

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

Corner of Main & Summer Streets, Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545 • Website: [www.stmarysparish.org](http://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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## CONTACT US

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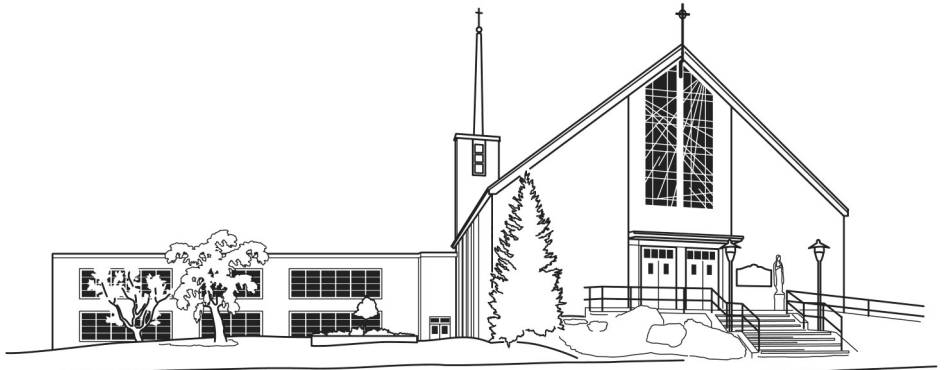
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### Our Parish Mission

*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

Jean Campaniello..... 508-842-8288  
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Samer Hannoush ..... 508-615-2760  
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Robert Terry..... 508-798-8734  
Susan Zybert ..... 508-842-7554

## COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

**Finance:** Maria Lemieux..... 508-845-8732  
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**Seniors Jet Set:** Evelyn Baroni..... 508-845-3511  
**Social Justice:** Gina Kuruvilla..... 508-925-7801  
**Outreach:** Mary Daly..... 508-845-6819  
**Stewardship:** Kelly Paulina ..... 508-845-8557

**ST. MARY'S SHREWSBURY**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Saturday, March 24</b>	8:30 pm	† <b>Francis Waters</b> By the family
	4:30 pm	† <b>Eileen Postale</b> 3rd Anniversary by the family
<b>Sunday, March 25</b>	7:30 am	† <b>Thomas McCabe</b> By the family
	9:00 am	† <b>Roger Descheneaux</b> 1st Anniversary by the family
	11:00 am	† <b>Danielle Simas</b> By the family
	5:30	† <b>Stephen Wasko</b> By the family
<b>Monday, March 26</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Lydia Bisani DiGeronimo</b> By the family
<b>Tuesday, March 27</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Dr. Frank Waters</b> By Bill and Marion Moore
<b>Wed., March 28</b>	8:30 pm	† <b>Dolores Smolinski</b> By the family
<b>Thursday, March 29</b>	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
<b>Friday, March 30</b>	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday, March 31</b>	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday, April 1</b>	7:30 am	Easter Mass
	9:00 am	Easter Mass
	11:00 am	Easter Mass
	5:30 pm	No 5:30 pm Mass



**PRAY FOR . . .**

Rest of the souls of Jennifer Valiente and Helen Estaphan; three special intentions; accurate medical care for a 9 month old

with seizures; Jeff full healing as he begins chemotherapy; Fred full recovery after two surgeries on March 20th; Sara and her unborn child for full health; Paul and Nicole; Joan's wellness; safe travel for several; speedy recovery for J.; improvement for J's cough; Lois and her husband to have a smooth transition to a nursing facility; Maryann's battle with cancer; Brady; Lisa to receive an accurate diagnosis for a digestive issue; Lisa's Mom suffering with cancer; Gloria; Ken; for all those suffering with mental and physical illness to receive and accept help; and for peace around our world.

**Continued prayers for:** Paul to retain good health; Joseph's job search; John's research; Susan dealing with pains from Decrum's disease; Jamie L. for healing; Janice G. healing and relief from pain; Karen for recovery from surgery; Lori foot healing; Diane's mom; Angela's mom; Norma's mom; Esther; Ted; Susa M.; Noah for peace; Tim M.; Paul; Caryl; Marge; SK; Johnny; Colleen; Tim; Lisa O.; Katie; Jeff; FD; John Sr.; AV; Pat; employment for Joseph and John; Jamie L.; Janice G.; Lori; three Moms; Karen; Vicki; Christine with cancer; Frank; SH; Marcy; Joanne; Paul; Alaena; Maureen; Esther; Ted; Susan M.; Ron; Rick V.; sue; Richard; Jim P.; Paul; Matt; Scott; Jamie; Dorothy; Carol; George; TC; Rebecca; Ann; Beverly; Jack; Susan; Martin; Donna; Kevin; Marsha; Allison; Dean; Susan; A.; John Nancy Jenny; Dawn; Chrissy; Elizabeth; Christine; Emma; Julia; Maddie; Chico; Wayne and Neil.

**Thanksgiving for:** Family Services of Central Massachusetts; the Light of the World Retreat and all those who participated; an excellent prognosis for Eric following treatment for esophageal cancer; safe travel for a group; Jon Haglund's very generous donation of lenses and laboratory equipment to the Lion's club to provide an estimated 60,000 people with glasses; full time employment for Clare; sale of Steve and Helene's home; J's help; the gracious gift of a glucose meter; Andrea's flexibility; improved health for M.; C's weight loss; and all answered prayers.

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



*Rest in Peace*

Helen Estaphan, Mary Noreen McMaster and Susan Morrison

**SUNDAY COFFEE**

We are most grateful to the parents of students at St. Mary School for providing and hosting Sunday coffee after the 7:30 am and 9:00 am Masses throughout the school year.

Because of Holy Week, Easter, April vacation and a couple of other parish events, there will be no Sunday Coffee on March 25 and April 1, 8, 15 & 22.

Join us again on Sunday, April 29th.

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 31-April 1**

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm		<b>Easter Weekend~Sign-up sheet is in the Sacristy</b>		
Sunday 7:30am				
Sunday 9:00am				
Sunday 11:00am				
Sunday 5:30pm				



DAILY MASS will be celebrated this week at 6:45 am and 8:30 am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30am on Thursday, Friday & Saturday

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confessions will take place this week on Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Please note that there are NO Confessions on Holy Saturday afternoon.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Tuesday evening in the church from 6:00 – 9:00 pm Please note that there will be NO Adoration on Good Friday in the Pastoral Center Chapel.

PALM SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN

On Palm Sunday, March 25th, a special Children’s Procession and Liturgy of the Word will take place at the 9:00 am Mass. Children will gather with their families in the church and take part in a procession from the church to the parish hall where they will hear a children’s version of the Passion story. After this Liturgy of the Word for Children they will rejoin their families in the church as they normally do at the 9:00 am Mass.



LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Parishioners who took a CRS Ricebowl at the beginning Lent may begin to return them on Palm Sunday. Your contributions will be used in our continued support of Catholic Relief Services, the Marie Anne Center at St. Bernard’s Church, our sister parish, St. Michel’s in Haiti and St. Anne’s Human Services. Please place them in the basket in the front vestibule of the church.



EASTER FLOWERS

Honor and remember your loved ones in a special way on Easter. An envelope for Easter Flowers can be found in your monthly packet. Please write the names of your deceased family members and friends so that we can remember them at Mass throughout the Easter Season. Your gifts will help to decorate our church for Holy Week and Easter.

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. There are plenty of speaking and non-speaking roles available. This is a wonderful and memorable way to teach your children the meaning of Easter! If interested, please contact Lisa Powers at LisaRThomas@aol.com or 617-823-2834.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

During this Holy Week please pray in a special way for Dan Adams and Felix Perez as they prepare to celebrate their Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at this year’s Easter Vigil.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY ~ March 25

Vigil Mass at 4:30pm
Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am & 5:30pm
Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00am Mass in the parish Hall
Palm Sunday Procession will begin in the church parking lot at the 11:00am and 5:30pm Masses

MONDAY

Mass at 6:45 and 8:30 am

TUESDAY

Mass at 6:45 and 8:30 am
Chrism Mass at St. Paul’s Cathedral at 10:30 am
Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in the Church
Confessions from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Church

WEDNESDAY

Mass at 6:45 and 8:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY ~ March 29

8:30 am Morning Prayer
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 – 11:30 pm followed by closing prayer

GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 30

8:30 am Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon Ecumenical Service – First Congregational Church
3:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion & Death

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 pm Easter Vigil
(Please note: No 4:30pm Mass & No Confessions)

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 am Mass in Church
9:00 am Masses in Church & Parish Hall
11:00 am Masses in Church & Parish Hall
(Please Note: No 5:30pm Mass)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~April 8

St. Mary’s will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 8
Confessions from 2:00 - 2:45 pm with Eucharistic Adoration
Prayer Service at 3:00 pm will include Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction

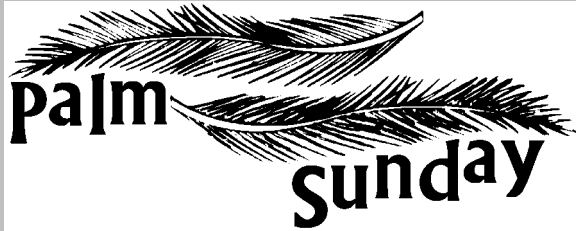


Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

Please sign up in the sacristy to serve in the Palm Sunday and Easter weekend Masses. Thank you.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION

After celebrating the last supper with his disciples, Jesus went with them to Gethsemane to pray. On Holy Thursday, as we remember the institution of the Eucharist, we are invited to pray with Jesus, to keep vigil with him in the large meeting room. Adoration will begin right after Mass. We will conclude our "vigil with the Lord" with night prayer at 11:30 pm. Give yourself the opportunity to spent some time with the Lord!



**Sunday, March 25**

- 9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Children's Choir
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 12:30 Households of Faith-Hall/LMR
- 3:00 Girl Scouts-Hall
- 4:00 Catholic School Grade 10 CCD-Pastoral Center
- 6:30 RCIA-Media Center
- 6:30 Grades 9 & 10 CCD-School/Hall/ PC/LMR/GS

**Monday, March 26**

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large meeting Room
- 5:30 Eastpoint Services-Large Meeting Room
- 6:30 Webelos Den 9-Hall
- 7:00 Cub Scout-Gathering Space

**Tuesday, March 27**

- 9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday, March 28**

- 4:15 Children's Choir-Church
- 4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 5:30 Eastpoint Services-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Cub Scouts Den 6-Hall
- 6:00 Brownies-Gathering Space
- 6:30 Cub Scout Den 9-St. John

**Thursday, March 29**

- 8:30 Morning Prayer-Church
- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Cub Scouts Den 1-Hall
- 7:00 Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, March 30**

- 8:30 Morning Prayer-Church
- 3:30 Living Stations of the Cross-Church
- 7:00 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death-Church

**Saturday, March 31**

- 8:30 Morning Prayer-Church
- 7:30 Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 1**

- 7:30 Easter Mass-Church
- 9:00 Easter Mass-Church & Hall
- 11:00 Easter Mass-Church & Hall



**LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT**

St. Mary's Parish held our second Light of the World Retreat last weekend with 25 people taking part. In addition we welcomed back Clare Ossman and Alfonso Martinez from the Diocese of Rockford, IL to lead our retreat.

Elaine LeBlanc and Sam Hannoush also served as evangelizers. They were joined by Jim Sweetwood, Joe Ficara, Susan Zybert, Marti Page and Rita St. Pierre who assisted as small group leaders. John Sliwoski made sure that everything went smoothly all weekend as he took care of planning all the meals and registration. Thank-you to all who served on the retreat team and all the participants. It was a powerful weekend filled with many graces and blessings and a great way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

We plan to have our next Light of the World Retreat in the Fall of 2018 and hope that many more parishioners will join us.



**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](mailto: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/>



**Job Opening - Administrative Assistant  
St. Mary Parish, Shrewsbury**

The Religious Education Program has a current part-time opening available (24 hours) for an organized individual. The responsibilities of this position include answering the phone and emails, greeting office visitors, and supporting the director of Religious Education as needed throughout the year. The ideal candidate would have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office, excellent communication skills, and be detailed-oriented. Candidates will need to be strong at multi-tasking and enjoy working in a team environment. High school diploma required. Interested applicants, please submit a cover letter and current resume to Msgr. Michael Rose, Pastor, St. Mary Parish, 20 Summer Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545 or [michael.rose@stmarysparish.org](mailto:michael.rose@stmarysparish.org)



**2018 PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. To date 263 have made their gift/pledge. We need the support of all members of St. Mary's Parish so that we can be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$180,500. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope found on the window sills or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to make your online gift/pledge. Thank-you

**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.



**“Protecting our Common Home”** We are forming a *“Green Team”* in our parish as part of the Social Justice Ministry. Come join us as we kick off our Environmental Stewardship efforts to engage in the care of God’s Creation.

**When:** Thursday, April 5 from 7 pm to 8 pm

**Where:** The Gathering Space

**Who:** Parishioners of all ages who are interested in raising awareness of the urgent need to protect our environment and developing programs to increase energy efficiency and decrease waste in our parish. <http://tinyurl.com/laudato>

For more information, please contact:

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Gina Kuruvilla at [Gina.Kuruvilla@stmarysparish.org](mailto:Gina.Kuruvilla@stmarysparish.org)



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

**Seventh Month Developing Baby**

**“I can look around”**

We are in the home stretch! I now weigh about three pounds and I can use four of my senses—seeing, hearing, tasting and touching. My eyelids can now open and close and I can look around and respond to light. Ultrasound reveals that I like to open my eyes and look around. During this time I will receive antibodies from my mother protecting me from a wide variety of diseases.

*“I call to heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him, for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”* Deuteronomy 30:15-20

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Participating in the Way of the Cross is such a powerful way for Christians to recall the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ during Lent. Christians in the Holy Land are faced with the particular challenge of bringing their own suffering to the cross as they witness to the faith. The Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land has been a voice for Christians living not just in Jerusalem, but also in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Each year during Holy Week we are challenged by the Scriptures to see the light of hope amidst darkness and despair. Holy Week is about finding hope from despair and as St. Francis prayed, “that we may be instruments of peace.”

Christians living in the Holy land not only struggle to live their faith and worship in their parishes—they are also the stewards of the sacred places as Christians arrive in pilgrimage day after day. Catholics worldwide are invited each year by the Holy Father to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by making a donation to the **Good Friday Collection**. Keeping Christianity alive in the Holy Land is as urgent a goal of the Church as it was in the days of St. Paul when he called upon various communities to support their brothers and sisters in Jerusalem.

Your donation helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. Your contributions assist the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment. In these times of crisis, you also help in providing humanitarian aid to refugees and bring the sacraments and hope to Christians in places like Syria.

Please be generous in this year’s Good Friday Collection in your parish. I invite you to visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) to learn more about the good work made possible thanks to your response to this pontifical collection.

Pray for peace during this Holy Season so that we may preserve the past and offer hope for the future.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**

St. Mary’s Parish extends our **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Shrewsbury High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team** Boys for winning the 2018 Division 3 State Championship last Sunday. Congratulations to our St. Mary parishioners on the team, to all the players, coaches, parents, family members and friends who celebrated this great accomplishment and milestone.

**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS  
COLUMBARIUM**

Information session

Thursday, April 5th @6:00 PM

Parish Hall-630 Cross Street, Boylston

Since the celebration of the funeral Mass in the presence of the cremated remains of the deceased person was permitted, more Catholics have decided for this option as they make their funeral arrangements. With more Catholics opting for cremation, the Church has a growing concern about the proper treatment of cremation remains. The Diocesan policy for ecclesiastical funeral rites promulgated in 2003 states the “cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to the remains of a human body and should be buried or entombed.”

After conversations with local pastors and Bishop Robert McManus, the need to provide a pastoral response to the proper treatment of cremation remains is necessary especially as cemeteries seem to run out of space for expansion and have limited options for cremated remains.

For the last ten months, a group of SMOTH parishioners and I have researched the possibility of creating a beautiful columbarium on the grounds of our parish to provide members of our Catholic Communities of Boylston, Shrewsbury and West Boylston, a sacred space to entomb the cremated remains of our loved ones. Parishes around New England and the United States have successfully built beautiful and prayerful columbaria providing thus a proper place for the cremated remains, a serene and prayerful reflecting space, and an always needed source of income for the parish. We sought the guidance of Watertown Engineering Corporation as they specialize in this type of work. You can find more information about Watertown Engineering as well as pictures of multiple project they have conducted at <https://www.facebook.com/watertwonengineering/>.

I would like to invite you to an information meeting about this project. We would like to listen to your thoughts, opinions and concerns, answer questions and know if you support this project. This meeting will take place on Thursday, April 5th, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall, 630 Cross Street, Boylston, MA 01505.