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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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In Residence 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

<u>Saturday, January 8th \sim <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></u>			
4:00 pm	Arline & Michael Morrissey		
Sunday, January 9th ~ The Baptism of the Lord			
7:00 am John & Rita Benedetti			
	John & Betty Conway		
11:00 am			
	Lawrence J. McCabe, Jr.		
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Monday, January 10th			
	Disabled veterans		
12:10 pm	Holy souls in purgatory		
Tuesday, January 11th			
7:00 am	Sean Lyons		
	Edmund Kehoe		
7:00 pm Mary Brosley			
Wednesday, January 12th			
7:00 am	Healing for Lynn Verny		
12:10 pm	Elizabeth Moniz		
Thursday, January 13th ~ St. Hilary			
	Dominic La Fortune		
,	Shirley Cahill		
	Traditional Latin Mass		
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Friday, January 14th			
	Carmela & Lorenzo Petruzziello		
12:10 pm	For the Repose of the Soul of Stephanie		
Saturday, January 15th			
	Nicola, Mario & Gervasio Ballarano		

Please pray for the repose of the souls of James Hiney, Jr., Eugenia Saniuk and Eleanor Miller whose Funeral Masses were celebrated at St. Mary's.

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.

This week's St. Mary's Church Sanctuary Candle shines in loving memory of Chuck Hurst

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

From the Pastor's Desk . . .



This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Lord's Baptism. This feast brings our Christmas Season to a conclusion. Yet, the gift of Christmas must continue to live on in our lives. From that Manger, we have all received an extraordinary gift from

God ~ His own Son for the salvation of the world. From the intimacy of the Manger, we celebrated the gift of the Holy Family and the visit of the Magi, both celebrations pointed out to us Who this Child is. Now, we find ourselves at the Jordan River to yet again witness to the identity of this Man. He is the Son of God and Isaiah prophesied:

"Here is My Servant whom I uphold, My Chosen One with Whom I am pleased, upon Whom I have put My spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making His voice heard in the street. A bruised reed He shall not break, and a smoldering wick He shall not quench, {He is} a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."

He truly is the Gift that keeps on giving!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Wayne

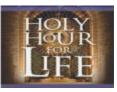
Anniversary Blessings



Congratulations to Sr. Josephine Ngama who celebrated her 36th year of profession in her religious community. Last Sunday, she renewed her perpetual vows before the parish family. May God who has begun this good work in

you Sr. Josephine bring it one day to completion.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE



In remembrance of the 1973 Roe vs Wade decision, we as a Parish Family will pray together a <u>Holy Hour For Life on</u> <u>Friday, January 21st at 7pm</u>

in the Church.

This is part of the Archdiocesan observance of the *National Day of Prayer and Penance* which marks the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. Please join us in the church for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture, music and prayer.

JANUARY 9, 2022

As we enter into this new year, many are reflecting on ways to bring more peace and meaning into their lives. This worthwhile pursuit has been a part of our culture for a long time. While cleaning out my files recently (another worthwhile pursuit!) I came across this list of resolutions that I included in a bulletin piece a few years ago. These timeless goals are certainly worth revisiting in 2022:

Make love your guiding principle

"Above all, clothe yourself with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Col 3:14)

Proceed with purpose

"For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." (Eph 2:10)

Put all your trust in God

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight." (Pr 3:5)

Forgive others

"Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you may also forgive." (Col 3:13)

Study the Word of God

"Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." (Ps 119:18)

Pray

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be known to God." (Phil 4:6)

Find peace and joy in our Lord Jesus Christ

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!"

A Blessing for the New Year Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

Elizabeth Healy, Pastoral Associate



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

"The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner He wills; and thirdly, to do it because it is His will. We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that He gives us every grace, every abundant grace...to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty." -Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



A concrete example will better help us to understand this concept of God's will. First, God commands us to love our neighbors. When we think of this commandment in an abstract manner, remote from any specific people, we find the commandment to be easy and doable. The initial desire to will the good of others and to do good to them

now needs to be applied specifically to the circumstances of one's life. This is when living out the commandment becomes more difficult. However, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton reminds us we must do it in the manner He wills. In other words, God wills us to love not just any neighbor but the ones He has put in our lives, whether they be family members, friends, co-workers, etc.

Divine Providence has willed for us to live in this specific time and place with particular people because He wants to perfect us in loving others by showing us how to love with His love. Oftentimes, the ones closest to us are the hardest to love, but nonetheless it is His will that we love them. When we truly learn to do the will of God, we recognize we no longer are doing things for ourselves because they feel good but rather out of love and obedience in knowing it is what God desires from us. As always, we ought to remember that God does not command us to do the impossible without the aid of His graces. Thus, may the graces of God go before us to draw us into doing what is good, sustain us through the work, and bring that work to completion.

<u>Tuesday Morning Gospel Study</u>

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.

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.



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.

Men are you up for a real challenge? Join us then for our Exodus 90 Challenge . . . Exodus 90 begins on Monday, January 17th . . .

Exodus 90 is a ninety-day spiritual exercise for men based on three pillars: prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. All three of these pillars are essential aspects of the Christian life. Below is what would be required of you if you accept this challenge.

<u>Prayer</u>

- Make a daily holy hour
- Read each day's provided scripture and reflection

<u>Asceticism</u>

- Take short, cold showers
- Practice regular, intense exercise
- Get a full night's sleep; abstain from alcohol
- Abstain from desserts and sweets
- Abstain from eating between meals
- Abstain from soda or sweet drinks
- Abstain from all television and movies
- Abstain from video games
- Abstain from non-essential material purchases
- Only listen to music that lifts the soul to God
- Only use computer for work, school, or essential tasks (e.g., paying bills).
- Only use mobile devices for essential communications; cut out non-essential texting, app, and internet use.
- Take Wednesdays and Fridays as days of fasting. (Abstain from meat and only eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not accurate a full

two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.)

Fraternity

- Attend Weekly Fraternity Meetings
- Check-in with your Anchor daily

If you are interested, then join us for an information meeting on Saturday, January 15th at 6:15 p.m. in the rectory.

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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Please continue to remember the work done by the St. Vincent de Paul Society for those parishioners in need. Donations are greatly appreciated!

Catholic Social Justice Ministry Bringing Dignity to our Vulnerable Through Awareness - Prayer - Action

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Human Trafficking is a crime in which force, fraud or coercion is used to compel a person to perform labor, services or commercial sex. *Did you know about Slave Labor at Sea?* Check out: **COMPASS / USCCB**

See something suspicious.. Say something! Confidential National Human Tracking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 or TEXT 233733 human trafficking hotline.org Learn More at Anti-Trafficking Program / USCCB

> "Every person is precious, people are more important than possessions..." Catholic Social Teaching

PARISH SUPPORT

The Offertory for the weekend of December 26, 2021 (For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

Year to Date	Year to Date	Surplus
Income	Expenses	(Deficit)
\$557,805	\$613,424	-(55,619)
Weekly Goal:	\$ 12,438	
Offertory 12/26/21:		<u>\$ 11,313</u>
		-(\$ 1.125)

Thank you for your continual support and generosity!

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>

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

Happy New Year 3

Senior Luncheon Please join us on Tuesday, January 18th at 12:45 pm (after the 12:10 pm Mass) for our first Senior Luncheon in 2022! Hope to see you there!

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 Frassati Room on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 am and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 am.



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>

Young Adult Dinner

Please join us for our next Young Adult Dinner on Friday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday . January 27th at

stmarysdedhamcya@gmail.com

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD









Hello teens! I hope you all had a great first week back at school! I know many of you are in the midst of either preparing for or taking midterms which can be a stressful time. Your Core and I are here to support you both spiritually and academically! Jamie \rightarrow Math, Olivia and Matthew \rightarrow Theology, Vinny \rightarrow History, Elizabeth \rightarrow Spanish, and Matthew \rightarrow editing papers. Feel free to shoot us a message in the GroupMe! You may also turn to Saint Joseph of Cupertino and ask for his intercession. He is the patron saint of students and examinations.

We are just about a week into the new year and I am sure many of you have heard people's **new year's resolutions**. During Core's formation last Sunday, Fr. Wayne joked with us that people will say resolutions like "I am going to workout every day" or "I am going to eat healthier" but only follow through with it for a few days. **Resolutions are only good and effective if we commit to them with our whole mind, body, and soul.** We also hear of resolutions in our beautiful faith in relation to the **sacrament of confession**. After we confess our sins, we make a firm resolution to sin no more.



In the Act of Contrition we say, "Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for all of my sins. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you who I should love above all things. With your help I firmly resolve to do my penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen." I encourage you all to consider making your new year's resolution to love God more each day! A great way to start this would be by going to confession and resolving to turn away from sin and towards God's mercy! You will begin to experience so much joy, peace, and freedom! Jesus said this to St. Faustina: "Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it

cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls." (Diary 1074)

Elizabeth Balzarini ~ Youth Minister ~ stmaryslt97@gmail.com

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.

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

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

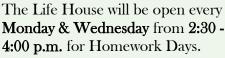
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TEEN

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

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





Come on by to "study" or even just hangout after school. Snacks are always provided for good "brain food"!



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