online or call the pastoral center to have one mailed to you.

General Procedures for Mass

- Please keep your face covering or mask on for the duration of Mass.
- There will be no congregational singing during the Mass with the exception of the Gospel Acclamation, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, and Lamb of God.
- There is to be no physical contact at the Sign of Peace, hand holding during the Lord's Prayer or shaking hands/hugging others after Mass.
- Baskets will not be passed during the offertory. Instead, you will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket as you enter/exit the church. We strongly encourage online giving through WeShare found our parish website www.stmarysparish.org

Procedures for Receiving Holy Communion

- The Precious Blood will not be distributed to the congregation.
- The use of personal hand sanitizer before communion is strongly encouraged.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the conclusion of the Mass. After the concluding blessing and the dismissal, the priest will remind you to remain in your seat. The priest and Minister of Communion will proceed to the places prepared for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- There will be two Communion stations - one at the head of the main aisle and one in the middle of the main aisle. There will be one single line for communion. Volunteers will assist in ushering each pew to at the proper time with the "Mary side" of the church coming first followed by the "pulpit side" of the church. The main aisle will be marked with tape at 6 foot intervals to help maintain social distancing.
- Masks should be worn while in the communion line. After you have received communion please step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, and then re-mask. There is a "public health preference" that those who receive Holy Communion receive in the hand and not on the tongue.
- After receiving Holy Communion, please exit the church by the same door through which you entered. After leaving the church please do not congregate in the hallways, vestibule or outside, but head directly to your vehicle.

Church Cleaning Procedures

- We will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitization practices, including cleaning pews between every Mass. Parish staff and volunteers will be required to wear face masks, wash hands regularly. Disinfecting bathrooms, door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces will occur throughout the day.

St. Mary's Church has been careful to observe the guidelines issued by the State of Massachusetts and the Bishop of Worcester in the interest of the public health.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Nine weeks ago, in response to an unprecedented pandemic and in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, I suspended all public celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy in the Diocese of Worcester. Since that time we have prayed for an end to the pandemic, cared for the sick, buried the dead, consoled the mourning and proclaimed the Gospel through innovative means.

By the grace of God, we have finally reached the point at which the spread of the virus has slowed sufficiently as to allow for us to return to Church and to the celebration of those sacred mysteries which are the source and summit of our lives. Effective May 23, 2020 I am lifting my suspension of public celebrations of the Liturgy in the Diocese of Worcester. In the light of the continuing and specific danger presented by this virus to older people and those with certain health conditions, the obligation to take part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be lifted.

I caution all Priests to carefully observe the restrictions which continue to be imposed by government authorities in the interest of public health. This joy we feel during the first phase of resumption of our ecclesial life must be balanced by a concern for the common good, as we continue to do everything possible to further stem the spread of this dread disease.

Perhaps the most unforgettable image of these past weeks was of our Holy Father, standing alone before the Cross in the vastness of Saint Peter's square. At that moment, he embodies the isolation we have all felt, but at the same time he reminded us that from that Cross, the Lord calls us "to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize and foster the grace that lives within us. Let us not quench the wavering flame that never falters, and let us allow hope to be rekindled."

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

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



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**ST. MARY'S SUNDAY OFFERTORY
THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

During the past two months as Masses were suspended because of the coronavirus pandemic, the people of St. Mary's have continued to be very generous in their stewardship and support of our parish. Many parishioners mailed in or dropped off their Sunday envelopes. As we return to the celebration of Mass in our church, we will not be able to pass the basket for collections. Instead, a basket will be placed at the entrances of the church so that you may drop off your offering on the way into Mass or on your way out of church afterwards.

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 If you have any questions about WeShare, please do not hesitate to call Kerry at the parish office at 508-845-6341.



PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2020

A word of thanks to the many St. Mary's parishioners who have made a gift/pledge to this year's Partners in Charity Appeal. Your support for this important lifeline for our local church is greatly appreciated. The funds raised from Partners in Charity help support more than 25 vital ministries and agencies in our diocese that assist tens of thousands of people throughout Worcester County.

In these most challenging of times as we continue to live in the midst of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the people of St. Mary's have stepped up once again with their generosity and support. THANK-YOU.

St. Mary's Goal \$180,500
Amount Collected/Pledged \$163,015
Number of gifts 307

As you are able, please 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. As time permits, please watch this year's Partners video at www.partners-charity.net where you may also may your gift online.

**ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON
HOME (Laudato Si')**
Fifth Anniversary of
Pope Francis' Encyclical

This past week (May 16-24) marked the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si' ('Praise Be'). Invoking St. Francis of Assisi's 'Canticle of the Sun' which begins, "Laudato Si', mi' Signore" – Praise be to you, my Lord, Pope Francis in Laudato Si, writes that he hopes that "this Encyclical Letter, which is now added to the body of the Church's social teaching, can help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face." (LS no. 15)

Laudato Si Week, falling as it does during this most unprecedented and challenging time reminds us more than ever of our dependence on each other and on our planet. If the current pandemic has proven anything, it is the fact that we are all connected – what one person does, affects the other. There is nothing that we do as individuals, groups or nations that does not impact others. Our actions do not take place in a vacuum. "Nothing in this world is indifferent to us." (LS no. 2).