

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.*

Richard Vacca, *Director of Liturgical Music*

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CONTACT US

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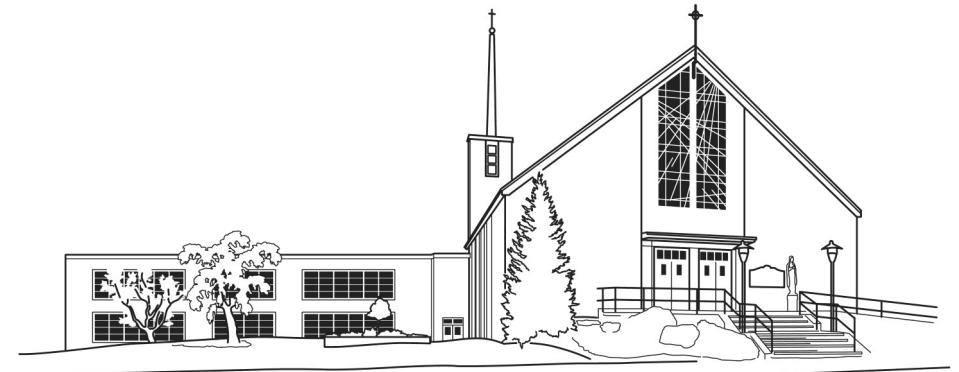
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Our Parish Mission

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 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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Susan Zybert 508-842-7554

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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 774-275-1911

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, April 13	8:30 am	† Edison Trigo † Melania de la Lama By the family
	4:30 pm	† Mary Malboeuf By the family
Sunday, April 14	7:30 am	† Mary Russo By Lynne Detarando Grden
	9:00 am	† Mary L. Desto By Theresa Manna
	11:00 am	† Helena Simas By the family
	5:30 pm	† John P. Costello, Sr. 1st Anniversary By Elizabeth and Adam Keck
Monday, April 15	8:30 am	† James Broquist By the family
Tuesday, April 16	8:30 am	† William Duke 4th Anniversary by the family
Wed., April 17	8:30 am	† Fran Scannell Birthday Remembrance
Thursday, April 18	8:30 am	† Morning Prayer
	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 19	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	3:30 pm	Living Stations of the Cross
	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death
Saturday, April 20	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 21	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 . . .

Repose of the souls of Bishop George Rueger, Fr. James Hoey, and Maureen McCarthy; full recovery following Joe T's heart attack; a

smooth transition for Matt and Linda to a new home and state and for Matt's health; Kathy's complete healing from a hip fracture; R to receive an accurate diagnosis and path to health; full recovery for a man's illness; Linda diagnosed with pancreatic and kidney cancer; Bill for successful surgery on April 16 and full healing of throat cancer; special intention for a couple; Brian recently diagnosed with cancer; employment for three men; David's successful medical procedure and good news following a biopsy; all immigrant families to be kept intact; peace for a woman; and a fruitful remainder of Lent and the upcoming Holy Week.

Continued prayers for: Antonio; babies Luke, Hannah and Dalton; Carole; Stanley; Anna and baby Theo; Maddie and Chico; Tyler; Alex; Sheila; Elaine who remains in hospital; Patricia; Tim C.; Christine; Bill's surgery 4/16; SL; a couple; Chris O; the mother of 8 children; AS; Erin's pregnancy; MB; Ellen; Mary Jane; Cindy; Sarah W.; Mark; Jim P.; Angelo; Jacqueline; Lisa; Beth; Ben P.; Erika; Marianne; Sarah's pregnancy; Addie; Linda A.; Brad; Bill; Nardina; Jim; Susan; David; Rylie; Ashok; Michael; two teens; Doug; Caleb; Lee; George; Jim; Susan; Lukas; and all those with no one to pray for them.

Thanksgiving for: employment for Zack Brown; and a successful milestone in Nursing education for Regan Winstead; encouraging medical news; B's improved health; an excellent father; a surprising gift; a good medical report for baby D.; the Health Department's Medication Take Back Event, 4/27; health care; Sue's "special event" and gift of teaching; Fr. Mike's help; AB's aid and expertise; service opportunities; and all prayers, answered and unanswered.

Prayer Line: Tracy at 508-450-0137



Rest in Peace

Bishop George Rueger, Libra Zolla
and Michael Zamarro

Liturgical Ministry Schedule April 20-21

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Server	Sacristan
Saturday 4:30pm		Easter Weekend Signup Sheets in the Sacristy		
Sunday 7:30am				
Sunday 9:00am				
Sunday 11:00am				
Sunday 5:30pm				



PALM SUNDAY April 14

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 5:30 pm Masses

MONDAY April 15

Mass at 6:45 am and 8:30 am

TUESDAY April 16

Mass at 6:45 am and 8:30 am
Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in the Church
Confessions from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Church

WEDNESDAY April 17

Mass at 6:45 am and 8:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY April 18

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

GOOD FRIDAY April 19

8:30 am Morning Prayer
12:00 noon Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. Mary's
3:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross at 3:30pm
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death

HOLY SATURDAY April 20

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

EASTER SUNDAY April 21

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)

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.



PALM SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN

On Palm Sunday, April 14th, 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, Dismas House, St. Anne's Human Services, the Catholic Worker and IHN. Please place them in the basket in the front vestibule of the



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).

Divine Mercy

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Mary's will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 28
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)



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

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



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>

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 School

Science Fair Judges Needed

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

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



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:

Beth Berg - bethberg@gmail.com

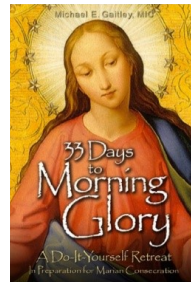
Colleen Clifford - cmclifford@live.com

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St. Mary's IHN Week

St. Mary's IHN Group will be volunteering at the IHN house during the week of April 21st-28th. We will be covering the Evening Shift from 5:30-9:00pm and the Overnight Shift from 9:00pm-6:30am. If you are interested in taking a shift or learning more about IHN, please email: Terry Waite at twaite@townisp.com or Bridgid Rubin at rubin@townisp.com. Thank you.



33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

Saint John Paul II understood that true devotion to Mary is Christocentric, and also a pathway to becoming a saint. Join us in a 33 Days to Morning Glory retreat. **We will start Sunday evening April 28th, and meet on subsequent Monday evenings (May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th).** On Friday May 31st we will have one final meeting to say our consecration prayer together. This retreat involves short daily readings. You do not have to attend all of the meetings, and the books will be provided free of charge. For more information, please email: Andrea Malo (andreamalo2@gmail.com) or Lisa Powers (lisarthomas@aol.com).



2019 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

For the last few weeks we have been conducting the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal for 2019. Thank-you to those who have made a gift. To date 319 parishioners have responded with a gift/pledge for a total amount of \$141,729 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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Mary Parish offers you a source of comfort and God's love. If you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, please contact Deborah at 508-842-8653 and she will make arrangements to deliver a "hug from God."





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Sunday, April 14

9:00 St. Mary's Adult Choir-Media Center
7:00 LOTW-Large Meeting Room

Monday, April 15

9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
1:45 Mass at Shrewsbury Crossings
6:00 Living Stations of the Cross Rehearsal-Church
7:00 Cub Scout Pack Meeting-Hall

Tuesday, April 16

6:00 Eucharistic Adoration-Church
6:00 Lion Cubs-Hall
6:30 Environmental Stewardship Meeting-St. John
7:00 Confessions-Church

Wednesday, April 17

4:15 Children's Choir-Church
7:00 Respect Life Ministry-Mary's Room

Thursday, April 18

8:30 Morning Prayer
9:15 Weight Training-Large Meeting Room
7:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 19

8:30 Morning Prayer
9:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Chapel
3:30 Living Stations of the Cross
7:00 Mass of the Lord's Passion and Death

Saturday, April 20

8:30 Morning Prayer
10:00 Blessing of the Easter Baskets
7:30 Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 21

7:30 Easter Sunday Mass
9:00 Easter Sunday Mass
11:00 Easter Sunday Mass

The Massachusetts Senate and House have introduced new bills to legalize Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS), an initiative that threatens our vulnerable elderly and disabled citizens. H.1926 and S.1208 are called "An Act Relative to End of Life Options." IN recent years, advocates for the legalization of PAS in our state failed largely because of the opposition of Catholics and other groups who seek to preserve the dignity of all human life and who champion the rights of the disabled.

As long ago as 1995 Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in *Evangelium Vitae*,

" The deliberate decision to deprive an innocent human being of his life is always morally evil and can never be licit either as an end in itself or as a means to a good end...Nothing and no one can in any way permit the killing of an innocent human being, whether a fetus or an embryo, an infant or an adult, and old person, or one suffering from an incurable disease, or a person who is dying. Furthermore, no one is permitted to ask for this act of killing, either for himself or herself or for another person... "

In certain European countries, Colombia and Canada the acceptance of PAS has led to euthanasia of people with Alzheimer's, disabilities and even of children. This is highlighted in the documentary film *Fatal Flaws*. In states which have adopted PAS, insurance companies have refused certain treatments for diseases such as cancer as being too expensive but have been willing to pay for lethal doses of pills. Tragically, in these states we have seen an increase in overall suicides in addition to assisted suicides.

To express our opposition the critical key is to notify our state senator and representative by telephone, email or a letter that you oppose PS. These legislators can be identified at <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>. For some years now our local **Witness for Life Committee** has been working assiduously to strengthen opposition to PAS.

SAVE THE DATE

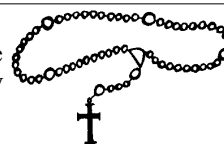
Saturday, May 11 at 8pm
Assabet Valley Singers Concert
St. Mary's Church

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.

DAILY ROSARY

Please join us at Mary's statue after the 8:30 am Mass Monday through Saturday to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy. All are welcome!



Parish Support

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

Month of March (weekly average) \$15,492
Home Missions \$2,922



CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED

IN THE HOSPITAL

Each week Msgr. Mike and Fr. Javier go to the Worcester hospitals to visit St. Mary's parishioners. Depending on how patients are admitted into the hospital, we do not always have an accurate list. Please call the Pastoral Center (508-845-6341) if a family member or a neighbor who lives alone has been hospitalized so that we may visit them.



PROJECT RACHEL

Thankfully through Project Rachel the Catholic Church post abortion healing ministry, men and women can find forgiveness and peace of heart through compassionate counseling and the sacrament of reconciliation. Call 508-791-HOPE(4673).



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