MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary’s, a community of faith, is rooted in the Word and Body of Christ. We strive to live Christ’s message of love and service by sharing our time, talent and treasure.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM. May also be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance, to arrange for participation in the preparation program and the date of Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Couples intending to celebrate this Sacrament are requested to contact the Pastoral Staff at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK
Due to new regulations, hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities are not permitted to give out patient information. Therefore, it is necessary for the Parish Staff to be notified when parishioners are in one of these facilities, that we might keep them in prayer, and, if possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate the Eucharist with us in Church is urged to advise us so that we might share Communion with them at home.

NEW PARISHIONERS– WELCOME!!!
New parishioners are welcome to our Parish Community. Please call us at the Parish Office to register. We want to know and serve you. We hope that you will take an active part in our Parish life.

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS
Saturday - Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Sept to June)
Daily Mass - Mon 12:00 PM, Tue & Wed 8:00 AM
ALL ARE WELCOME HERE
If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.
If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely—
with unconditional love.
If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry.
if you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.
If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you.
We are happy you are here... and want you to stay.
We would like to share our lives with you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9
4:30 PM Isabel B. Hennessey (4th Anniv) (The Family)

Sunday, January 10
8:00 AM St. Mary’s Families (A Friend)
10:00 AM Anthony & Barbara DiNoia (The Family)
5:00PM Susan Grimes (1st Anniv) (The Family)

Monday, January 11
12:00 PM Ramazan Cevik (The Grimes Family)

Tuesday, January 12
8:00 AM Tom Tessier (The Family)

Wednesday, January 13
8:00 AM Jean Varney (The Family)

Thursday, January 14

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16
4:30 PM Joan & Paul Doherty (The Family)

Sunday, January 17
8:00 AM Pro-Life Mass (The Knights of Columbus)
10:00 AM Margaret Riganati (Her Children)
5:00 PM No Special Intention

The next available week for the Tabernacle Lamp is Jan 24—Jan 30

TABERNACLE LAMP
Week of January 10—January 16
Philip Taylor (Carole Lyman)
The next available week for the Tabernacle Lamp is Jan 24—Jan 30

MARIAN LAMP
Week of January 10 - January 16
The Doherty & Richinick Families (The Family)
The next available week for the Marian Lamp is Jan 17—Jan 23
The lamp will be lit in the Gathering Room.

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, January 9
3:30 PM Confessions

Sunday, January 10
8:00 AM Coffee Shoppe
10:00 AM Coffee Shoppe
Children’s Liturgy
4:00 PM Grade 6—8 Religious Ed Classes
5:00 PM Grade 9 & 10 Religious Ed Classes

Monday, January 11
4:15 PM First Reconciliation
Grade 1—5 Religious Ed. Class
6:15 PM Grade 6—8 Religious Ed. Class

Tuesday, January 12
4:15 PM First Reconciliation
Grade 1—5 Religious Ed Class
6:00 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 13
10:00 AM Wee Music and Movement
4:15 PM First Reconciliation
Grade 1—5 Religious Ed Class

Thursday, January 14
7:00 PM Teen Music Group Rehearsal

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16
9AM—12PM Grade 4 & 5 Retreat
3:30 PM Confessions

Sunday, January 17
8:00 AM Coffee Shoppe
10:00 AM Coffee Shoppe

4:00 PM Gr 6-8 No Religious Ed. Class
5:00 PM Gr 9 & 10 No Religious Ed. Class

Please join us Sunday, January 10th for our Bible study, in the Parish Office Dining Room following the 10:00am Mass.

If the Mass intention is for your family member, we invite you to bring up the gifts at the offertory. See one of the ushers before Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to join in the celebration of your Family intention.
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Please Join us on......

Sunday Evening, January 31 at 6:15

for an evening prayer experience that is an integral part of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. The Examen includes a prayerful review of the past day or week as seen through the eyes of grace. Through this prayer, we can gain a greater awareness of how God is working in our lives. Fr’s. Savard and McMurray, Paul and Sheila Bosse, Mike and Linda Corby, and Dick and Debbie Kirk with lead this session.

“All are welcome.”

During the Christmas Break, through the gift from a generous anonymous donor, new carpeting was installed in the entryway to the Parish Hall. And, a very special THANK YOU goes to Mike Marrone, a parishioner, who donated his time and talent to paint the entryway of the Parish Hall prior to the carpeting being laid.

There are nearly 100 men who are members of St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus and who donate their time during the year to help the Church, parish families and community. The regular meeting on January 12th is for current members. For more information on membership in the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary’s, please contact Chris at 774-364-7319.

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (LUKE 3: 16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus -the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

Weekday Masses will be cancelled when the Wachusett School District have cancelled classes or have a delayed opening due to inclement weather.

As grade 2 children conclude their home preparation for the Celebration of Reconciliation, we prepare to welcome them to receive God’s AWESOME LOVE! The children will gather in the church with parents during their scheduled class time on the week of January 10th. If your child has not yet begun preparation, please call the office to schedule a meeting.

GRADE 4 & 5 kids and parents~ CELEBRATE GOD’S AWESOME LOVE! Join us as we come together for a morning of fun, activities and prayer on Saturday, January 16th, 9AM to Noon. This annual retreat gathering helps us to remember how wonderful God’s love and mercy are. As a follow-up to our morning~ on Tuesday, 1/19 @ 6:30PM, grade 4 & 5 families gather for our annual RECON-CELEBRATION (celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation)!

WELCOME! Our Catholic High School grade 10 students who are planning on confirming their faith next December, will join us when classes resume this Sunday, January 10th at 5PM. If you have a child who has not yet registered for Confirmation Preparation, please call the Religious Ed Office today.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT PREP

Please keep our Retreat Teams in your prayers as they prepare to lead our Grade 9 Retreat on February 6th and our Confirmation Retreat on March 12th. We are so grateful to these young adults for their desire to share faith. May the Spirit fill them and bring them more deeply into the heart of Jesus as they pour themselves out in service! CONFRIMED YOUNG PEOPLE who are interested in joining the team, please contact the Religious Ed Office today! The team will gather this Sunday at 11Am in the Parish Hall.

STEWARSHIP NEWS:

Many of our young people worked so hard to share their talents during our Christmas Liturgies. Students of all ages participated in our music groups to help lead worship.

17 young people and adults have answered God’s call to be part of St, Mary’s 2016 Team Appalachia. Our mission team has begun to meet to prepare for this summer’s mission trip.

For Bulletin information and more....

Visit our website at www.stmarysjeff.com
Are you age 18 or older and.....
+ Considering becoming Catholic, having never been baptized?
+ Baptized in a different Christian tradition, but would like to become a Catholic?
+ A baptized Catholic who has not received First Communion or Confirmation, but would like to do so?

Come join us.
Contact Deacon Patrick at 508-829-4508 or patrickstewart@stmaryjeff.com or more information.

PARISH TRIP TO ASSISI & ROME
In commemoration of the Holy Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, St Mary's in Jefferson will join St Rose of Lima in Northborough in offering a 10 day/8 night pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, including an audience with Pope Francis and a day trip to Florence.
The dates are April 25-May 5, 2016. For more information contact Fr. Tim at tbrewer@stmaryjeff.com

16th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference
All men are invited to this important annual conference, scheduled for Worcester’s DCU Center, on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: *Navis Pictures’ Jim Morlino*, football superstar, *Father Mike Lightner*, and evangelist-convert *Mike Cumpie*.  
*Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers* will offer a special presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to confessions. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass.
For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration, call 508-929-4345. Visit our website—www.firstmensconf.org—for information and ticket purchases

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2016
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This officially brings to an end the season of Christmas. You might say this is a second Epiphany. It is important to us as Catholics and Christians because it represents a second creation involving the entire Trinity. In fact in the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because God appears in three persons. Jesus the Son is baptized; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him; and God declares “You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” We recall our own Baptism on this day, because Christ’s Baptism represents in many ways what occurred at our Baptism. At Christ’s Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. At our Baptism the Trinity occupied our soul; Christ was declared the “Beloved Son”; at our Baptism we became a child of God. At Jesus’ Baptism the heavens were opened, and at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

**stewardship in Action at St. Mary’s**

Our Thanks this week goes to the young people and adults who have answered God’s call to be a part of St. Mary’s Mission 2016 to Morgantown, West Virginia.

**PARISH TITHE**

Our Parish tithe from the weekend of January 3rd will be to Veterans, Inc. in the amount of $500.

Veterans Inc. is a national leader in ending homelessness among veterans. Veterans Inc.’s addresses the “total veteran,” incorporating job training and employment services, health and wellness, and supportive services ranging from transportation to legal advice.

The Finance Committee has determined that the required weekly offering amount be increased to $9,000. This amount is based on the actual budget of the Parish over the past two years. Last years expenses were less than budgeted due to empty staff positions.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2015-2016**

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