

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. Juan Escudero, *Parochial Vicar*

Philip E. Devine, *Deacon*

Jeannie MacDonough, *Principal*

Gina Kuruvilla, *Director of*

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Kathy Canfield, *Gr. K–4 Rel. Ed. Coord.*

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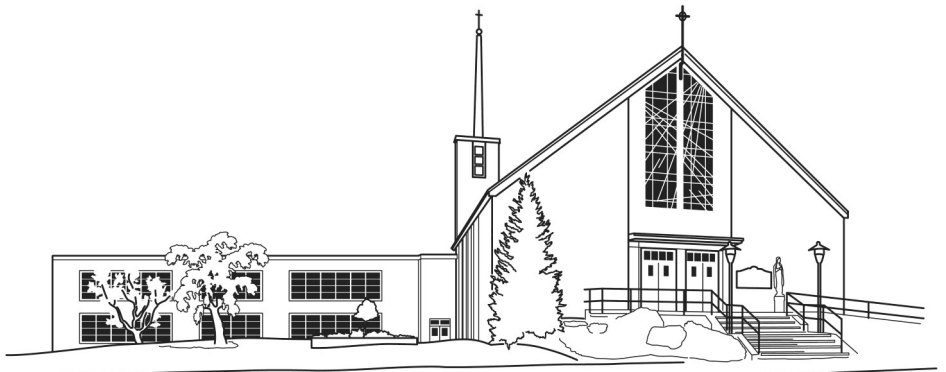
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Our Parish Mission

We, the people of St. Mary's, strive to be a community united with God, dedicated to continuing growth in knowledge and faith, giving witness to Christ through love, worship, education, and service. So that we may fulfill this mission and integrate spirituality with life, we shall reach out to all peoples within and beyond our faith 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 at home 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 10	8:30 pm	† Bill Duke By Joan
	4:30 pm	† John Alicandro By the family
Sunday, March 11	7:30 am	† Robert Piazza, Sr. 23rd Anniversary by Paul&Elsie O'Dell
	9:00 am	† Brian and John Nelligan By the family
	11:00 am	† Michael McCaffrey 10th Anniversary by the family
	5:30	† Donald, Claire & Sean Hughes † Ed, William & Paula Rourke By the Hughes/Rourke family
Monday, March 12	8:30 am	
Tuesday, March 13	8:30 am	
Wed., March 14	8:30 pm	† Martin and Jean Keaveney By St. Mary's Parish
Thursday, March 15	8:30 am	† Dan McKenna By the family
Friday, March 16	8:30 am	
Saturday, March 17	8:30 am	† James and Mary Johnson By the Curran family
	4:30 pm	† Albert Richard By the Aoude family
Sunday, March 18	7:30 am	† Richard McNamara By the family
	9:00 am	† Paul Kozakevich By the family
	11:00 am	† June Maloney 2nd Anniversary by the family
	5:30 pm	† Jose & Theresa Fernandez, Manny Chaves, Alipio Martins, Hilda Corriea, Armando Sousa, Filomena Sousa, Paul Dirth, Ruth Foley, Pam Cawley By Joe and Elisa Sousa



PRAY FOR . . .

Healing for Joseph S. a young man in Intensive Care with a serious case of the flu; Jen a woman with heart disease for healing and strength, comfort and peace for her family; Chris and Ron each diagnosed with pneumonia for healing and strength; a young woman in the hospital waiting results of tests to rule out a stroke, for strength, healing and a good diagnosis and treatment; continued recovery for a woman following a miscarriage; Bella to receive an accurate diagnosis and treatment; Rebecca a young mother diagnosed with thyroid cancer for successful treatment and full healing; successful job interview for a young man; Ann; Beverly to successfully beat her recent bout with cancer; Jack; and for all those suffering with any illness to know God's healing presence.

Continued prayers for: Mary in treatment for a brain tumor; Rebecca in treatment for Thyroid cancer, the sale of a home; Susan for treatment of breast cancer; John's research; Joseph's job interview; Rick V; Lynn's full recovery; Martin; a man; Tami; Amanda; Pat; Jeff; Marianne; Lynne M.; Maryann; Matthew; Scott; Jenny; Catherine; Eric; Mary A.; a woman with an heart ailment; Vicki; Rich D.; Jamie; Pat; John; Rick Vacca; Sheila; Marsha; Alicia; L.; Susan; Dean; John; Ben; Andrea; John K.; Richard; Pam; Tom B.; Allison; Katie; Jack; Callan; Ivan; Tim Martin; Tim C.; Helen; Nancy G.; Dawn; Chrissy; AP; DP; Elizabeth; Christine; Shirley; Emma; Julia; ES; EW; Neil; Kevin; Paul; Keith; Maddie; Chico; Rose; Bill; Ted; Susan and Wayne.

Thanksgiving for: the safe delivery of Andrea's baby; safe travel for several; FS's improved health; the new Healthy Incentives Program (HIPO); Al's support and aid; Andy's improved health; Craig's help and expertise; Valerie's example, knowledge, work ethic, voice, and friendship; and all answered prayers.

Prayer Line: Tracy at 508-450-0137 or Susan at 508-479-4667 or susanbk@townisp.com

Parish Support

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

Month of February (weekly average)	\$14,979
Catholic University	\$1,600



Rest in Peace

Thomas Bill and William Maguire, Jr.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 17-18

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	L. Perkins	P. Pennucci, H. Reynolds, S. Gallerani, S. Goodwin, S. Puthanangady, C. Engdahl	M. Wackell, A. Eda, O. Ferguson E. Ferguson	L. Nelligan
Sunday 7:30am	M. Monahan	R. Mungovan, T. Keegan, P. Caouette, M. Gulino, W. Gooley, M. Blute, A. Lo	A. Johnson, A. Lo, P. Vona, K. Vona	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am	J. Valutkevich	S. Zybert, P. Ahearn, J. MacDonough, M. Benbenek, F. Mannella	A. Harasim, J. MacDonough, M. Larkin	R. St. Pierre
Sunday 11:00am	M. Connors	J.M. Carey, D. Malo, J. McDonald, L. Ferguson, L. Shuba, J. Ellis, E. Page	J. Malo, M. Johnson, J. Sweetwood M. Flores	J.M. Carey
Sunday 5:30pm	Confirmation Student	M/M Thompson, S. Blanco, H. Collins, M.L. Nevins, J. Srnka	N. Srnka, J. Thomas, S. Damle T. Buricatu	V. Moskowitz

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only son...
(John 3:16)*

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 from 3:30 – 4:15 pm and Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.
There will be no confessions on March 13 due to the Lenten Mission

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evenings in the church from 6:00 – 9:00 pm
There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on March 13 due to the Lenten Mission
Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Pastoral Center Chapel.

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.

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

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

JOIN US on Friday evenings, March 16 & 23 – at 6:00pm for our Lenten Soup Supper. As we come together for this simple meal of meatless soup and bread, it reminds us how we are called to practice a simpler lifestyle during Lent. Each week will be hosted by a different parish ministry or group, and several different home-made soups will be served beginning at 6:00pm.

There will be no Soup Supper this coming Friday, March 9 because of the Lenten Fish Fry.



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 at the entrances of the church. Please purchase a food gift card from any local supermarket. Attach it to the tag and return it by March 25 in any Sunday collection. May we pray for and continue to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Living Stations of the Cross

Children of all ages and teens are needed for **The Living Stations of the Cross** which will be held on Good Friday (March 30th) at 3:30pm. There will be one rehearsal on Monday, March 26th at 6pm in the church. There are plenty of speaking and non-speaking roles available. **This is a very memorable way to teach your children the meaning of Holy Week and Easter!** There is a sign-up sheet in the sacristy. Please contact Lisa Powers with any questions (LisaRThomas@aol.com or 617-823-1834).



Sunday, March 11

9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
1:00 Eagle Court of Honor for Michael Stearns-Church/Hall
7:00 Cluster Lenten Mission-St. Anne's

Monday, March 12

9:15 Weight Training-Large meeting Room
6:30 Webelos Den 9-Hall
7:00 Baptism class-Mary's Room
7:00 Boy Scout Monthly Troop Meeting-St. Luke
7:00 Cluster Lenten Mission-St. Mary's

Tuesday, March 13

9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
3:00 Commission for Women-Large Meeting Room
6:00 Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 Cluster Lenten Mission-St. Mary of the Hills
7:00 PRAE-Large Meeting Room

Wednesday, March 14

10:00 Lenten Morning of Prayer-Church/Large Meeting Room
4:15 Children's Choir-Church
4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
6:00 Cub Scouts Den 6-Hall
6:00 Brownies-Gathering Space
6:30 Cub Scout Den 9-St. John
7:00 Grade 6 Catechist Meeting-St. Luke
7:00 Habitat for Humanity NY Parent Meeting-Mary's Room
7:00 Parish Council-Large Meeting Room

Thursday, March 15

9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
6:00 Cub Scouts Den 1-Hall
6:30 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room
6:30 CMSC Parent Class-Gathering Space
7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall
7:00 Men's Group-Media Center

Friday, March 16

9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
2:30 Mass at Shrewsbury Nursing Home
4:00 Girl Scouts-Hall
6:00 Lenten Soup Supper-Hall
6:00 Light of the World Retreat-LMR/GS
6:00 Girl Scouts-Mary's Room
6:00 Girl Scouts-St. Matthew
7:00 Stations of the Cross-Church

Saturday, March 17

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

Sunday, March 18

8:00 Light of the World Retreat-LMR/GS
9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
12:30 Baptisms-Church
6:30 RCIA-Media Center
6:30 Grades 9 & 10 CCD-School/Hall/ PC/LMR/GS

24 Hour Rosary and Adoration for an End to Abortion



Rosary begins on Friday, March 23rd at 4:00 pm
Rosary ends on Saturday, March 24th at 4:30 pm

Special Mass for Life

Saturday, Saturday, March 24th at 4:30pm

Stop in anytime during the Rosary. All are welcome.



Saint Mary School 2018 - 2019 School Year

Saint Mary School is now accepting applications for our Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 through 8 classrooms for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Schedule a tour to see how Saint Mary School is making a difference for our students, our community and our world as you witness our commitment to faith, academic excellence and authentic examples of service.

Our After-School Program is available for Kindergarten through Grade 8 students from 2:30 – 5:30 pm.

Saint Mary School welcomes students and families from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

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

Visit our website to complete an application and learn more about Saint Mary School: <http://school.stmarysparish.org/>

Al's Oil Presents St. Mary School's Second Annual



Night at the Theater

Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:30pm
The Hanover Theater for Performing Arts

Tickets are \$135 per person and include dinner, bus transportation to and from the theater and tickets to the show!

All proceeds benefit the Saint Mary Parent Association

For tickets please contact Jeannie McDonough at Jeannie.maconough@stmarysparish.org



Take the night off and join St. Mary's School as we dine for dollars at Panera Bread on Wednesday, March 14th. We thank you for supporting St. Mary School. Please help yourself to a flyer on the way out of church and we will see you for dinner at Panera Bread!

Lenten Morning of Prayer

March 14, 8:30 am Mass –Noon
Special Guest: Bishop George Rieger

Please join us for a morning of prayer and sharing. We will conclude with a potluck lunch. All are welcome.

SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND FOR THE NEXT LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT WEEKEND

MARCH 16 – 19, 2018

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.

All meals and snacks are included. You do not need to prepare or bring anything with you, but feel free to bring whatever will make you more comfortable. The environment is relaxed & dress is casual and at the end of each day, you will return to the comfort of your own home. There will be a series of presentations, each building on the one before to complete a journey of discovering the "Good News." For this reason, we ask that you please plan to attend the entire retreat. There will be inspired teaching, humor, hearing how others have come closer to Jesus, time for quiet prayer, and renewal of sacraments. There will be opportunities to make new friends through the shared fellowship. There is no anticipated response to the weekend, only the assurance that the Holy Spirit will meet you right where you are. Informational brochures and registration forms can be found by the bulletins today.

NEW PARISHIONERS



We extend a warm welcome to the following people who joined St. Mary's parish during the month of February: Manuel and Maria Call, Cindy Foss, Daniel and Alana Giddens, Brian and Patricia McIntosh, Jarryd and Alyssa Pittman, Alberto Rossi and Monica Gonzalez, William Russell and Sara Pilmer, Ronald and Elizabeth Todisco, and Stephen and Linda Walsh.

WELCOME TABLE

If you are a new parishioner, we are very glad to welcome you to St. Mary's. In the coming months we hope that you will take time to GET REGISTERED ... GET CONNECTED ... and GET INVOLVED. Parishioners involved in our Welcoming Ministry are here to help you in any way we can.

To register in the parish, you may call or stop by the Pastoral Center and Kerry, the parish secretary, will help you. You can also register online at the parish website at www.stmarysparish.org.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the families and the children who were baptized during the month of February: Lily Sullivan

May she grow in the faith that we profess in Christ Jesus.

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm. Please call the pastoral center to make arrangements for your child's baptism. Parents who would like to have their first child baptized will be asked to participate in a Baptism Preparation session which are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the pastoral center.

CLUSTER LENTEN MISSION

with
Marty Rotella,
 musician/songwriter
 and
 3-time Grammy Award nominee



*Who is God?
 Who am I?
 What is Prayer?
 What is Love?*



Sunday, March 11
St. Anne's Church

Monday, March 12
St. Mary's Church

Tuesday, March 13
St. Mary of the Hills Church
 (hospitality at the close of the Mission)

7:00 pm

**Please join us for an unforgettable experience
 on any or all evenings**

CDs will be sold all three nights



Spiritual Adoption Intention – Seventh Month

In the seventh month of spiritual adoption we pray that the parents be guided by the Holy Spirit in considering legal adoption as an option for their child, and if they so choose, that the right family will be selected for this particular child.



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 March 23 & 24. This retreat begins 6pm Friday and ends 6pm Saturday. It is for men high school age, college age, and older. The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or by phone at 508-340-5788 to sign up.



2018 PARTNERS IN CHARITY

This weekend the In-Pew Collection for the **2018 Partners in Charity Appeal** will take place at all of the Masses. You will find Partners in Charity envelopes at the end of the pews. Some may have brought their pledge envelopes from home, and others have already made their gift for 2018. Thank-you all for your participation and generous support.

Once a year we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support **Faith in Action** is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the lease among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Watch the Appeal Video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." -Rev 3:20

When we respond to those in need, we "help Jesus in disguise" as we are reminded by the national **Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) on the weekend of March 18**. Through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters in some of the most marginalized communities around the globe.

Thanks to your financial support, you can

- Alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need through the international Catholic humanitarian agency, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- Supply outreach and pastoral care to refugees, migrants and travelers
- Provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world through the Holy Father's Relief Fund
- Advocate for poor and vulnerable people and for international justice and peace
- Actively help victims of human trafficking and refugees by providing resettlement services and public policy advocacy

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

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

Thank you

Thanks to all who donated to the Mustard Seed drive for socks and gloves. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

Welcome to the Catholic Men's Group -St. Mary Parish

We gather every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the school media center to discuss matters of faith and ever challenging roles of men in our society. We are currently covering the Alpha Series by Nicky Gumbel and our next meeting is on March 15.

Schedule it and let the Lord be your guide. See you soon.