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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

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His Excellency Bishop Arthur L. Kennedy Rev. Eric F. Cadin

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!

Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26th ~ The Holy Family

7:00 am Edwin Chirokas (5th anniversary) 9:00 am Holy Innoncents 1st Christian Martyrs 11:00 am Domenic A. Vaccaro & Leo Vaccaro

5:00 pm Mary T. (Parnell) Claffey

Monday, December 27th ~ St. John the Apostle 7:00 am Timothy & Catherine Sullivan

12:10 pm Susan & Kevin McSheffrey

Tuesday, December 28th ~ The Holy Innocents

7:00 am Alicia Haibon

12:10 pm Sofia Midence—deceased

Birthday blessings for Jack Caulfield

7:00 pm Deceased members of the Penni family

Wednesday, December 29th ~ St. Thomas Becket

7:00 am Marcia Mogan

12:10 pm Onofrio Papsadore, Mary Papsadore,

Charlie Papsadore and Ralph Papsadore

Thursday, December 30th

7:00 am Special intention for healing

12:10 pm Helen Mary Warren 7:00 pm Traditional Latin Mass

Friday, December 31st ~ St. Sylvester

7:00 am Special intentions for Barbara Costello

12:10 pm Frederick Loewen

4:00 pm For Blessings in the New Year

Saturday, January 1st ~ Mary the Holy Mother of God

8:00 am Bill Moan 10:00 am Joseph Beard

Please note that on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th, there will not be a 4:00 pm Mass



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary DePesa, Francis X. Murphy, and Joanne M. Denomy whose Funeral Masses were celebrated at St. Mary's.

This week's St. Mary's Church Sanctuary Candle shines in loving memory of Paolo Piccione

This week's St. Joseph Chapel Sanctuary Candle shines in loving memory Paolo Piccione

The Bread and Wine for the offertory at this weekend's Masses are donated in loving memory of Paolo Piccione

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Merry Christmas



On behalf of Bishop Arthur Kennedy, Fr. Dominic, Fr. Eric, Deacon Kelley McCormick, the entire staff, and myself, I'd like to take the opportunity to wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas.

May the love of the Child in the Manger fill your hearts and your homes with peace, joy, and love this Christmas Season. May the new year also be filled with God's blessings for you and your loved ones. Please be assured of my love and prayers for each of you this day and into the new year. *Merry Christmas!*

"The angel said, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger'."

(Luke 2:13)

Yours in Christ, *Fr. Wayne*

Happy New Year!

As we approach the new year and before we make any resolutions that we hardly intend to keep, let us resolve now to answer the call to holiness. Perhaps this year, we can simply add five minutes in the morning and the evening for prayer. We can even begin the practice of praying before each meal, or we can spend a few minutes reading a few lines from the New Testament or come to the Adoration Chapel. God calls us to be saints, let us respond in this new year.



Mary, Mother of God ~ Mass Schedule

<u>Friday, December 31st</u>

<u>Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God</u>

Mass ~ 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1st

<u>Feast of Mary, Mother of God</u>

Mass ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

"Christmas reveals the immense love of God for humanity. From that flows also the enthusiasm, the hope of us Christians, that in our poverty, we know that we are loved, we are visited, accompanied by God." – Pope Francis

Christmas blessings and best wishes to everyone in the St. Mary's Parish community! I hope the Christmas season brings you and yours great joy, peace and hope!

Here is a beautiful Christmas poem written by the one and only G.K. Chesterton.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light. (O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast His hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, His hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown, And all the flowers looked up at Him, And all the starts looked down.

Merry Christmas and A Happy, Healthy, Holy new year ahead!

Elizabeth Healy, Pastoral Associate

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.



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

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

"God is a dark night to man in this life."
-Saint John of the Cross

Even though man is gifted with the power of intellect to know truths, that natural power is limited. Natural reason, in its own capacity, can penetrate the breadth and depth of creation at great length and even arrive to a limited knowledge of the Creator. However, it does not have sufficient strength to pierce into the inner life of God. As Saint Paul simply puts it, "We see now through a glass in a dark manner...Now I know in part..." (1 Cor. 13:12). In other words, man comes to the knowledge of God, first and foremost, through created things. Another way man comes to know God is through negations—that is speaking of what God is not. For example, we come to know the immutability of God through changes in creatures. In order to enter into the illustrious life of God, while man is on this earth, he must have the grace of God. The supernatural gifts of Faith, Hope and Charity are necessary to elevate and enable him to know and love God. Even then, man is said to have a quasiexperience until he receives the beatific vision, where he is united to God in a direct, intuitive, and clear knowledge of the Triune God as He is in Himself. It is important to remember that a man's knowledge of God is in no way lacking on the part of God. Rather it is on the finite capacity of man, as a creature, to receive God. Thus, let us humbly beg God to illuminate our darkened intellect and strengthen our feeble will so that we may see Him as He is and firmly behold Him.

Catholic Social Justice Ministry

Awareness - Prayer - Action

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,

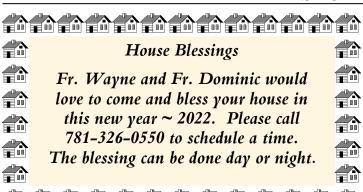
At the word of an angel, you lovingly took
Mary into your home. **As God's humble servant**, you
guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a
manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety
of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. **Amen.** -USCCB

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY





At all the Christmas Masses a special collection was taken up to support the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the retired priests of our Archdiocese of Boston. Through the generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary's, I am pleased to announce that \$7,023 was sent to help in this financial need. May God bless all those who remembered our retired priests in such a special manner this Christmas.

Charismatic Prayer Group



Please join us on Thursday, January 13th for praise and worship immediately following the 7:00 pm Latin Mass. Our Rosary intention will be for our nation and for the revival of the Church.

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Join your brothers in the parish for the first men's night of the new year.

Let us celebrate 2022 with joy and hope.

We will gather at the rectory on Friday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m.

This is open to all men 21+ in the parish. Join us for food, libations, cigars, and plenty of laughs!!!!



We welcome with joy and love the following who were baptized during the months of November and December:

Miriam Annette Benoit, Callen Vincent Biggins,
Liam Anthony Bryan, Eliza Frances Carleton,
Cody Lee Castaldi, Lucas Joseph Castro,
Hannah Rose Chamberlain,
Connor Jerrold Chan, Milena Regina Dzidek,
Francis Walter Goode, Zoe Lynne Huling,
Madeleine Rose Kingsley, Liam Patrick Lane,
Leonardo Giuseppe Lescoe,
Joseph Raymond Nardello, Chase Thomas Pacella,
Renato Massimo Reda, Sophia Twomey, and
Callie Rose Zarthar



Please continue to remember the work done by the St. Vincent de Paul Society for those parishioners in need.

Donations are greatly appreciated!

St. Mary's Cemetery



There are many plots still available at St. Mary's Parish Cemetery. If you would like more information or would like to schedule a consultation session, please contact Rich at the Parish Center. The cemetery is located

at 290 Grove St. on the West Roxbury/Dedham line.



Our next book club selection will be Whisper ~Finding God in the Eveyday by Danielle Bean. We will meet on Thursday, January 20th at 4:00pm in the Parish Center dining room. Please call Elizabeth Healy (781-326-0550, x119) if you have questions or need help finding the book.

"Is there anyone sick among you . . . "

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound, we ask that you please contact the parish office so we may make arrangements for one of the priests to visit for the Anointing of the Sick and/or a Sacramental visit with Holy Communion.

Thank you

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:

http://adorationpro.org/maryma.

I Came That They May Have Life & Have it Abundantly John 10:10 Prayer Ministry

For babies, little ones, and families www.john1010abundantlife.blogspot.com 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.

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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 dedhamkofc234@gmail.com.

Join us for Family Rosary

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

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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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Monét Souza (Edge) stmarysdedhamcya@gmail.com

Elizabeth Balzarini (ROC) stmaryslt97@gmail.com

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 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



Knitting 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: stmarysdedhamcya@gmail.com









"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6). MERRY CHRISTMAS! I hope you all had a blessed Christmas with your family and friends. From Hebrew 'immānū'ēl means "God is with us" and we have spent these last four weeks, in the Advent season, preparing our hearts for this very moment! Guess what?! Christmas also has a season just like Advent! Of course we celebrate Christmas on December 25th every year, but we

should also recognize the beautiful season the Church has given us as a way of continuing a deepening of our spiritual lives. Did you know that throughout Christian history, Christmas lasts for 12 days — all the way through January 6th? (Catholic News Agency). I am sure you have heard of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Each thing mentioned in the song points us to the teachings of our Faith! Check this out...

- 1 True Love = God
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Teens, please join us tonight for a Christmas movie as we continue to celebrate this wonderful Christmas season!

Also, this is a reminder that **next Sunday** we will have an information **webinar** with Chris Dube from **Dube Travel** talking about the specifics of **World Youth Day 2023!** Parents, please join us!

Elizabeth Balzarini ~ Youth Minister ~ stmaryslt97@gmail.com

St. Mary's Life Teen GoFundMe page is found at <u>gofundme.com</u> (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.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Sunday



Life Teen Mass & Life Night 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday

Pizza and Prayer Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM



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"!

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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**. Please support our advertisers and mention you saw their ad here.

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