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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: 6:30-8:00 pm, Church

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.

MASST INTENTIONS



DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday, Jan. 1	8:30 am	
	4:30 pm	
Sunday, Jan. 2	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	†Joseph O'Neil By the family
	11:00 am	†Paula Halleran Hodge By the Burke family
	5:30 pm	†Maryann Ford 2 nd Anniversary by the family
Monday, Jan. 3	8:30 am	
Tuesday, Jan. 4	8:30 am	†John P. and Virginia M. Sheehan By the family
Wed., Jan. 5	8:30 am	†Sean Lynch By the Burke family
Thursday, Jan. 6	8:30 am	
Friday, Jan. 7	8:30 am	†Dr. John Harding By the Burke family
Saturday, Jan. 8	8:30 am	
	4:30 pm	†Ted Harney 25 th Anniversary by the family
Sunday, Jan. 9	7:30 am	
	9:00 am	
	11:00 am	†Maureen A. Bowe 1 st Anniversary by the family
	5:30	

Monday, January 3
 9:00 Ladies Exercise Large Meeting Room
 4:00 Book Club-Large Meeting Room
 5:30 Webelos-Gathering Space
 9:00 Ladies Exercise-Large Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 4
 10:00 Book Club-Large Meeting Room
 6:30 Eucharistic Adoration-Church
 6:30 Cub Scouts Wolf Den-Hall
 7:00 Social Justice Ministry-Large Meeting Room


Wednesday, January 5
 4:15 Children's Choir-Church
 4:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall, LMR, School
 6:00 Brownies-Gathering Space

Thursday, Thursday, January 6
 9:00 Ladies Exercise-Large Meeting Room
 6:00 Daisies-Hall
 7:00 Boy Scouts-Gathering Space
 7:00 Liturgy Committee Meeting-Mary's Room

Friday, January 7
 2:30 Mass at Shrewsbury Nursing Home
 7:00 Boy Scout Troop Comm. Meeting-St. Mark

Saturday, January 8
 8:00 Shrewsbury Little League-Gathering Space
 9:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD-Hall, LMR, School, Media Center
 10:30 Prayer shawl Ministry-Mary's Room
 11:00 Grades 1 & 2 CCD- Hall, LMR, GS, School


Sunday, January 9
 10:00 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd-Chapel
 10:00 St. Mary's Choir Rehearsal-Media Center
 10:15 Grades 3 & 4 CCD-Hall, LMR, School
 4:00 Grade 9 CCD-

 Sarah's safe pregnancy; Bobby to receive an accurate diagnosis and path toward health; Nora following a loss; Robert with cancer to experience successful treatment; a man with cancer to discern his best prognosis; Nancy C. for a positive prognosis and test results; two special intentions; Cheryl; safe travel for many; and a safe and hopeful remainder of the holiday season.

Continued prayers for: Emily and a young family all with Covid; Nick; Doug; the Podmores; Guy; John; Laurie; Raymond; John H.; Janice; Patrick; Liz; baby Marcellus; Deacon Martin Finnegan; a man; baby Cora and her foster family; all immigrants; the Keith family; Earle; Cathy; Kim; Joyce B.; preemies Eva and Jack; David; Evan; Charlie; Ann B.; Mike; Ben; Georgia; Eleanor; Lauren; Chris; two cancer patients; Tim C.; Louise; Michael; Gary; Irene; LP; Ed; B.; Colette; MJM; Sarah; Zack; Brian; Wesley; Elizabeth; Riley; Jacob; Pat Murray and those with no one to pray for them.

Thanksgiving for: Rebecca's full remission from cancer; Allie's improved health from Covid; safe travel for a couple and several others; Megan's skills; Marge's aid; BY's perspective; appreciation for a bonus; Charmene's generosity; all those who were especially contributive during the holidays and for all answered prayers.

Prayer Line: Call or text Tracy at 508-450-0137



MARY'S FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the statue of our Blessed Mother are in memory of

Maryann Ford

In Honor of her 2nd Anniversary

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Blessing of a Home on Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth,
 You revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
 By the guidance of a star.
 Bless this house
 And all who inhabit it
 Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,
 That their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
 FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**



The Feast of Mary, Mother of God on January 1 is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday.
 Mass for the Feast day will be celebrated at 8:30 am on January 1

Epiphany

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

Mass on Saturday, January 1 at 4:30 pm
 Masses on Sunday at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 and 5:30 pm

**Mask Requirement for
 St. Mary's Church**



The Shrewsbury Board of Health is requiring the use of face coverings/masks in all indoor spaces including churches for all people age 5 and above except for individuals for whom it creates a health risk.

NEW PARISHIONERS



We extend a warm welcome to the following people who joined St. Mary's parish during the month of December: James and Allysen Feeley, Rabih and Myrna Haddad, and Sara Riel.

YEAR END GIVING

Many people enjoy using Christmas and year's end as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions and also positively impact their federal and state income taxes. Christmas and year end giving provides many advantages to you

- All gifts made on or before December 31 are tax deductible for the tax year in which your gift is made.
- The knowledge that your gift is assisting a favorite Catholic institution and advancing the mission of the Catholic Church.
- A last reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you've wanted to

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ST. MARY'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Congratulations to the families and the children who were baptized during the month of December; Brooklyn Cruz, Elisa Fernandez, Sierra Hastings, Matthew Perron, Oliver Rainville, Luca Rainville, and Dominic Raymond.

May they grow in the faith that we profess in Christ Jesus.

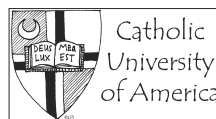
Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm. Please call the pastoral center to make arrangements for your child's baptism. Parents who would like to have their first child baptized will be asked to participate in a Baptism Preparation session which are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the pastoral center.

A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR FUEL

During the winter months (January thru March) you will find an additional envelope in your monthly packet marked "a special offering for "fuel".



This extra boost in income helps to defray the increased cost of fuel and utilities that St. Mary's and all of us experience at this time of year.



This weekend, the parishes in our diocese will participate in the national Collection for **The Catholic University of America** in Washington, D.C.

Catholic University is committed to excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the university provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. The university prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today by way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices, classical architecture studies, neuroscience, nursing, Hispanic Ministry, social services, and Catholic bioethics. Thank you for your generosity.

At the end of January, we'll be starting a weekly Rosary for the youth of our Parish to come to gather and pray. Beginning January 27th, every Thursday from 6:30pm-7:00pm, in the Church Nave in front of the Mary Statue. Contact Mark Smith for more information: Mark.smith@stmarysparish.org

Schedule a Tour or Shadow Day!



As you look for options for the 2022 – 2023 school year, please consider scheduling a personal tour or shadow day while classes are in session.

Contact our Admissions Director, Cheryl Dolan at Cheryl.Dolan@stmarysparish.org or 508 842-1601 to schedule a tour or shadow day.

Our After-School Program is available for Kindergarten through Grade 8 students from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm.

Saint Mary School welcomes students and families from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

Visit our website to learn more about Saint Mary School: <https://school.stmarysparish.org/>

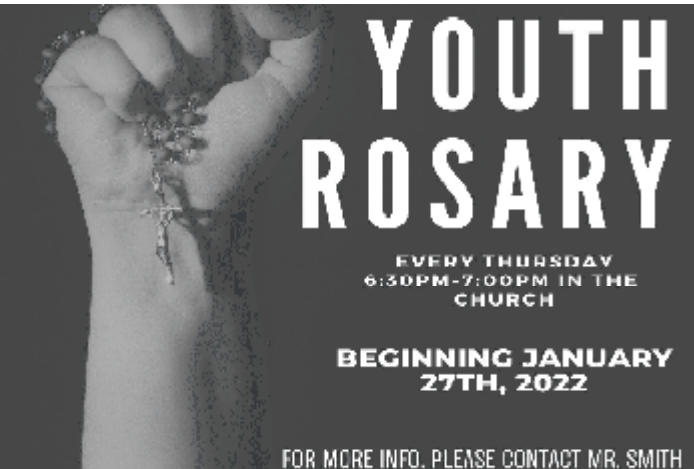
December 27, 2021

Dear St. Mary's Church,

Thank you for your generous donation for the **Giving Tree Program**. Your support and concern for the less fortunate is appreciated and very helpful to the program we run here at St. Anne's. We are a high functioning group of volunteers who service the needs of the less fortunate in Shrewsbury. The holidays are often especially difficult for those who have lost a job or suffered a personal setback, and your gift made a difference. Sometimes a person may be doing everything they can do, yet circumstances interfere and create difficulties of a family in these challenging times. At St. Anne's Human Services we try to help with food and our annual holiday Giving Tree Program. How blessed we are to live in such a wonderful, supportive, generous community.

We believe in the sense of community and respect the intrinsic worth of each person and treat them judiciously and with compassion. We respect their lives, worries and stories and work toward better servicing our clients.

Elaine LeBlanc
Director



SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

May 20-22, 2022 at Anna Maria College

Open to all high school youth as well as current 8th graders. The retreat will feature fun and games (with prizes), music, guest speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions and Mass! Details and registration information coming in January 2022.

If you have any questions contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdioces.org or 508-929-4360.

Become a foster or adoptive parent and make a difference in someone's life!

The first Tuesday of each month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm join a virtual information session to learn more about foster care and adoption. Contact Katherine Keefe at Katherine.A.Keefe@Mass.Gov to enroll.

If you've ever thought about opening your home to a child in need, this is the perfect opportunity to talk with staff from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to learn what it takes to foster and adopt. Foster and adoptive parents are vital to provide a supportive, healing environment for children who have been abused, neglected or removed from their homes due to unsafe or dangerous conditions. We are currently seeking foster and adoptive parents from every city and town across the state so that children can receive care in the communities where they live and go to school. For further information about becoming a foster parent please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/foster-care> or call 1-800-KIDS-508



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