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Welcome to all new parishioners!

There is a ramp for handicapped access to the upper Church located in the rear parking lot.

Saint Joseph Chapel is open daily from 6:00am - 11:00pm. The Church is open daily from 7:00am - 7:00pm.

The Parish Family of Saint Mary of the Assumption

Dedham • West Roxbury 420 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Pastor Rev. Wayne L. Belschner wbelschner@stmarysdedham.com

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm ~ LifeTeen Weekdays (Monday - Friday) 7:00am & 12:10 p.m. Saturdays 8:00am

> In addition to the above schedule an extra Mass has been added for

Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm Thursday evening Latin Mass at 7:00 pm

Confession Schedule

Tuesdays	11:00 - 12:00pm Church		
	3:00 - 4:00pm Church		
Fridays	3:00 - 4:00pm Church		
	6:00 - 7:00pm Church		
Saturdays	2:30 - 3:45pm Church		

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration St. Joseph Chapel Want to be an Adorer or Substitute? Visit: https://adorationpro.org/maryma.



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,

and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen!

SAINT MARY'S PARISH, DEDHAM/WEST ROXBURY

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 18th ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent				
4:00 pm	Joseph Repetto, Sr.			
Sunday, Dece	mber 19th ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent			
7:00 am	Corrien McKenzie			
9:00 am	Francis Xavier Flanagan			
11:00 am	The Raftery & Nagle Families			
5:00 pm	Luigi & Luisa Musto & Doris Bavaro			
Monday, December 20th				
7:00 am	Philip Glesson			
12:10 pm	Florence & Leon A. and Theresa &			
T 1 D	Wilfred Tousignant			
Tuesday, December 21st ~ <i>St. Peter Canisius</i> 7:00 am Anna & William Kobs				
7:00 am				
12:10 pm 7:00 pm	Thanksgiving for prayers answered The Penni Family—living intention			
Wednesday, December 22nd 7:00 am Anna & William Kobs				
12:10 pm	Birthday blessings for Steven Johnson			
Thursday, December 23rd ~ <i>St. John of Kanty</i> 7:00 am Philip Glesson				
12:10 pm	Philip Glesson Birthday blessings for Maria Caulfield;			
12.10 pm	Phyllis Caulfield, deceased			
7:00 pm	Traditional Latin Mass			
Friday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve				
$\frac{1100}{7:00}$ am	Nicola Ballarano, Carmela & Lorenzo			
,	Petruzziello			
12:10 pm	For conversion of hearts for all fathers			
1	to guard their unborn in the womb, as			
	St. Joseph quietly did for Mary & Child			
4:00 pm	Pro Popolo (Mary Hall			
4:00 pm	Pro Popolo			
6:30 pm	Pro Popolo			
12:00 am	Pro Popolo			
Saturday, December 25th ~ The Nativity of the Lord				
8:00 am	Pro Propolo			
10:00 am	Pro Popolo			

This week's St. Mary's Church Sanctuary Candle shines in loving memory of Francis Xavier Flanagan

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The Bread and Wine for the offertory at this weekend's Masses are donated in loving memory of Francis Xavier Flanagan

From the Pastor's Desk ...



This past week, we were blessed to have Fr. John Eudes Brohl. ORC with us for our Parish Advent Mission. Fr. John Eudes spoke to us in the hope of increasing our awareness of the powerful role, help, and presence of the Holy Angels, in particular our Guardian Angel, in our

spiritual lives. He spoke of the assistance the Holy Angels provide us in seeking spiritual freedom. He reminded us that our Guardian Angel accompanies us on our journey to God. Finally, he led us in a discussion on how the Holy Angels assist us in discerning and correctly ordering our emotions. Tuesday evening some children of the parish made their personal consecration to their Guardian Angel. On Wednesday, fifteen adults from the parish made their consecrations to their Guardian Angel. Thank you Fr. John Eudes for your conferences and how we can prepare worthily for the birth of Christ.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Wayne

REGINA CAELI *Regina Caeli Academy is HIRING*!

University-Style Hybrid[®] Our Boston Center is in search of a

Lower School Lead Tutor and substitutes for the second semester of the 2021-22 academic year! To learn more and apply, please visit <u>www.rcahybrid.org</u> or contact Mrs. Christen Fitts at <u>cfitts.bos@rcahybrid.org</u> or 781-531-8115.

> Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ernest Caruso whose Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's.

PARISH SUPPORT

The Offertory for the weekend of December 12, 2021 (For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

Year to Date	Year to Date	Surplus
Income	Expenses	(Deficit)
\$483,327	\$551,535	-(68,208)
Weekly Goal:		\$ 12,438
Offertory 12/12/21:		<u>\$11,740</u>
•		-(\$698)

Thank you for your continual support and generosity!

Please join us on Friday, December 24th at 12:10 pm for our last monthly Novena Mass for the Unborn.

<u>Prayer Intention:</u> For an end to abortion; "We pray for conversion of hearts of all fathers that they guard their unborn in the womb, as St. Joseph quietly did for the good of the Blessed Mother and her Child.

ADVENT SONGS AND HYMNS

We find ourselves now in the very last week of Advent! This is always a busy time full of anticipation, preparation, and hope. Recently I came across a blog post entitled The Top Ten Advent Songs compiled by <u>AcquinasandMore.com</u>. The post points out that admittedly Advent songs are harder to find than Christmas carols, but there are some hidden gems that are worth the listen. During these final few days before Christmas, perhaps you might check out one or all of the following Advent Songs.

(Note that the blog post listed the songs along with the album/artist who may be most well known for the recording, but there are other recordings available for each song as well.)

- *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* The ultimate Advent Song! This can be found on the album *O Night Divine* by L'Angelus.
- *Holy is His Name* this can be found on *Pathways of the Shepherd* by John Michael Talbot.
- O Come, Divine Messiah can be found on the popular recording Advent at Ephesus.
- On Jordan's Bank look for this on More Sublime Chant by The Cathedral Singers with Richard Proulx as conductor.
- *The Coming of Our God* this is a beautiful hymn you might find only in traditional hymnals or performed by religious orders.
- The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came can be found on Christmas Carols from Wells and Salsburg, sung by Steve Green.
- *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* from *The Spirit of Christmas*, sung by Steve Green.
- *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* this can be found on *Abide With Me: 50 Favorite Hymns*, performed by the King's College.
- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence look for this on Images of Christ, by the Cambridge Singers.
- *Emmanuel* this is a Gospel song from the album *God He Reigns* by the Hillsong Christian Community.

Enjoy this final week of Advent!

Elizabeth Healy,



Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed daily (Monday-Friday) at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Chapel.

Tuesday Morning Gospel Study

Our weekly Gospel Study has moved to Tuesday mornings (11am –noon). Please join us to become better acquainted with the Sunday Gospels. No commitment or prior knowledge of Scripture Study is required; we learn and share together in a relaxed atmosphere. Please call Elizabeth (781-326-0550, x119) for more information.

Wisdom of God in the Lives of the Saints by Fr. Dominic

"My spirit has become dry because it forgets to feed on You." -Saint John of the Cross



When you lack proper nutrition for the nourishment of your body, a deficiency will most likely manifest itself in the physical appearance. For instance, a lack of sleep might result in bags under your eyes and dryness of the lips could be attributed to dehydration or malnutrition. Just as the physical body needs proper

nutrients in order to be healthy, so does the soul.

There are various signs that might indicate a soul is unhealthy like a lack of virtues and graces. Whenever vicious and sinful actions are willfully committed, with sufficient knowledge of the acts, the soul is said to be lacking in virtues and graces. Saint John succinctly told us this when he said, "*little children*, *let no man deceive you. He that does justice is just, even as he is just. He that committed sin is of the devil...Whosoever is not just, is not of God, nor he that loves not his brother*" (1 Jn 3:7-8, 10). The graces of God enable us to thrive and do good works, including prayers.

When a soul finds it dreadful to engage in good works and prayers, then it is a sign the soul needs to run to Jesus. It is only in and through Christ that a "[soul] can do all [good] things who strengthens [it]" (Phil 4:13). May the hungry and thirsty soul hasten to the altar of God so that it may feast on the Body and Blood of Jesus, Who alone provides the nutrients necessary for a healthy soul.

> Catholic Social Justice Ministry Awareness - Prayer - Action

Prayer to Christ Unborn

Dear Lord Jesus in the womb of Blessed Virgin Mary, before your birth You filled the unborn Baptist with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Inspire us to see You in every unborn child. Grant us the perseverance to defend vulnerable human life from abortion, abandonment, experimentation, and all violations. Fill us with reverence for the moment of Your Incarnation in Nazareth when the Word became flesh. Amen

"Oh, Blessed Virgin Mary, look upon us with mercy and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom." - Christus Medicus Foundation

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Eve Confessions are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Church Christmas Eve ~ Friday, December 24th 4:00 pm (Church ~ Organ & Quartet) 4:00 pm (downstairs ~ Piano & Cantor) 6:30 pm (Church ~ Organ & Cantor) Midnight Mass (Church ~ LifeTeen Band) Christmas Day ~ Saturday, December 25th 8:00 am (Church ~ Organ & Cantor) 10:00 am (Church ~ Organ & Quartet) Mary,Mother of God ~ Mass Schedule Friday, December 31st Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God Mass ~ 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 1st Feast of Mary, Mother of God Mass ~ 8:00 a.m. Mass ~ 10:00 a.m. Thank You!

Thank you to George Doherty and the Staff of the Doherty & Sons Funeral Home for their generous gift of the 2022 Calendars. We are grateful to them for this annual gift to the parish family. You may take a calendar as you exit Church today. "Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope."

~ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

nativity story

Advent Movie Matinee

Please join us for the unforgettable movie *The Nativity Story*. We will show the movie in the Parish Center Dinning Room on **Wednesday**, **December 22nd** at 3:30 pm. Any questions, please call Elizabeth Healy at 781-326-0550.

Thank You! On behalf of our St. Vincent de Paul Society and My Brother's Keeper, we express our gratitude to all of you who took part in the Advent Giving Tradition. You helped make Christmas a bit brighter for those in need this year. Thank you and may the blessings of Christmas fill your hearts and homes.

St. Mary's Library & Book Store

The Library, located in the Parish Center, has received new books, come and check it out. Also, located in the library is a book case that has books for sale.



Please note that on Christmas Eve, the Adoration Chapel will close at 3:00 pm and remain closed Christmas Day. The Chapel will reopen Sunday at 6:00 a.m. This will allow for our adorers to spend Christmas with their loved ones.

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At all the Christmas Masses a special collection will be taken up to support the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the retired priests of our Archdiocese of Boston. May God bless all those who have served in our parishes throughout the years.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Jesus waits for you ~ Let your heart be moved by Him! He waits to see you and longs for your friendship. He waits to hear your needs and concerns. He waits to encounter your love. He is present in the Eucharist and in every person you meet. Pray to Him daily ~ Visit Him in Eucharistic Adoration.

Consider giving the Lord one hour a week, it will be time well spent. If you would like to sign up for an hour please visit the website: <u>http://adorationpro.org/maryma</u>.

<u>I Came That They May Have Life & Have it Abundantly</u> John 10:10 Prayer Ministry For babies, little ones, and families <u>www.john1010abundantlife.blogspot.com</u> Submit prayer requests to: john1010abundantlife@gmail.com

A Kiss of Mercy Apostolate for healing from abortion

To be recited after kissing an image of Jesus. Jesus I trust in You. May my kiss and Your grace convert, heal and reconcile to the Father one soul wounded by abortion. Amen. Recite one Hail Mary. <u>http://www.kissofmercy.org</u>

Project Rachel confidential line 508.651.3100 <u>http://www.projectrachelboston.com/</u> Pregnancy Help free & confidential line 617.782.5151 <u>http://www.pregnancyhelpboston.org/</u>

Pray for our Military

Our Military Prayer Book is located at the Altar of our Blessed Mother. If you would like to add a name to the Military Prayer Book, then please stop by the Parish Center.

God Bless all our Military Service Men and Women and their Families ~ Thank you for Your Service and Sacrifices.

Knights of Columbus Corner



The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic men's organization whose mission is charitable works. For more information on the Knights of Columbus or if you wish to join our ranks, please email us at <u>dedhamkofc234@gmail.com</u>.

Join us for Family Rosary

Monday evenings at 5:00 p.m inside the church

Religious Education News!!!

If you have any questions regarding the programs, please reach out to the individual directors listed below. Recordings for EDGE & ROC lessons can be found on the website under the "Faith Formation" tab. Click on your program to view.

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Clarification:

After Dec. 19th the following classes will meet in person. Cycle 2 classes will meet again as noted on the schedule. I will record the family lesson originally meant for the 12th and post it on *google classroom* for families to watch together. Cycle 1 will meet on January 2nd.

No lessons in Mary Hall or the church for a lesson.

Use this link to register for the emails: https://www.evangelizeboston.com/pages/projectnazareth

Please pray for the intentions on St. Mary's Prayer Line. If you would like to leave a request, the Prayer Line number is: 781-326-0550, ext. 5.

St. Mary's Knitting Group

Join St. Mary's knitting group each Thursday from 10:00 am—12:00 pm in the Parish Center dining room. Great conversation and snacks, too!



Seniors Exercise Group

Exercise classes for seniors meet in the Parish Center on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 am and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

St. Mary's Young Adults

Join us every Tuesday Evening for Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Church followed by the Rosary & Group Presentation in the Rectory.

Join Young Adults from the parish, as we minister to our homeless brothers & sisters in Boston.

We meet every 3rd Saturday of the month (January 15th) at the Church and then head into Boston. Our day is from 9:00 am~2:00 pm.

For information, please email: <u>stmarysdedhamcya@gmail.com</u>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT







"...for now salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed." (Romans 13:11). We have entered into the final week of Advent and the fourth candle has been lit! This candle is often referred to as the Angel's candle because it reminds us of the message of the angel: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14). Peace! Is that not what we ultimately want in our own lives? Jesus tells us,

"**Peace** I leave with you; **my peace** I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your





hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14: 27). Who else said not to be afraid? The angel to the shepherds! There seems to be a common theme here and that is **to not be afraid!**

We all have fears but **the one fear we should never have is loving God** "with all [our] heart and with all [our] soul and with all [our] strength and with all [our] mind" (Luke 10:27). Hopefully, during this Advent season you have begun to see the **beauty and freedom** that comes from

complete and total trust in God. Our Blessed Mother, **Mary**, is the **perfect example** of this! She is the most beautiful and holy creature ever to be created by God who said *"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word."* (Luke 1:38) after the angel appeared to Her saying She was going to become the Mother of God. She allowed the Word of God to transform Her because **She was not afraid.** We have the fullness of the truth and should imitate Mary in allowing God's Word to transform us! There should be no fear because **perfect love casts out fear!** (1 John 4: 18). If there is fear, **we must go to Jesus** in order to cast it out. How blessed are we though that **He comes to us!** In this final week of Advent, I encourage you all to continue preparing your hearts to receive Him on Christmas. **Ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for you** and to give you the **grace** necessary to grow closer to Her Son. Teens... please **join us tonight** after Mass! Following Supper for the Soul, we will have our **Christmas Party and Yankee swap!** I hope to see you all there!

Elizabeth Balzarini ~ Youth Minister ~ <u>stmaryslt97@gmail.com</u>

St. Mary's Life Teen GoFundMe page is found at gofundme.com (Saint Mary's Life Teen 2021-2022)

St. Mary's Life Teen Prayer to the Archangel St. Raphael

Most perfect Archangel St. Raphael, ever standing before the throne of the Most High to praise Him, to bless Him, to glorify Him, and to serve Him, obtain for me the grace never to lose sight of the divine presence, so that my thoughts, my words, and my works, may be directed always to the glory of God and to my own sanctification. St. Raphael watch over, protect, and strengthen St. Mary's LifeTeen Program. Amen.



Homework Days

The Life House will be open every **Monday & Wednesday** from **2:30 - 4:00 p.m.** for Homework Days. Come on by to "study" or even just hangout after school. Snacks are always provided for good "brain food"!

World Youth Day will be taking place in Lisbon, Portugal in 2023! For more info., teens and their parents are invited to join us after Mass on January 2nd for a webinar led by Chris Dube from Dube Travel.



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