## ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY





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**Church and Parish** Center



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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All parish business should be conducted during this time.

#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

#### Weekends

Saturday: Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration** 

Every First Friday following 8 a.m. Mass

Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m.

Benediction (please see First Friday Adoration bulletin

announcement for time)

#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### **Baptism**

Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Arrangements must be made in advance by calling or emailing the Parish Office. Baptismal Preparation meeting for first time parents can be scheduled by calling the Parish Office.

#### **Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturdays from 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Family Room (please enter through the side Church door) or call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

#### First Eucharist and Confirmation

A two-year preparation process is required for each sacrament. Contact the Youth Faith Formation Office for information.

#### Matrimonv

An appointment is to be made with one of the priests at least 8 months prior to the intended date. Participation in diocesan and parish marriage preparation programs is required.

#### Holy Orders/Religious Vocation

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. For information, speak with one of our priests or visit our Diocesan website www.fallrivervocations.org.

#### Ministry to the Sick

Please notify us if there is a sick or aged family member or friend who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion at home.

We welcome any adult who desires to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. Contact the Parish Office for information.

#### ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

Cemetery lots are available. For information, contact the Parish Office.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to our Parish family! If you would like to register as a parishioner, please speak with Fr. Mike or call the Parish Office. As a parish we encourage your involvement. For detailed information about ministries, parish activities and contact persons, refer to our parish website www.stmarymans.org. You may also fill out your registration census form there.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, let us continue to pray for one another during this difficult time. We need to keep in our prayers those who have died, those who are sick, the medical personnel and first responders who are tending to the sick, and all essential workers.



#### December 18 - December 26

SAT	4 p.m.	Lynda and Peyton Stowell	
SUN 7	:30 a.m.	Sandra Gilchrist	
9:30 a.m.		Silvio and Jessimina Morini	
11:30 a.m.			
5 p.m.		People of the Parish	
MON	8 a.m.	Mary Lynn Wagner	
	8 a.m.		
WED	8 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Steele,	
		Buecker, and Kathage Families	
THU	8 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the	
		Palanza and DuBeau Families	
FRI	4 p.m.	****	
	4 p.m. 30 p.m.	**** FOR ALL	
4:	30 p.m.		
4: 6:	30 p.m. 30 p.m.	FOR ALL	
4: 6: 11:	30 p.m.	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS	
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PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

#### Sunday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m.

In addition to our regularly scheduled confessions on Saturdays (2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.), we will be having a Penance Service on **Sunday, December 19th, at 6 p.m.** Visiting priests will be helping with confessions.

#### WELCOME OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIPPERS

I want to encourage all of us to be welcoming to those who may not be here often but will be here at Christmas. The temptation is to think "where are these folks the rest of the year." Instead, let us focus on the fact that there is still a tie to their faith that brings them here, and let us do what we can to make them feel welcome so that they will want to return soon. Let us realize that this is all our responsibility as evangelizers! Thanks!

Fr. Michael

#### ANNUAL REPORT

The returns for the Annual Collection continue to be quite encouraging! As of Sunday, December 12th, we had received a total of \$69,317.00 from 324 parishioners. Of that number, 74 have been able to increase their donations, 40 have returned as donors, and 27 have given for the first time! We thank those folks who have given so far. We ask that you give careful consideration to this important collection. If you misplaced the financial report for the past fiscal year along with the Annual Collection envelope (or did not receive one) they are available at the entrances. We will gratefully accept donations through the end of the year. Thanks very much.

Fr. Michael



#### WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGE FOR 2022

Starting on Monday, January 3, 2022, our weekday morning Mass time will be at 7:30 a.m. - Monday through Friday.



#### **BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

Some of our parishioners will be away for the Christmas celebration, so we want to extend to them, and through them, to their families and loved ones our best wishes for a blessed Christmas.



We want to thank all who participated in the annual Giving Tree project. Hundreds of folks and children will receive gifts on Christmas due to your wonderful response. This is

another indication of the generosity of the folks here at St. Mary's, and I know that the recipients at the Westside Benevolent Society and at Catholic Social Services extend their gratitude as well. Thank you for such a generous response to this worthwhile project. A very special word of thanks to Kathy Fleck who has overseen this project for many years. She worked this year with George Nelson, and Mike and Gerry Mulcahy who have agreed to oversee this endeavor this year and in the years ahead. Thanks to all of them for their efforts.

Fr. Michael



## St. Mary's Catholic School

#### www.StMaryMansSchool.org

We are looking for team members for our extended day program. Details can be found on our website.

Please contact us if you are interested by calling us at 508-339-4800 or email the principal at mbourque@stmarymansschool.org.

Interested in St. Mary's for your child's education? Please consider joining us for a tour! Head to our website to request information and join us for an in-person visit led by our Student Ambassadors! Applications for 2022-2023 will be available starting in January. We look forward to connecting with all prospective families soon!

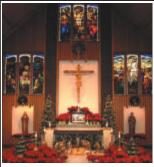
#### WELCOME HOME COLLEGIANS AND GRAD STUDENTS

We want to welcome our collegians and grad students who are home on break. We hope that their time home will be restful and fun. We look forward to their presence among us.



#### **DECEASED**

The following individuals died recently: Clinton M. Logan and Raymond A. Courtois, Sr. (father of Raymond A. Courtois, Jr.) Let us keep them and their families in our prayers.



#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

We will have the following schedule of Masses for Christmas:

Christmas eve at 4 p.m. in the school gym (ample parking in the upper lots near the school);

Christmas eve at <u>4:30 p.m.</u> in the Church (using the lots near the Church).

With the assistance of a paid police detail, the folks will be able to leave the 4 p.m. Mass and the upper lots LONG before the Mass in the Church is over.

Christmas eve at 6:30 p.m. in the Church

Christmas eve at 11:00 p.m. (in lieu of Midnight Mass) with Hymns and Carols at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Children's Choir), & 11:30 a.m. in the Church.

I am confident that this schedule will work well.

Fr. Michael



#### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS -WHY NOT CONSIDER BEING A GUARDIAN ANGEL?

As we approach the time for Christmas preparations, we can get "caught up" in

the craziness of finding gifts for individuals in our lives for whom it is difficult to know what to get. How about considering becoming a "Guardian Angel" for St. Mary's School? You can help a family who wants to have their child attend the school but cannot afford the entire cost by paying for the difference. The families fill out financial data so that their need can be calculated objectively by an outside service. You can make a world of difference for a family by participating in this program. Simply send a check to the school with the designation "Guardian Angel". You would know that you are making it possible for a girl or boy to be formed in our Catholic tradition with an excellent academic education.

Simply make a donation in honor of family members and/ or friends, and tell them that you have made this gift in their name. You will be making it possible for some parishioners to attend our school who would not be able to afford to attend. You can make a difference in the life of a youngster and his/her family by participating in this program. This is more gratifying for the donor and the recipient! Being a "Guardian Angel" helps one to participate in the real spirit of Christmas.

Fr. Michael

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We extend prayerful congratulations to:

Charles Roy Marvel son of Matthew and Marlys Marvel

who was baptized and welcomed into our faith community last weekend.



#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas, feel free to send your donation in the "Christmas Flowers" envelope you

received with your weekly budget envelopes. If you would like to do this in memory of loved ones, you may write their names on the envelope. If you did not receive a "Christmas Flowers" envelope, you may use an ordinary envelope but be sure to write on it *Christmas Flowers*.



#### **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th. The office will re-open on Tuesday, December 28th.

Please plan accordingly for all parish business.



#### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

**Grades 1 - 8** 

Office phone number 508-339-4621

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed on Friday

Our Grade 1 – 8 students just finished our Advent Bulletin Board! The theme was "Do you know His name?". Grades 1 - 3 decorated the sheep to illustrate that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Lamb of God. Grades 4 - 8 were given 50 different references in the Bible to names of Jesus, selected a name that resonated with them, wrote the name and Bible reference on a star, and then decorated the star. Some of the students wrote the entire Bible version on the star!



Some examples of names chosen were: Alpha and Omega, Advocate, Bread of Life, Deliverer, Faithful and True, Head of the Church, I Am, Immanuel, King of Kings, Light of the World, Messiah, Our Hope, Prince of Peace, Redeemer, Rock, Savoir, Son of Man, The Door, The Way, The Word, True Vine, Truth, and Wonderful Counselor.

Consider the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life



## OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Fall River Diocese stands firm in its commitment to report abuse to law enforcement and cooperate with

investigations. If you have been abused by someone representing the Church (priest, deacon, religious, employee or volunteer), we are deeply sorry. We are here to listen and support you. You can report an incident of abuse by contacting local law enforcement directly and by contacting Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Carolyn Shipp at 508-985-6508 (confidential voice mail) or <a href="mailto:cshipp@dioc-fr.org">cshipp@dioc-fr.org</a>. She can assist you in making a report and support you through the process.

#### PARISH NECROLOGY

A parish necrology is a listing of the anniversaries of those parish members who have gone before us over the past 25 years - so we ask that you keep these folks in your prayers, particularly on the anniversary of their death.

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	December 18	Alexander Motyka	1999		
		Helen A. Pelrine	2010		
		Michael J. Banchi, Sr.	2013		
		Robert E. Lydon	2019		
	December 19	Mary Grace Cataloni	1998		
		Rudolph Narciso	2007		
		Thomas S. Magri	2010		
		Richard DeGirolamo	2017		
		Maria A. Solari	2019		
	December 20	Anna J. Atwill	2002		
		Helen E. Jackson	2007		
		Mary Fleming	2012		
		Thomas F. Flynn	2012		
		Evelyn M. Concannon	2013		
		Theresa Gentili	2014		
		Rosalie E. Mason	2014		
		Linda DePillo	2015		
		Barbara A. McCarthy	2016		
	December 21	Ida M. Searing	1998		
		Mary E. Crimmins	2002		
		John Brolin	2007		
		Barbara Casey	2008		
		Marie Giers	2011		
		Joseph C. Arno	2016		
		Philomena Gillooly	2018		
	December 22	Angeline Guevremont	1997		
		John A. Lombardi	1998		
		Leo L. Egizio	2004		
		Mary "Rita" Henry	2004		
		Daniel O'Neil	2006		
		David J. Piccolomini	2015		
		Patricia M. Tynan	2016		
	December 23	Joseph G. Allen	2005		
		Eleanor DeSimone	2006		
		Evelyn Larkin	2011		
		John R. Moody	2020		
	December 24	Michael Fayles, Jr.	2008		
		Elizabeth Kersey	2013		
		Catherine A. Throckmorton	2019		
		Geraldine A. Abbott	2020		

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#### PRAYER CHAIN

Do you or a loved one need the support of our St. Mary's family for a special intention? Anyone wishing or needing

prayers for themselves, a loved one, friend, etc., are encouraged to contact Gerrie Saulnier at 508-238-6650. The Prayer Chain Ministry includes confidential prayer requests in their daily personal prayer life and passes on these prayer requests through a telephone prayer chain. An invitation to join this ministry is extended to individuals interested in praying for the needs of others.



## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB

We wish all our members and their families a Holy and blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year. Information about our January meeting will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

**TWENTY WEEK CLUB:** We are very happy to say we have over 130 members for this year's fundraiser. We would like to thank everyone who joined and let you know how much we appreciate your support. It is not too late to join if you would like to. We wish you good luck in the weeks to come.

WEEK #3 WINNER - Thomas Hughes CONGRATULATIONS!!



Study | Watch | Listen | Read

#### **FAMILY ROSARY**

Church - Thursdays from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Booklets and Rosaries provided Michael Casey (774) 266-7402

> ONLINE FAITH FORMATION -FORMED.ORG

As we begin a new liturgical year, perhaps this is an opportunity to make a "spiritual new year's resolution" to spend a bit more time contemplating the truths of our faith. Below are a few suggestions for us from FORMED.ORG to get us started. This on-demand website is free to all parishioners, and has extensive video, audio and reading selections.

You may want to consider the following:

For young children, under 10: Adventure Catechism, each 20 min segment in a cartoon format introduces children to one aspect of the Catholic faith.

For teens and adults: Journey Through Advent with Bishop Robert Baron, a series of homilies by Bishop Baron on the Cycle C scripture readings in Advent.

All parishioners at St. Mary's have access to the FORMED.ORG website; all of the content is free of charge to St. Mary's parishioners. To access videos, click ON DEMAND, then use the WATCH heading to find and stream these and other videos. You can also use the SEARCH function on the website to find specific videos, as well as audio tapes and books.

**To register**, Go to <u>formed.org/signup</u>; select our parish - St. Mary, Mansfield MA 02048; register with your name and email address; check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

A word of thanks to Dr. Ann Orlando for overseeing this program.

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#### ABUNDANT HOPE IS LOOKING FOR HELP

Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center is seeking to fill 3 part-time positions in our Attleboro office.

Positions include a Nurse Manager (RN), Client Services Coordinator and Administrative Liaison. We are looking for self-motivated, team-oriented individuals of high integrity who possess a great pro-life work ethic and is passionate about fulfilling Christ's work right here in our community. If you are interested in learning more, please email <a href="mailto:Director@ahprc.org">Director@ahprc.org</a>. This just may be the answer to your prayers this Christmas.



#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Mary's Conference - Mansfield

Next Saturday we will celebrate Christmas Day, the birth of Christ! *God is with us: Emmanuel!* 

May we never forget that the ultimate source of hope and joy for the poor lies in our sharing with them our own deep personal conviction, born of prayer, that with the birth of Christ the Kingdom of God has come: a kingdom of justice, of love and of peace. May your celebration of Christmas be a joyful one! (McCullen, Deep Down Things)

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we Vincentians of St. Mary's Conference wish you and your family a blessed Christmas!

If you would like to donate to the good works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Mail your donation to the SVdP Treasurer at 176 Park Street, Mansfield, MA 02048

Make checks payable to:

("St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's Mansfield");

Place your donation in the box at the entrance of the church noted; "SVdP";

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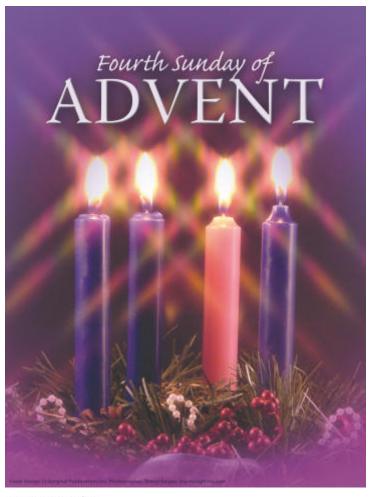
You may donate to the "Poor Box" at the rear of the church!

**SVdP Helpline: 508-369-4300** 

Are you or someone you know in need of assistance?

Through the generous donations of parishioners and the Mansfield community, the Conference also offers potential financial assistance for utilities, groceries, household, or medical needs. Vincentians are also available to provide delivery to our homebound neighbors.

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

**Sharing The Word Of God In Our Parish Family And Our Homes** 

It is wonderful to hear how many families are using the "Question of the Week" to discuss the readings at Mass on the way home from church or around the dinner table. How about trying it with your family?

#### Read Today's Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

<u>Question for Adults</u>: What role does Mary play in your own spirituality? If you were Elizabeth, how would you greet here at your doorway, if she were to arrive there?

<u>Question for Youth</u>: When have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit?

<u>Question for Children</u>: How does the Blessed Virgin Mary help you to follow Jesus?



PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick within our parish community, especially: Diane Barry, Joshua Bowen, Verna Buote, Sean Canavan, John P. Collins, Christopher Conti, Kailyn DeAngelis,

Max Derva, Brooke DuBeau, Mark DuBeau, Katherine Finegan, Kim Fletcher, Steven Fletcher, Aiden Goodreau, Rita Hindman, John Horan, Ginny McDonnell, Marie Mullaly, Kathy Murchinson, Julia Russell, Roger Sequin, Gregory Simpson, Rocco Spagna, and Jon Weinstein, as well as our homebound, hospitalized, and those in nursing care.



#### **BOTTLE / CAN DRIVE**

Help support St. Mary's Catholic School's 8th Grade Graduation fund. Drop off all your returnable (bottles/

cans ONLY) at the back of the Rose Garden all winter and spring long. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors too.

Please do NOT leave any other recycled goods or trash on the grounds. Thank you!

#### ONLINE GIVING - WE SHARE

For parishioners that wish to make monetary donations to the parish, we are enrolled in an online giving service called **We Share**. Through your generosity, it helps us in fulfilling our mission here at St. Mary's. If you are interested in an online method of providing weekly support to St. Mary's, without the need for budget envelopes, you may wish to sign up for We Share. Check out the link on our website <a href="www.stmarymans.org">www.stmarymans.org</a> (scroll down the home page and under <a href="Links">Links</a> click on We Share Online Giving) or call 1-800-950-9952.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19th

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/ Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-

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Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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