

# 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.*

Laura Osborne, *Gr. 5–8 Rel. Ed. Coord.*

Richard Vacca, *Director of Liturgical Music*

Viola Jefferson, *Parish Nurse*

## CONTACT US

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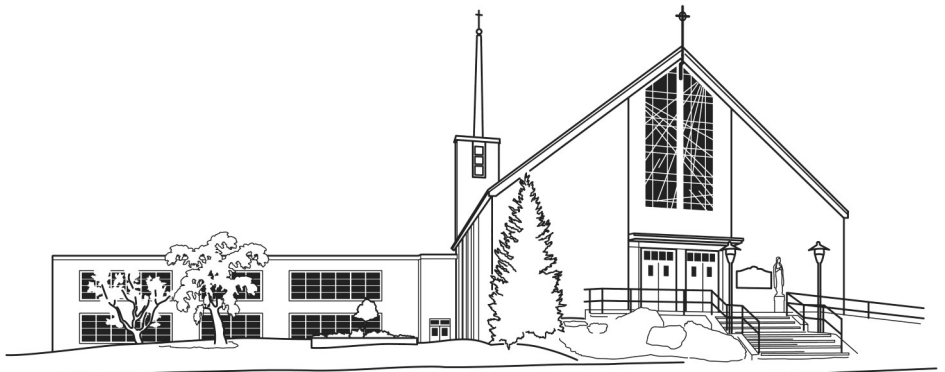
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### Our Parish Mission

*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

Robert Doiron ..... 978-568-3696

Jim Farrell ..... 508-330-6153

Lynne Grden..... 508-363-3636

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Robert Terry..... 508-798-8734

Susan Zybert ..... 508-842-7554

## COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

**Finance:** Maria Lemieux..... 508-845-8732

**Respect Life:** Kurt Brenner..... 508-842-0322

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Saturday, March 31</b>	8:30 pm	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	No 5:30 pm Mass
<b>Monday, April 2</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Jack Conley</b> 3rd Anniversary by the family
<b>Tuesday, April 3</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Don Filiere</b> By his wife and family
<b>Wed., April 4</b>	8:30 pm	† <b>Rev. Joseph H. Carey</b> By the family
<b>Thursday, April 5</b>	8:30 am	† <b>June Maloney</b> By the family
<b>Friday, April 6</b>	8:30 am	<b>Special Intention</b> By a parishioner
<b>Saturday, April 7</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Ellen Donovan Samia</b> By the family
	4:30 pm	† <b>Frances Nugent</b> 2nd Anniversary by the family
<b>Sunday, April 8</b>	7:30 am	† <b>Emil and Dorothy Vaudreuil</b> † <b>Patricia Vaudreuil</b> By the family
	9:00 am	† <b>Arthur Tiberio</b> By the family
	11:00 am	† <b>David A. Rose, Sr.</b> 16th Anniversary by the family
	5:30 pm	† <b>Alice Brennan</b> 2nd Anniversary by the family † <b>Rose Gravlin</b> By Gayle, Glenn, Linda and Jane



**PRAY FOR . . .**

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.; George having brain surgery; 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; an excellent prognosis for Eric following treatment for esophageal cancer; safe travel for a group; 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*

Lucy Costas and Florence Sullivan

**RCIA Congratulations**

We extend our congratulations and offer our prayers to those who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at this year's Easter Vigil

- Felix Perez-Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- Dan Desjardin-Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- Kristina Asumadu-Baptism & Eucharist
- Amanda Shaw-Confirmation

May they be blessed with the joy of new life that Jesus' Resurrection brings.

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule April 7-8**

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	T. Estaphan	I. Lespasio, H. Reynolds, S. Goodwin, S. Puthanangady, K. Van Atten, M.L. Lordan, S. Seed	Z. Sargent, N. Podlizec, E. Siciliano J. Karam	
Sunday 7:30am	N. Hughes	M/M Holland, W. Gooley, M. Blute, P. Kelly, M. Gulino, A. Noone	P. Hastings, R. Brenner, J. Thomas A. Johnson, A. Corazzini	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am	M. DiPiazza	M/M Godek, M. Coghlin	A. Harasim, K. Duncan, T. Duncan, S. Salvan, L. Perkins	J. Travers
Sunday 11:00am	M. Page	S. Berkowitz, M. Minnucci, M/M Cote, M. Vallejo, S. Howard, J. Sousa	A. McNamara, E. Arsenault, M. Johnson	S. Berkowitz
Sunday 5:30pm	V. Russo	L. Perreault, J. Srnka, M. Serafin, N. Duquette, M.L. Nevins, G. Joubert	N. Srnka, O. Ferguson, E. Ferguson, T. Buricatu	V. Moskowitz



Dear Friends,

As we come together today to celebrate the great Feast of the Resurrection, let us rejoice in the hope and promise that Christ's victory over death brings to all of us. For 40 days during Lent we have prepared for this day. This past week we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper, Passion and Death on the Cross. And now we celebrate the Resurrection. The Lenten fasting has ended and the Easter feasting begins. We will celebrate Easter for the next 50 days!

I want to express my deep thanks to the many parishioners who helped to make our liturgies of Holy Week and Easter such inspiring and faith-filled celebrations. Thank-you to Rick Vacca who was able to support our liturgies from behind the scene this year as he continues to recover from heart by-pass surgery, Christine Carter, choir members, musicians and cantors for their extra efforts this year and for the wonderful music which enriched our liturgies so much. Thank-you to Fr. Juan, the members of the Liturgy Committee and the Art & Environment Committee for the careful attention given to planning our celebrations and decorating the church and parish hall. Thanks to the lectors, ministers of communion, altar servers, greeters and ushers for serving in these ministries throughout the year. It was an added blessing to have our three seminarians with us for Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter – Juan Parra, Christian Cortes & Jose Carvajal. Thank you to Susan Zybert for coordinating the Palm Sunday passion readers and to Lisa Powers, Jen Daley & Susan Zybert and all those who assisted and participated in the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Thank-you to the parish staff for your extra efforts throughout Lent and Holy Week. May the Lord bless you, your families and all of us at St. Mary's throughout this Easter season. May we experience the joy and the promise that Jesus' Resurrection brings.

Happy Easter!  
Msgr. Mike



**Sunday, April 1**

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

**Monday, April 2**

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 6:30 Webelos Den 9-Hall

**Tuesday, April 3**

- 9:30 Bible Study-Large Meeting Room
- 5:00 Old Testament IQ Challenge/Pizza Party-Hall
- 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 Haiti Committee Meeting-St. Luke
- 7:00 Social Justice Committee-Large Meeting Room

**Wednesday, April 4**

- 2:00 Environmental Stewardship-St. Luke
- 4:15 Children's Choir-Church
- 4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 6:30 Girl Scouts-Gathering Space
- 6:30 Cub Scout Den 9-St. John

**Thursday, April 5**

- 8:30 Morning Prayer-Church
- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 6:00 Cub Scouts Den 1-Hall
- 6:30 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room
- 7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall
- 7:00 Social Justice/Green Team-Gathering Space
- 7:00 Liturgy Committee Meeting-Mary's Room

**Friday, April 6**

- 9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
- 2:30 Mass at Shrewsbury Nursing Home
- 6:00 Girl Scouts-Hall
- 6:00 Girl Scouts-Gathering Space

**Saturday, April 7**

- 9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-LMR/Hall/School/PC
- 10:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry-Mary's Room
- 1:00 Catholic Scout patch-Large Meeting Room

**Sunday, April 8**

- 9:00 St. Mary Adult Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Children's Choir
- 10:15 Grades 3& 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 12:30 Baptisms-Church
- 2:00 Divine Mercy
- 3:00 Girl Scouts-Hall
- 6:30 Grades 9 & 10 CCD-School/LMR/GS/PC



**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@stmmarysparish.org

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the families and the children who were baptized during the month of March: Trevor Frenic, Jack Powers, Paisley Powers, Peyton Powers, Benjamin Ribeiro, Sebastian Rojas and Sullivan Wilson.

*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.



**LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT**

St. Mary's Parish held our second Light of the World Retreat on the weekend of March 16-19 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 or 508 842-1601.

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



**“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:  
Phil Lemieux at philippe.lemieux@aol.com or  
Gina Kuruvilla at Gina.Kuruvilla@stmarysparish.org

**NEW PARISHIONERS**



We extend a warm welcome to the following people who joined St. Mary's parish during the month of March:

James Horan and Bryan and Whitney Lambert.

**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](http://www.stmarysparish.org).



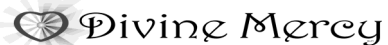
**JET SET**– Save the dates:

June 27th-Gloucester Lobster Cruise including a New England clam Bake and a narrated cruise \$91

July 19th-The Lakes Region Summer Theater presents “Show Boat” with lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm \$91

August 12/13– Saratoga Races with an addition to be announced

October 1-3-Three Day Montreal Spectacular \$395



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

St. Mary's will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 8

Confessions from 2:00 – 3:00 pm with Eucharistic Adoration  
Prayer Service at 3:00 pm will include Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction

St. John Paul II stated that the message of Divine Mercy formed the image of his pontificate. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have reiterated the centrality of mercy as found in the teachings of Pope John Paul II who said:

It is truly marvelous how her devotion to the merciful Jesus is spreading in our contemporary world and gaining so many human hearts! This is doubtlessly a sign of the times – a sign of our 20th century. The balance of this century, which is now ending, in addition to the advances, which have often surpassed those of preceding eras, presents a deep restlessness and fear of the future. Where, if not in Divine Mercy, can the world find refuge and the light of hope? Believers understand that perfectly. (Homily, Beatification of Sister Faustina Kowalska, April 18, 1993)





**EASTER 2018**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the grieving women walked to the tomb in the pre-dawn darkness of Easter Sunday, their companion was not only grief but worry. How would they remove the stone that blocked the tomb so they could anoint Jesus' body?

When they arrived at the tomb the women found the stone removed. To their amazement, they also found much more— an angel and the announcement that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Overjoyed, the women ran to announce the good news to the disciples.

That evening, two of the disciples were leaving Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus. Grief and disappointment hung over them as they discussed the events of the last three days. Just as worry about the stone distracted the women from recalling Jesus' promise, the events of Good Friday, shattering their hopes, prevented the disciples from believing the women's report.

Many times worries and disappointment over the immediate events of life cause us distraction. When that happens, do not forget Christ's promises. Do not forget history's greatest event, Christ's resurrection.

The women's worry about the stone proved to be a trifle. God would move the stone. The expectations of the disciples on the road to Emmaus were inconsequential when compared to God's plan fulfilled in Jesus. When the angel told the women that Christ's promise was fulfilled, they were overjoyed. When Jesus enlightened the disciples about the prophecies of Scripture, their hearts burned. The women's worry and the disciples' disappointments were utterly dispelled by the joy of the Resurrection.

May we live in the light of Easter—full of hope and anticipation. May we never let our worries or disappointments distract us from the realization that God's love provides us with the means to overcome every fear and live in the confidence that God's promises will exceed our most fervent hopes.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

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



**PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2018**

Dear Parishioners, Over the past several weeks we have been conducting the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal here at St. Mary's. If you have already made a gift to the appeal, thank you sincerely! I cannot stress enough the importance of this appeal which enables the work of 28 diocesan agencies, ministries and programs, and serves the people of all our parishes, as well as thousands of others throughout Worcester County. The theme of the Appeal this year, "Loving God by serving others." I know that the parishioners of St. Mary's will continue to respond as generously as they have in past years. I ask that you take one of the pledge envelopes found on the window sills of the church and return it to the pastoral center or in the offertory basket during Mass in the coming weeks. Thank-you and God bless you.

Fr. Mike

St. Mary's Parish Goal	\$180,500
Amount Collected/Pledged	\$138,836
Number of Gifts.	263

**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/watertownengineering/>.

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.