



SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

30 Bartlett Street ~ Westfield, MA 01085

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR

WELCOME

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family or marital situation,
No matter what your current personal history, age, background, or race,
No matter what your own self-image—
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here
at Saint Mary's Parish.
We are here to welcome and serve you.
Together we are all called to conversion in Christ.*

EUCCHARIST

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
(11:30 am Misa en Español)
Daily Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.
*Holy Days as posted but usually 8:30 a.m. &
6:15 p.m. (Bilingual)*

STAFF

Fr. Matthew Alcombright – *Pastor*
Deacon Roger Carrier
Deacon Osvaldo Mendez
Deacon Pedro Rivera
Mrs. Michele Suhocki – *Pastoral Minister*
Mrs. Robin Jensen
Director of Advancement
Mrs. Kay Mowatt – *Pre K – 6 Rel. Ed.*
Mrs. Joanne Bagge - *Grade 7+ Rel. Ed*
Mr. Rob Lepage – *Music Director*

TELEPHONE

Rectory & Pastoral Ministry	562-5477
Fax	562-5478
Elementary School	568-2388
Advancement	568-1160
St. Vincent de Paul	568-5619
High School	568-5692
Office of Religious Education	568-1127

BAPTISM: Usually celebrated the last weekend of the month. Please contact the rectory to get started.

CONFESSION: Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm, twice a year at our Westfield Communal Reconciliation Service or any time by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Please call any of the priests or deacons to begin the preparation process at least one year in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please call the rectory to register.

ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL: For more information regarding registration and enrollment in our Preschool (3 year olds), PreK, Elementary School please call (568-2388) or High School please call (568-5692).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CCD for grades K-11 takes place Sept. to April. Contact the Office of Religious Education for more details.

MINISTERIO HISPANICO: Tenemos muchos: Círculo de Oración, Cofradas, Hijas de María, Juan XXIII, Ultrella y más. Llama al Diácono Pedro.

THE KNOTS PRAYER

Dear God:
Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.
Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind. Erase the will nots, may nots,
might nots that may find a home in my heart.
Release me from the could nots, would nots
and should nots that obstruct my life.
And most of all, Dear God,
I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought that I am not good enough.

AMEN



Melchizedek, priest of God Most High, offers bread and wine as a blessing on Abram. Jesus fulfills this offering, giving us His own Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine. Thus is our hunger satisfied in abundance as we make our pilgrim way to the heavenly banquet feast.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 22

4:00 PM Peggy Veto, requested by Her Family

Sunday, June 23

8:30 AM Vincenzo & Angelina Iarrusso, requested by Their Family

10:00 AM Pauline Engell, 3rd Anniversary, requested by Marie Fortin and Family

11:30 AM Felix Luna Rivera, 3rd Anniversary, requested by The Luna Family

5:00 PM Ricky Sanabria, requested by His Family

Monday, June 24

8:30 AM M/M Giuseppe Mattia, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by Their Family

Tuesday, June 25

8:30 AM Mary Krutka, requested by Kathleen Pelland Richard Butcher, Sr. requested by the Jim Warner Family

Wednesday, June 26

8:30 AM Taddeo Mattia, + Birthday Remembrance & 27th Anniversary, requested by His Wife, Filomena Lynne Reilly, requested by Lorraine Hannan and Family

Thursday, June 27

8:30 AM Special Intentions, requested by R.S. & L.S.

Friday, June 28

8:30 AM Jim Affenito, 20th Anniversary

Saturday, June 29

4:00 PM Elaine Collier, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by Her Sisters and Their Family

Sunday, June 30

8:30 AM Katherine Whitehead, John O'Connor & Jeremiah O'Connor, Jr., requested by Their Family

10:00 AM Raml Angco, 1st Anniversary, requested by Mom, Dad, Charisse, Ray and Janice

11:30 AM Special Intentions for Beth, requested by Adult Choir

5:00 PM Kevin Sullivan, requested by Susan and Michael Regensburger

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

4 PM

Altar Servers: Jake Diaz, Nicholas Diaz

Reader: Sheila Green

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:30 AM

Altar Servers: Andrew Burnickas, Brigid Lawry, Cullen Lawry

Reader: Cathleen Bastible

10 AM

Altar Servers: Olivia Lawry, Paul Lawry

Reader: Jeanne DeBolt

11:30 AM

Altar Servers: Gabriel Mojica, Xavier Félix

Reader: Juan Aquino, Ana Maria Castrillo

5 PM

Altar Servers: Noah Amaral, Dean Robinson

Reader: Elizabeth Devillez

LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers all the sick in our parish, our families and friends. Please also pray for our beloved deceased: Evelyn Barthelette, Rolland Turcotte, Rev. Charles Gonet, Kathryn Dedon, Alexander Velez, Mark Lesniewski, Dianne Ryan-Paschall, Alex Papagan and Maria D'Arezzo.



If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful flowers on our altar, there is a notebook in the main entrance of the Church. It is easy to fill out a request and a great way to honor someone who has passed away or celebrate a great event in someone's life.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the upstairs Church will burn from 6/15/19 to 6/28/19 for Tom Drummey, 60th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance, requested by His Family.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the downstairs Church will burn from 6/15/19 to 6/28/19, in Memory of Ricky Sanabria.



WE STEWARD OUR TREASURE

JUNE 15 & 16

361 Envelopes

Total in Envelopes: \$10,110.00

Loose Cash: \$681.00

TOTAL: \$10,791

Fuel: \$254.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PLEASE WELCOME FR. FRANK FURMAN



Fr. Frank Furman will arrive at St. Mary's on July 5, as our Parochial Vicar. Fr. Furman graduated from Holyoke Catholic High School and the Elms College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2012. He attended St. John's Seminary in Brighton, and was ordained on June 30, 2018. Fr. Furman was parochial Vicar at St. Agnes in Dalton until he returned to Rome to finish his Vatican studies.

The Living Body & Blood of Christ

Those charitable appeals that land in our mailboxes seem to have a way of multiplying. They also seem to arrive so frequently that they lead us to toss them into the trash basket. Their senders could care less about their competitors for our dollars. Yet I find there is a special power in any appeal that calls for aid to those who hunger. Add to the brochure a picture of a famished child and you have my attention. I reach for my checkbook.

If you have ever gone on a diet to lose weight, or even fasted authentically during Lent, you know there is the slight pain in your stomach. But in those two situations there is certainly no real fear, because we know that just behind the refrigerator door lies the comfort of available food. Not true for those starving people on our planet.

Jesus knew all about physical hunger. He fasted for forty days. Being “like us in all things but sin” as one Mass preface puts it, He experienced the pain of hunger. But He also knew much about our spiritual hunger for God. Union with our Maker, whether or not we acknowledge it, is “hard wired” in our makeup.

We may try to stifle this other form of hunger with all kinds of “stuffing.” You know what I mean. It’s all those distractions we permit. The tangible toys of material success. The hobbies that become habits. Or the habits that become addictions. But we remain hungry long after the initial attraction of those things is gone.

The goodness of God is everlasting. He has a long record of feeding us. The Hebrews had manna to survive in their desert wanderings. The five thousand had their fill of bread

and fish. But on the night of the Last Supper we learned that those were mere foreshadows of what He would do with the Passover bread and wine. Quite simply, the real Jesus took real bread and real wine and changed them into Himself. This He followed with the command to do this in His memory.

Two months ago, on Holy Thursday, we were too distracted by Our Lord’s awful agony in the garden; His powerful gesture of foot washing; His creation of the New Testament priesthood and even the tragic betrayal of Judas to give our full attention to the Eucharist. So each year the Church puts this feast of “Corpus Christi” on the calendar to focus on the most precious of the seven gifts of the sacraments. It is this jewel that is, in her way of expressing it officially, “the source and summit” of the Christian life. The main reason for the Church’s existence. The principal reason for the priesthood.

It is important for us Catholics, especially in our pluralistic culture and one that prefers everybody to blend in, that we be very clear in how we differ from Protestant Christians, who believe that the Eucharist is only a symbol. That Christ was only speaking metaphorically. We instead believe that the bread and wine, consecrated at the Mass, through the words of Christ spoken by the celebrating priest, really and truly become the living Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Even if this feeding seems to have no immediate effect, our souls have been fed. Spiritual hunger is satisfied. Through the Eucharist our faith has the chance to be renewed. Also, our hope becomes reinvigorated and our charity is re-energized. This means ultimately that none of us need go spiritually hungry ever again. Humbly we pray “Our Father, who art in heaven, give us this day our daily Bread.”

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You are invited to our next Blood Drive!

Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills

One donation saves three adults or up to five infants. The gift of life is so very precious.

Our next Blood Donation Drive will be Saturday, July 27, from 10 to 3 p.m. If we can fill the schedule which is 30 appointments, we would save between 90 and 150 lives. A block of time can easily be saved, if you would like to get a group together for a Blood Donation Party and make a day of it. Share a meal together first then come to donate!

If you have never given before, I would be happy to come and stay with you while you donate.

Each donation receives a Thank You of a FREE BIG E TICKET and remember that the donations made through Baystate Health stays in Western Massachusetts! Please call our Pastoral Minister Deb Briancesco RN at 786.8200, ext 3, soon to make your appointment to save a life or with any questions.

New England’s Premier Christian Music Festival

SOULFEST

August 1-3, 2019

Gunstock Mountain & Resort, New Hampshire

This is a *family-friendly event*. Over 100 performances and workshops, Catholic Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation daily! There are all kinds of music: Worship, Pop, Country, Hip-Hop, Rap, Hard Rock, Alternative and there are tons of activities for our youth (Pre-school - College). **Go online to learn more.** Consider **VOLUNTEERING** at Soulfest and get your concert tickets for **FREE**. Pastoral Minister Michele Suhocki will volunteer at this event. Contact her for any questions about Soulfest, at msuhocki@stmsaints.org, 562-5477, ext. 144.

Atención

Por más de 10 años, a la familia Santos ha estado en coordinación de los servidores del altar hispanos de nuestra parroquia. Entendemos que hay otras personas capacitadas para ejercer este ministerio y queremos darle la oportunidad de que sirvan a Dios y a nuestra comunidad. Si alguna persona (adulto o joven) está interesado en ser el/la nuevo/a coordinador/a favor de comunicarse con el diacono Pedro.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, June 24

- 6:30 pm Baptism Class - Center
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts 109 - ES
- 7 pm El Camino Reunión Consejo - Center

Tuesday, June 25

- 6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church
- 7 pm Renovación Carismática - Lower Church

Wednesday, June 26

- 9 am Eucharistic Adoration - Church
- 9:30 am Bible Study - Center
- 5 pm Benediction - Lower Church

Thursday, June 27

- 6:45 pm Women's Prayer Group - Lower Church
- 7 pm El Camino Asamblea - ES
- 7 pm Ultrellas - Center

Sunday, June 30

- 10 am Little Church - Lower Church
- 2 pm Baptisms - Upper Church

The Wild Goose Returns to Sacred Heart Parish! **VBS**

The Wild Goose Bible Study, discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. This is a study with no written homework, this is a study that is solely spirit filled; that will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace and presence. Along with the study we will have Praise and Worship Music Ministry to bring us further into prayerfulness; when we sing His praises, we are praying twice! The Wild Goose is a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to lead us to the heart of God. This study will take place on the second Monday of each month starting July 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in our Parish Center. You will have an opportunity for fellowship and light refreshments. There is no charge for this bible study and everyone is welcome to come. A free-will offering would be graciously appreciated to offset any costs. Please contact our Pastoral Minister, Deb Briancesco, with any questions at 786-8200, ext 3.

Big Thanks from the St. Vincent dePaul Society!



The St. Vincent dePaul Society would like to thank all who donated during our stand-out in June. Because of the generosity of our parishioners, the society collected over \$1,545 to assist the less fortunate of Westfield. The generosity of the St Mary's Parish family is amazing! We are very grateful!

Do you have a prayer request? Call or text the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary prayer line. We will pray for you. Betty, 563-0592, or Marguerite, 531-5648.

Start the summer off by praying the rosary. The rosary is prayed every weekday morning at 8 a.m. before the 8:30 Mass. Come and join us.

Prayer for the Summer Solstice

Jesus, thank you for Summer.
Thank you for light and warmth.
Thank you for the sun.
Thank you for the gifts of nature
and for the annual cycles and seasons.
Today, give us that grace again,
to see you as the Creator,
the One who lifts us up to be with you
forever, even now. Amen.



DEADLINE FOR THE JULY 7TH BULLETIN will be Wednesday, June 26. This is due to a revised printing schedule for the Fourth of July holiday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FR. MICHAEL

Fr. Michael Bernier who was an associate here from 2006-08 suffered a stroke and will be in the hospital for a long time. Let's continue to support him! If anyone would like to send Fr. Michael a card or write a note, please bring them to the rectory and Fr. John Salatino will see that he gets them.



MISSION WEEKEND – JUNE 22 & 23

Fr. Roy will be here the weekend of June 22 and 23 to speak about his mission in India. Please be as generous as you can.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY

Flowers and all remaining religious articles and other memorabilia must be removed from the cemetery by Tuesday, June 25. Only flowers that are on monuments will be allowed to remain in the cemetery. Also, please note that plantings of any kind are not allowed around the base of the monument. Benches, chairs, vigil lights, and other ornaments are prohibited. **No artificial flowers are allowed at any time in the cemetery.**

CENTENNIAL PATIO BRICKS

**IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A LOVED ONE
OR IN COMMEMORATION OF WEDDINGS,
ANNIVERSARIES & FIRST COMMUNION**

Consider purchasing a **Patio Brick**, a gift that will last forever in our Centennial Patio Garden. The garden, home to a beautiful statue of Mary, the Blessed Mother, is located between St. Mary's Church and the rectory. Bricks can be purchased for \$100 and are engraved with 2 lines, 17 characters (including spaces) per line or \$150 with 3 lines, 17 characters (including spaces) per line.** You can now order and pay online with a credit card at www.stmsaints.org under SUPPORT SAINTS. Please call the Advancement Office at 568-1160 or email Robin Jensen at rjensen@stmsaints.org if you have any questions.

****As of July 1, 2019 - 3 lines will cost \$150. Thank you.**