

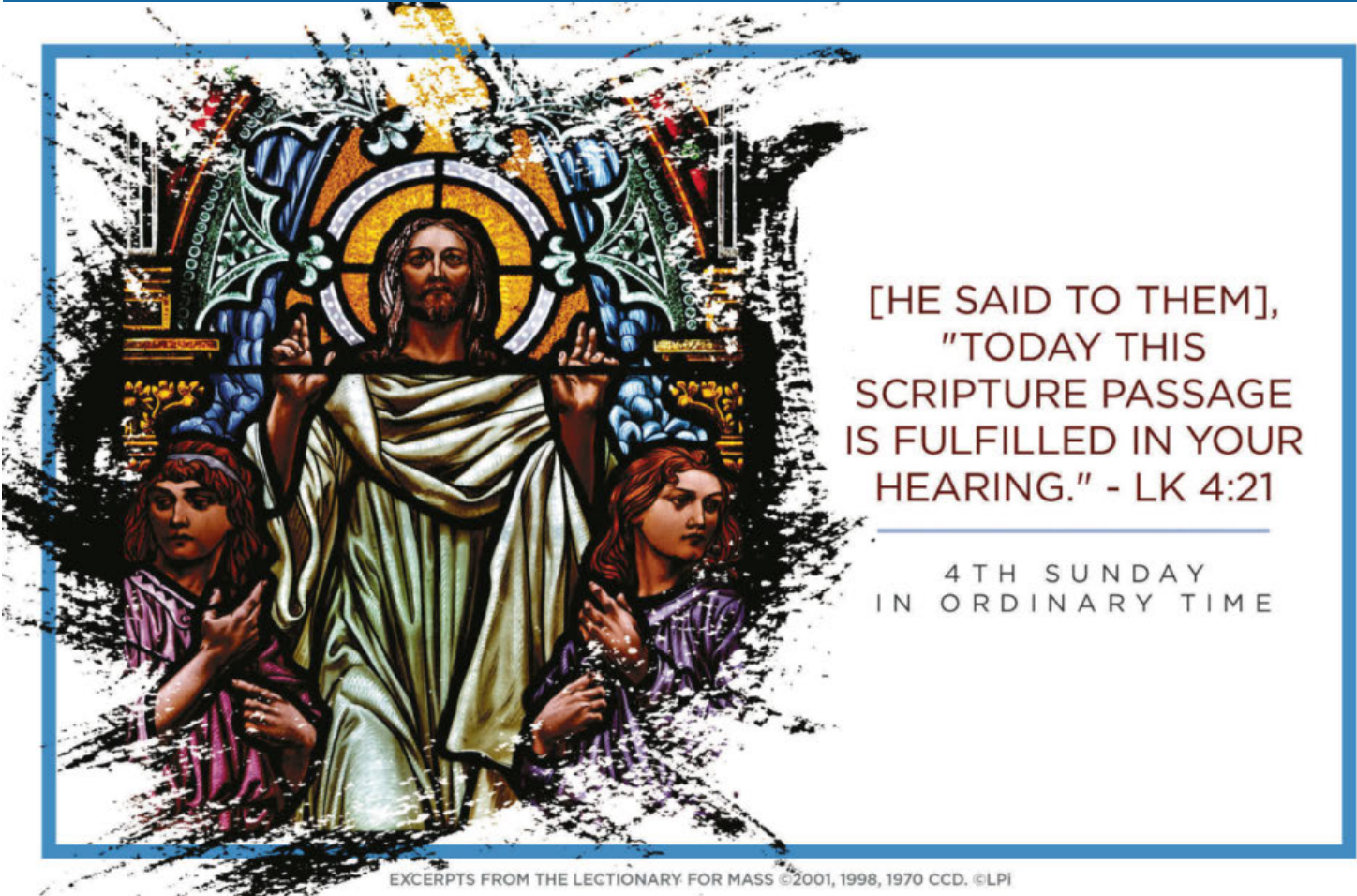


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**WELCOME**  
If you are a visitor to our parish, we welcome you to our celebration of the Liturgy. Your presence blesses our gathering in prayer! We are also happy to welcome new people to our parish family. If you live in the area and would like to become a part of our parish community, please contact Sue Leighton in the Parish Office at 508-278-2226.

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[HE SAID TO THEM],  
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IS FULFILLED IN YOUR  
HEARING." - LK 4:21

4TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday Mass | 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am  
Saturday Vigil Mass | 5:00pm  
Weekday Mass | 7:00am (Mon.-Thurs.)  
7:00am (On Civic Holidays)  
Holyday Masses as announced



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**JANUARY 30, 2022**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*This Sunday's Readings:*

*Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*

*1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13*

*Luke 4:21-30*



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays at 4:00pm-4:45pm in the church and at other times by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The baptism of infants and children is celebrated monthly. A gathering of parents preparing for the baptism of their child is held periodically in the parish center. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Couples planning to be married should contact the Pastor one year prior to the wedding. A Program of preparation is required of all couples planning to marry in the church.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

If you wish to receive the Sacraments (Reconciliation, Anointing, Communion) at home or in the hospital, please contact a member of the pastoral staff.

**R.C.I.A.**

**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Adults who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Community are invited to contact the Parish Office.

**THIS WEEK'S MUSICAL PRELUDES**

"Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God) by Dietrich Buxtehude

Prelude & Fugue in A Minor (BWV 559) by J.S. Bach



**January 23, 2022**

Ordinary	\$ 5,764.00
Fuel and Energy	\$ 375.00
Renovations	\$ 90.00
Youth Activities	\$ 122.00
First Offering	\$ 47.00
Candle & Altar	\$ 35.00
Catholic Univer.	\$ 30.00
Missions Appeal	\$ 205.00

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**IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick of our parish and others especially **(in alphabetical order)**: Lily Agostino, Theresa Aldrich, Greg Anacki, Agnes Anselmo, Leland C. Atonson, Frances Bachant, Gloria Baldor, Dcn. Joe Baniukiewicz, Sr., Linda Beaudouin, Yvette Beford, Michelle Beland, Maureen Bernard, Lucille Blair, Elizabeth Brennan, Dr. Ken Burgwinn, Fr. Ron Calhoun, Deborah Carmichael, David Caron, Karen Ciepielowski, Anthony Clark, James Clark, Henry L. Cordero, Tim Costa, Bill Cote, Mary Cove, Lorraine Crawford, Morgan Creighton, Sr., Tim Crowley, Betty Cusson, Vickie Cusson, Elizabeth Cybulski, Cathy Davis, Janet Davis, Joe Deslouriers, Bill Doty, Connie Dwyer, Robbie East, Stephen Fearebay, Gus Fiore, Lisa Firth, Steven Forman, Daniel Gagnon, Carolyn Gariepy, Lisa Gariepy, John Garrity, Walter Gion, Paulette Girard, Debra Gniadek, Frances Gniadek, Sandra Goff, Donald Gordon, Bob Gray, Ron Griffin, Donna Hall, Philip Harcourt, Joan Hauge, Rick Hirko, Joseph Hoffman, Rose Hudon, Matthew Jackson, Don Jasmin, Sheila Jeziorski, Don & Madeleine Jolin, Malia Jusczyk, Jacquelyn Kleya, Alex Larsen, Kevin Larson, Artie Leary, Erlene LeBorgne, Michael & Laurie MacCarthy, Anna Majeau, Michelle Mashak, Marley Jean Martin, Lisa Martini, Josephine Mason, Lorna McWilliam, Jim Moro, Joan Mulligan, Michael T. Murphy, Pat O'Melia, Meagan Philip, Sharon Popham, Linda Poulin, "Mac" Quinn, Kenny Richards, Peter Rice, Sandra Robbins, Christin Sanchez, Angel Santos, Kairo Santiago, Mary Sather, George Shaheen, Jonathan A. Shaw, Carol Smith, Joan Smith, Justin Smith, Todd Smith, Carl Speight, Debbie Stafford, Jack Stafford, Elise Strickland, Frank & Alice Susskey, Shirley Tellier, Alan Titus, Maureen Tracy, Seth Updergraff, Ronald Valliere, Laura Wayland, Jeanette White, and all our service members serving away from home.

**THE DECEASED**

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for those who have died, Rev. Rinaldo Damian, and for all the victims of war and terrorism.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

In the charity of your prayers please pray for all those serving in the armed services, especially, Sgt. Michael St. Jean, Ashley Wallis, Ryan Carnell, Maj. Eric Calvey, Lt. Evan Depetrillo, Ens. Samuel P. Rose, Maj. Sean Cahill, Adam Lareau, Cpl. Trevor Benoit, Cpt. Justin Trimble, Sr. Airman Jacob Platt.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN**

If you wish to have a personal intention, please contact Donna Featherstone.



**Sat., 01/29** *The Blessed Virgin, Mary*

**Candle Intention: For the Healing of our Nation**  
**For the Silent Intentions of our Hearts**

**Sun., 01/30** *The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30AM **For the People of St. Mary Parish**

9:00AM

11:00AM

**Mon., 01/31** *St. John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder*

7:00AM

**Tues., 02/01** *St. Ansgar, Priest*

7:00AM

**Wed., 02/02** *The Presentation of the Lord*

7:00AM

**Thurs., 02/03** *St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00AM

**Sat., 02/05** *St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

5:00PM

**Sun., 02/06** *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30AM

9:00AM

11:00AM

**Candle Intention: For the Healing of our Nation**  
**For Barbara Coppinger**

**For the People of St. Mary Parish**

**For All the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**For Ana Majkut**

by the OLV Community  
 by Michelle Beland

by the Abate Family

by the People of St. Mary Parish

by Anne M. Brown  
 the Lemelin Family

by the Wondolowski Family

by the Phelps Family

**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1CORINTHIANS 13:4)* Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, January 30th  
kicks off National  
Catholic Schools Week!

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School is beyond blessed by the ongoing prayers and assistance from our local parishes: St. Mary (Uxbridge), Good Shepherd (Linwood), St. Peter's (Northbridge), and St. Patrick's (Whitinsville). Thank you for all you do to support Catholic Education in the Blackstone Valley. May God continue to bless you.

## NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics

**Number of Schools**  
There are 5,981 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,812 are elementary / middle schools and 1,169 are secondary schools.

Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2020-2021: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA)

### DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

Sunday, March 20th 1-5pm @ North American Martyrs, Auburn

Join us for the Diocesan Middle School Rally on Sunday, March 20th at North American Martyrs in Auburn! The theme for the day is "Come Alive". This event is open to any youth in 6-8th grade. Cost is \$5. The event will run from 1-5pm and will include games, activities, snacks, speakers, and Mass. Check-in for the event will begin at 12:30.

**Deadline to sign up is March 9th!**

*The day will be led by our Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team which is a leadership team of High School youth from around the Diocese!*

This year for  
**LENT**

Do something that will  
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YOUR LIFE**

come. All adults over 18 are welcome.

Registration pamphlets are on the entrance table in the hallway by the office. Please take one home and prayerfully consider coming. Over 300 parishioners have already joyfully participated in one of our retreats. Scan the QR Code for more information, or to register on-line. Call the parish office at 508-278-2226 if you have any questions.



## UPCOMING Events

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULES JANUARY/FEBRUARY

**ELEMENTARY/JR. HS Program,**  
10:00-11:30am  
1/30, 2/06, 2/13, 2/27

**CHOSEN HS Program,**  
5:00-6:30pm  
1/30, 2/06, and 2/27

### The FATHER DENNIS J. O'BRIEN ACADEMIC WING at THE G.R.A.C.E. CENTER

Since the passing of Fr. Dennis O'Brien, friends, students, and former parishioners have sought to memorialize him in a very special way. We have begun raising funds to name the academic wing of The Grace Rett Athletic Complex and Education Center at Our Lady of the Valley School in Uxbridge in honor of Father Dennis J. O'Brien. The G.R.A.C.E. Center includes a high-school sized gymnasium, two classrooms that will house a middle school academy, a concessions area, lobby, and restrooms. Grace Rett tragically passed in January 2020 one day after her twentieth birthday in a motor vehicle accident in Florida while training with the members of her rowing team from the College of the Holy Cross. Fr. O'Brien was greatly affected by Grace's passing and the depth of her faith. He would often visit her grave site to pray for strength and intercession whenever faced with a difficult challenge. Like so many, he found courage and conviction through the story of Grace.

Anyone who wishes to participate in this effort by making a gift to the Father Dennis J. O'Brien Academic Wing at The G.R.A.C.E. Center can do so either online at [www.gracetothefinish.com/father-ob](http://www.gracetothefinish.com/father-ob) or by check made payable to Our Lady of the Valley School, 75 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569. Donations of \$5,000 or more will be recognized with a name plaque in the Fr. O'Brien Wing.

### Come to the LOTW retreat on March 4-7, 2022

A parish-based, in-house, evangelization process. When you attend the LOTW retreat, you will learn what the clear message of the Gospel means to you, and how you can move ahead in your journey of faith. Find the peace—the peace of God that surpasses all. In these difficult times, find out how to turn to God for help. There is no fee to



### ST. MARY ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Rescheduled to:  
February 12, 2022  
6:30pm  
Parish Hall



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own Fr. Nick.

**\$10.00 per ticket—BYOB and snacks!!**  
Reserve a table or join a table!!

Tickets available beginning January 9 in the parish office!

**Phone call reservations accepted anytime.** Call 508-278-2226..

### ON-GOING GRIEF SUPPORT

On-going grief support will be held once a month on Fridays in the parish hall from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Linda Small and Mary Ellen Bartlett from the Grieving with Great Hope Ministry will be facilitating. These gatherings will be prayerful, rooted in Christ, and will utilize the GWGH seven intentions of mourning. This is an opportunity for fellowship and support. Our next gathering is on February 11th. All are welcome.



Ash Wednesday this year falls on **March 2**. The Mass and Liturgy of the Word Schedules are as follows:

- 7:00am Mass with imposition of ashes**
- 9:30am School Mass with imposition of ashes**
- 4:00pm Liturgy of the Word with imposition of ashes**
- 7:00pm Mass with imposition of ashes**

### PRAYER FOR PARISH RENEWAL

For the Month of January, please pray for St. Polycarp's intercession that the Holy Spirit will guide the Parish Renewal process. Amen.



### CHANGING SIDES

*Can hearts really be changed on the issue of abortion?*

This film, available to our parishioners on FORMED.ORG through our parish website, tells the powerful true story of the conversion of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-Life Activist. Abby Johnson was the director of the abortion facility that was the launching pad of the bold new pro-life effort—40 Days for Life.

This film also reveals what can happen when people pray, fast, sacrifice, love their enemies and take a stand on the most controversial issue of our time—abortion.

Watch this brief movie on: <https://watch.formed.org/changing-sides>



### HELP FOR THOSE HURTING FROM ABORTION

Peace starts here

It is normal to grieve the loss of a pregnancy, including those lost by abortion. You may unexpectedly be feeling alone and empty. Fortunately, Project Rachel helps those who are hurting. Please visit: [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com) to seek compassionate help and healing.

### G.R.A.C.E. Center Opens For Action.



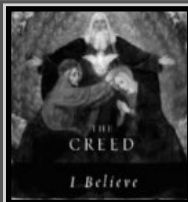
The Worcester Red Sox are moved by Grace's legacy and in awe of Uxbridge's powerful demonstration of community.

From Gym classes, to basketball practice, to inaugural games between the OLV School and St. Joseph. Thank you to all who helped made this possible.



## COMMUNITY & PRAYER

MONDAY



### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

01/31/2022 6:30-8:00pm, Parish Center

Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy.

WEDNESDAY



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Continues on Wednesdays

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will open Adoration at 3:00pm. Benediction will take place at 6:00pm. All are Welcome.

THURSDAY



### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-8:15pm in the St. Mary Parish Conference Room. The Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday are explored through discussion and historical reference. The study ends with Bishop Robert Barron's homily for the Gospel.



Notice from the Bishop's office regarding the new Emmanuel Communications:

The local Catholic radio stations operated by Emmanuel Radio have been sold to a company in New York State. Local programming has ceased in Worcester. Until the Diocesan office has been granted permission for this new organization to fundraise in our diocese, please refrain from conducting any fundraising efforts on their behalf.

### END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO PARISHIONERS

Statements of financial contributions to Saint Mary Parish for 2021 will be mailed to parishioners by the end of this month. The statements reflect contributions made to Saint Mary Parish through the weekly offertory envelopes, E-Catholic contributions, the direct deposit method (ACH), or by mailed checks. These annual statements are important for the following reasons:

**The financial stewardship of our parishioners ought to be acknowledged.** Our finances are sustained through the generous stewardship of our parishioners only. Contrary to what some believe, St. Mary's receives no subsidies or grants from the Diocese or outside agencies. All our expenses, from utilities to religious education for children, to health insurance for our employees, are met through the generosity of our parishioners. We are grateful to all who call Saint Mary's their parish, and do their part to sustain it.

**It is important that our accounting be accurate and correct.** Everyone who contributes to the parish ought to be able to rest assured that their contribution is accurately accounted for in a timely manner. If there is a discrepancy between what you believe you have contributed in a verifiable way (envelopes, direct-deposit), and what we have recorded, we want to know about it and rectify the discrepancy.

**The IRS and tax deductions for charitable contributions.** Regulations regarding deductions for church and charitable contributions have changed over the past few years. Revised IRS regulations mandate organizations to indicate contributions on their own letterhead. Cancelled checks are no longer acceptable proof of contribution, according to new guidelines. The financial statement mailed to you complies with IRS guidelines.

We realize that some parishioners prefer to simply place an anonymous cash gift in the offertory basket. We certainly respect their decision to do so and deeply appreciate their goodness to the parish. However, such gifts obviously cannot be acknowledged nor can statements be provided for tax purposes. For the sake of accuracy, transparency, and accountability, I would encourage everyone to consider using either the envelope, direct-deposit or webdirect methods.



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