

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*

Philip E. Devine, *Deacon*

Jeannie MacDonough, *Principal*

Gina Kuruvilla, *Director of*

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Kathy Canfield, *Gr. K–8 Rel. Ed. Coord.*

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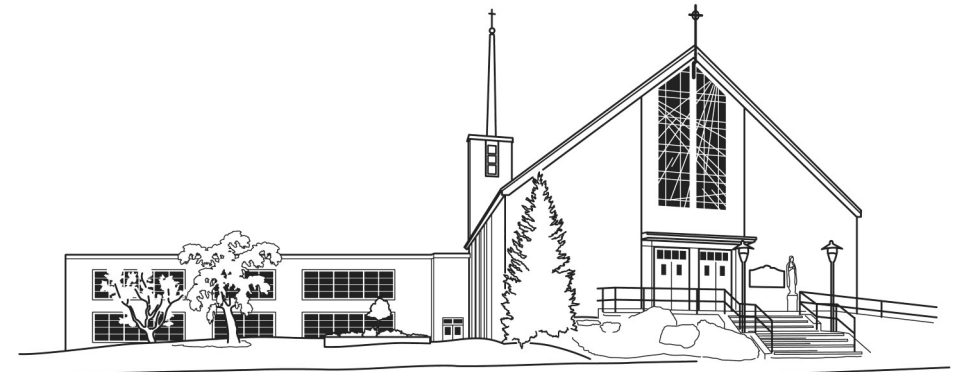
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Our Parish Mission

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 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Stewardship: Kelly Paulina 774-275-1911

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, March 30	8:30 am	Special Intention By the family
	4:30 pm	† Donald, Claire, Sean Hughes, Doris Hunt, Ed, Billy & Paula Rourke By the Hughes/Rourke family
Sunday, March 31	7:30 am	† Pauline Collins By the family
	9:00 am	† Nathan Schwab 19th Birthday Remembrance By the family
	11:00 am	† Roger Descheneaux By the family
	5:30 pm	† Stephen Wasko By the family
Monday, April 1	8:30 am	† Henry Wood By the Howard family
Tuesday, April 2	8:30 am	† Jack Conley 4th Anniversary by the family
Wed., April 3	8:30 am	† Circe Elias By Julio and Claudia
Thursday, April 4	8:30 am	† Rev. Joseph H. Carey By the family
Friday, April 5	8:30 am	All those in prison By the Respect Life Ministry
Saturday, April 6	8:30 am	† Ellen Donovan Samia † John Donovan By the family
	4:30 pm	† Frances Nugent 3rd Anniversary by the family
Sunday, April 7	7:30 am	† Sheleigh and Dick Coulter By the family
	9:00 am	† Arthur Tiberio By the family
	11:00 am	† David A. Rose, Sr. 17th Anniversary by the family
	5:30 pm	† John Collins By Catherine Jeirje and Anne Egan



PRAY FOR . . .

Improved health for Antonio Picazo; 13-month old Luke who is being tested for muscular issues; B's successful cholecystectomy and rapid recovery; all those affected by deaths by suicide to know God's healing and loving mercy; all those who are marginalized and the LGBT community; safe travel for several; all the Light of the World retreat participants; Paul's full healing following surgery; accurate diagnosis of the cause of seizures for baby Dalton Hodges; release from evil and torment and God's love and wisdom for Magdalena, Zechariah, Luc and Robert; Mrs. M.'s breathing issues to resolve; all those with addictions to find their path to health, especially Stanley and Tim C.; Carole's full recovery from surgery; two special intentions; LF's release of a burden; Anna and her baby, Theo; and an enlightening and faith-deepening Lenten season.

Continued prayers for: Tyler; Yli; Marilyn; Ellen; Mary Jane; Victoria; Alex; a fractured family; M.; Cindy; Sarah W.; Mark; Jim P.; Jacqueline; Lisa; Beth; Bishop Rueger; Ben P.; Alex T. Sr. Joanne; Erika; Maryann; Sarah's pregnancy; Christine; Addie; Christine F.; Linda; Linda A.; Carin; Jomar and Sheila; Brad; Matt; Justin; Ryan; Jacob; Jonathan; K; Sue; David; Rylie; Ashok; Michael; baby Hannah; Robert; Ronnie; two teens; Doug; Caleb; Paul; Lee; George; Jim; Judy; Susan; Ed; Lukas; Maddie; Chico; John's research and those with no one to pray for them.

Thanksgiving for: DB's successful cancer treatment; Jennifer's stable health; JD's improved health; a good Samaritan's act; the Shrewsbury Rotary Club's Opening Night Dinner for Seniors before SHS's spring musical, "Seussical"; the medical trio of Annette, Bill and Mary and their collective expertise; the Lenten cluster mission and all the volunteers, participants and especially Fr. Vincent Fortunato, O.F.M.; safe travel for several; S's aid; new flooring for MW; and the multiple blessings and answered prayers we both notice and miss.

Prayer Line: Tracy at 508-450-0137

2019 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL



Last weekend was our InPew Collection weekend for the 2019 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank-you to those who have made a gift. To date 247 parishioners have responded with a gift/pledge for a total amount of \$121,804. If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully make your gift/pledge and return it to the pastoral center office or in the collection basket. You may also make your gift on line at www.partners-charity.net. Thank-you

Liturgical Ministry Schedule April 6-7

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm	L. Perkins	K. O'Leary, P. Pennucci, C. Engdahl, M. Damico, S. Gallerani	K. O'Leary, Z. Sargent, E. Clifford J. Karam	J. Nelligan
Sunday 7:30am	P. Caouette	A. Lo, M/M Holland, M. Benbenek, T., Keegan, P. Caouette, P. Kelly	J. Lo, A. Lo, K. Vona, A. Johnson A. Corazzini, T. Hruskoci	M. Gulino
Sunday 9:00am		K. Canfield, B. Randazzo, M/M Godek, J. Sliwoski	K. Minton, S. Boyle, G. Morris, C. Salvan, A. Scheffel	J. Sliwoski
Sunday 11:00am	D. Malo	J. souse, J.M. Carey, M/M Page, L. Ferguson, L. Shuba, S. Howard	J. Malo, M. Johnson, M. Farrell A. Belanger	J.M. Carey
Sunday 5:30pm	Confirmation Student	L. Perreault, J. Davidson, V. Eda, M. Serafin, J. Srnka, M.L. Nevins	K. Campos, N. Srnka, S. Damle	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 this year
Every Saturday at 3:30 pm
Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICE Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm at St. Anne's Church

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evenings in the church from 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00pm in the Pastoral Center Chapel.

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 during Lent – April 5 & 12 – 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 homemade soups will be served beginning at 6:00pm. Thank-you to some of our Light of the World retreatants who served this past Friday.

A freewill offering will be accepted at the door (a suggested offering is what you would have typically spent on dinner). All proceeds from the soup supper will benefit our Parish Lenten Service Project with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as we package 10,000 meals for hunger relief efforts in Africa.

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.



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. Please purchase a food gift card from any local supermarket. Attach it to the tag and return it by April 7 in any Sunday collection. May we pray for and continue to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters



Sunday, March 31

- 8:00 LOTW Retreat-LMR/GS/Hall
- 8:00 Sunday Coffee-Hall
- 9:00 St. Mary's Adult Choir-Media Center
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 6:30 Grades 9 & 10 CCD-School/Hall/LMR/GS/ PC

Monday, April 1

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 5:45-Cub Scout Tigers-Hall
- 6:00 LOTW Retreat-LMR
- 7:00 Cub Scout Bears-Hall
- 7:00 Haitian Committee-Mary's Room

Tuesday, April 2

- 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration-Church
- 7:00 Confessions-Church\
- 7:00 Social Justice Meeting-Large Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 3

- 4:15 Children's Choir-Church
- 4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School
- 5:30 Grade 6 CCD Retreat-Large Meeting Room

Thursday, April 4

- 9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
- 6:30 Gentle Yoga-Large Meeting Room
- 7:00 Boy Scouts-Hall
- 7:00 Liturgy Committee-Mary's Room

Friday, April 5

- 9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
- 2:30 Mass at Shrewsbury Nursing Home
- 6:00 Lenten Soup Supper-Hall
- 7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 6

- 9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 10:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry-Mary's Room
- 11:00 Grades K, 1 & 2 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 1:00 Lenten Meal Packaging-Hall
- 4:30 Daughters of St. Paul Books-Gathering Space

Sunday, April 7

- 8:00 Sunday Coffee-Hall
- 8:00 Daughters of St. Paul Books-Gathering Space
- 9:00 St. Mary's Adult Choir-Media Center
- 9:00 Children's Choir
- 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall/School/LMR
- 12:30 Baptisms-Church
- 12:30 Households of Faith-LMR/Hall/School
- 3:00 Girl Scouts-Hall/Gathering Space
- 3:00 Respect Life Ministry-"Fatal Flaws"-LMR
- 6:30 Grades 9 & 10 CCD-School/Hall/LMR/GS/ PC

You are invited to add a stone/rock to the Lenten display in front of the altar to symbolize your own struggles and how stones can be transformed into roads during this Lenten season.

The 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 (April 19th) at 3:30pm. There will be one rehearsal on Monday, April 15th 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).





Saint Mary School

Registration for the 2019 - 2020 School Year
Saint Mary School is now accepting applications online for our Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 through 8 classrooms for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Schedule a tour or a Student Shadow Day to see how Saint Mary School is making a difference for our students, our community and our world through 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: <https://school.stmarysparish.org/application-packages>

Help Wanted

Saint Mary School is looking to hire an adult to vacuum classrooms and sweep hallways in the evening, for a total of about 8 hours/week.
Interested? Call Jeannie MacDonough at 508-842-1601.

Saint Mary School

Science Fair Judges Needed

SCIENCE FAIR

Saint Mary School in Shrewsbury will hold their 2019 Science Fair for students in Grades 5 - 8 on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

We are currently looking for Judges for the Science Fair. We welcome individuals with the following background: Science, Engineering, Medicine, Education, STEM Fields, and fans of all things Science! The time commitment is minimal, from 8:00 AM - Noon. Judges will be given instructions and training on how to review the students' presentations.

If you would like to serve as a Judge, please REGISTER online at the Saint Mary School website: <https://tinyurl.com/stmsciencefair2019>

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Muzzy, Advancement Director at: stephanie.muzzy@stmarysparish.org

ST. MARY'S PRE-CANA CONFERENCE

Last Saturday 14 St. Mary couples attended a Pre-Cana Conference here in preparation for their upcoming weddings this year. Please keep these couples in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding day.

THANK-YOU to our Pre-Cana Team who guided these engaged couples through a variety of topics and conversations.

- Don & Mary Aicardi
- Rob & Leigh Augusto
- Jim & Wendy Diamantopoulos
- Mike & Nanette Duquette
- Phil & Maria Lemieux

Plant the Seeds, Watch them Grow!
The Fund for Saint Mary School

Thanks to the kindness of a generous Donor, every dollar given to The Fund for Saint Mary School from **Monday, April 1, 2019 through Tuesday, April 30, 2019** will be matched DOLLAR for DOLLAR up to \$10,000!

Our Goal: \$10,000 in donations from our School Families, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Alumni Parents and Friends of Saint Mary School

Suggested gifts: Young Alumni - \$10, College Students - \$25, Alumni & Alumni Parents - Share your treasure!

The Fund for Saint Mary School:

- * Provides need-based tuition assistance
- * Affords enrichment materials to promote hands-on learning activities
- * Fortifies the Endowment to support the long-term viability of our school

Donate Online: Visit Saint Mary School's website to share your gift today: <https://school.stmarysparish.org/online-giving>

Donate via Check: Payable to: The Fund for Saint Mary School
Mailing Address: 16 Summer Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Share your gift with Saint Mary School, plant the seeds for our students' academic foundation and support our Mission for Catholic education! We thank you for your participation, your prayers and your continued support of Saint Mary School

Saint Mary's Family Festival
A Community Celebration

The Family Festival Planning Committee Needs YOU!!

Please consider becoming a part of the planning team for this cherished event (or volunteer your spouse!!)

The current festival team is ready to train and transition to the next generation of St. Mary Families to carry on this beloved event. The goal this year is to have all preplanning completed by June 1st.

Please contact any of us for more information:

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Colleen Clifford - cmclifford@live.com
Jeannie MacDonough - Jeannie.MacDonough@stmarysparish.org
John Sliwoski - johnsliwoski@gmail.com
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Parish
pastoral council

Pastoral Council Nominations
There are three open seats on the Pastoral Council beginning July 1, 2019.

If you or you know of someone who like to be a member of the Council, please submit your name, a picture, and a brief bio of why you would like to serve on the Pastoral Council. All nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, April 10th. Please send nominations to Monsignor Rose, Marilyn Blanchard, or Kelly Paulina. A PDF file would be best.

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Thank you.
Marilyn Blanchard & Kelly Paulina
Pastoral Council Nomination Committee

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do we recognize Jesus when we see the poor and vulnerable? When we respond to those in need, we “help Jesus in disguise” as we are reminded by the national **Catholic Relief Services Collection on the weekend of April 7.**



Through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters in some of the most marginalized communities around the globe.

In a remote village in Ghor, one of the poorest provinces in Afghanistan, an estimated 80% of adults are illiterate, and the illiteracy rate is even higher for women. Most villages are farmers who never attended school. The closest school was too far and the road too dangerous for young children to attend. Through your support of CRS, you helped bring a community-based classroom to this remote village. Your generosity made it possible for the children to attend school and has offered them a more hopeful and secure future.

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 such as the recent devastation cause by a cyclone in Mozambique and Malawi
- 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

Are you ready to answer the knock of Jesus in disguise? I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support the Catholic Relief Services Collection this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who are assisted, please 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

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL BOOK, DVD & MEDIA FAIR with the Daughters of St. Paul after the Masses on the weekend of April 6/7. These Media Sisters will bring a wonderful selection of materials which they publish and produce. Be sure to stop by and peruse their materials: Spiritual reading, Lives of the Saints, books for children, DVD's, music and more! These wonderful items will assist you with the faith formation of your family and provide good Lenten reading. Choose something to enrich your faith or to share it with others! Additionally you can check out their website: www.pauline.org



FOOTBALL WEEKEND

Notre Dame vs Virginia
September 26-29, 2019

Includes: Hotel, transportation, game ticket, 4 meals. Tour historic Notre Dame University. Cost \$600 per person. Call Ed Pescaro 508-845-3081 or email pepper_61@msn.com

JOIN US for the movie FATAL FLAWS

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Mary’s Parish would like to bring to your attention a matter of serious concern to all Catholics. The Massachusetts legislature is making an attempt to legalize assisted suicide. The well-funded promoters of this have been working towards changing the opinion of the public and legislators to pass physician assisted suicide.

Are you elderly? Do you have a loved one with a serious illness? Are you disabled or do you have a loved one who has a disability? If you are a young person you may not think this law will affect you, but think of the grandparent that you love dearly. Will these laws lead us down a dangerous path? What has happened in the states that have legalized assisted suicide?

We invite you be informed about the issue by joining us at the showing of the film FATAL FLAWS here at St. Mary’s second floor meeting room on next Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 pm. In fact, the filmmaker Kevin Dunn will speak at the Catholic Men’s Conference in Worcester. The film will be followed by discussion.

This film shows the risk of mistakes, abuse, and coercion for the most vulnerable people in our society. We hope that you will be prompted to discuss the film with, family, friends, and the people you work with to inspire them to notify their legislators as to why they oppose this legislation.

**2nd Annual International Fair & Diversity Celebration
April 6, 2019 4-7 pm
Sherwood Middle School**

Join us for this family friendly and unique opportunity to experience the world right in your own backyard as we celebrate the vast cultures and communities in our town through art, food, performances and literature. Free Admission. Hosted by: WE CAN aka Shrewsbury Farmers Market & Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) Contact: Neena Mohanka-neenakedia@gmail.com or 508-451-2580
Melisa Hollenback-melisahollenback@hotmail.com or 508-284-7314

**SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 11 at 8pm
Assabet Valley Singers Concert
St. Mary’s Church**

Concert tickets may be purchased at Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union after April 15th, discounted \$3 (three) from both the general price of \$25 (twenty-five) or \$20 (twenty) for students and senior citizens. Tickets may also be purchased through www.AVMsingers.org without the discount. Large print programs will be available. There will be a limited number of complimentary concert tickets available at Shrewsbury Senior Center after April 22nd. Further information is available on the website or by calling (978) 562-9838.

Pray As You Can, a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham on Wednesday, April 10 from 10:00AM to 12:30PM. (Coffee and pastry at 9:30) Pre-registration is required.\$25 fee can be paid on arrival. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.