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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.

### Matrimony

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](http://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.

### RCIA

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](http://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 25 - January 2**


**SAT 7:30 a.m. FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**  
**9:30 a.m. LIVING AND**  
**11:30 a.m. DECEASED**

**SUN 7:30 a.m.** People of the Parish  
**9:30 a.m.** William R. Dunne  
**11:30 a.m.** All Funerals/Burials in November  
**5 p.m.** Sharon Introini

**MON 8 a.m.** Francis Robidoux  
**TUE 8 a.m.** Marie McGann  
**WED 8 a.m.** Guy Tomase  
**THU 8 a.m.** Special Intention  
**FRI 8 a.m.** Deceased Members of the Lessard, Charron, Morin & Bourgeois Families


**SAT 7:30 a.m.** People of the Parish  
**9:30 a.m.** Special Intention  
**4 p.m.** Special Intention: All Deceased Family & Friends

**SUN 7:30 a.m.** People of the Parish  
**9:30 a.m.** Joseph F. Murphy and Marie J. Murphy  
**11:30 a.m.** Special Intention  
**5 p.m.** Deceased Members of the Casey Family



**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.



**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**


New Year's Day - January 1, 2022

**Since it falls this year on a Saturday, it is not a holy day of obligation.**

Masses: Saturday, Jan. 1st - New Year's Day:  
 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death*

*A Blessed New Year to you and your family!*



**A MESSAGE FROM FR. MICHAEL:**

I want to thank all who sent cards, gifts, baked goods and best wishes for a Merry Christmas. It was a wonderful Christmas celebration, and Santa was certainly good to me. The folks here are so thoughtful, and I want to thank you for your generosity. May the good Lord continue to bless you and your families. It is my prayer that you have a happy, healthy and grace-filled New Year!

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!**

I want to thank all who assisted in making the Christmas liturgies so beautiful. In particular, I want to thank Deacon Tom, Sabrina Flavin, Tom Palanza, Jr., John Garabedian, and the crew for assisting with the decorating of the Church. I also thank all those who assisted in the beautiful music at the liturgies including Tim Gannon, our music director, the cantors and musicians. The liturgies were beautiful due to the combined efforts of all of these folks, and so I say Thanks!

I want to thank Sr. Ann who has kept in touch with the shut-ins, and our staff at the school and parish who do so much "behind the scenes" each week but particularly during these past few weeks. I also want to thank Pat Colbert, Maureen Buonpane, Matthew Bourque, and all those who assist with the Faith Formation program. They do such important work in all of our names.

I likewise want to thank all who made donations for Christmas flowers, and all who contributed to the Christmas collection. They are two more demonstrations of the generosity of the good folks here at St. Mary's.

**PAGEANT THANK YOU!**

We are blessed to have a parish school here, and the youngsters did an outstanding job in the presentation of this year's Christmas Pageant. I want to thank Sue Catalano for overseeing the pageant, Matt Bourque, our principal, along with the faculty, staff, and the musicians, and most importantly the youngsters for bringing such joy and happiness to us during this special time. Thank you to one and all!

**WELCOME!**

A word of welcome to new parishioners! Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Mike or Deacon Tom, so that we can better serve you. We hope that you will become involved with our parish, and we look forward to your presence and participation each week.



## St. Mary's Catholic School

[www.StMaryMansSchool.org](http://www.StMaryMansSchool.org)

Applications for 2022-2023 will be available starting in January. If you are interested in Catholic education for your child, please visit our website, request information, and complete an application for admission!

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](mailto:mbourque@stmarymansschool.org).

## 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 [Director@ahprc.org](mailto:Director@ahprc.org). This just may be the answer to your prayers this Christmas.



## LIVE STREAMING

Last year new live streaming equipment was installed in the Church.

Each weekday Mass and weekend Mass can be viewed by

simply going to the Parish website.

The Live streaming is also available for funerals, weddings and other celebrations.



## CRECHE

As we have done in past years, the Nativity Creche is in front of the left side altar. Having it on the side gives us more room, and it is more accessible, particularly to the youngsters.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The returns for the Annual Collection continue to be quite encouraging! **Due to the early submission of the bulletin, we will have updated figures in next week's bulletin.** 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*

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions soon. These online virtual programs are being offered through Catholic Social Services on Tuesdays.

The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follow:

**4:30 p.m.** - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4>

**7:00 p.m.** - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7>

In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone. For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 x1111 or 774-253-4097, or by email at [rsaraiva@dfcs.org](mailto:rsaraiva@dfcs.org).

## PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

We are trying to find parishioners who over time have been unable to come to Church. If you have a relative or neighbor, please send the name and address to the parish office so that we can reach out to them to see if they would like a visit and to receive Holy Communion.

## BAPTISMS

Anyone who would like to make arrangements for a baptism is asked to call the Parish Office. Baptisms are held every Sunday.

## WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS TO BE A GODPARENT OR SPONSOR?

You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by weekly participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. **Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to have your sponsor form signed.**



## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 4th.

Please plan accordingly for all parish business.





## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1 - 8

Office phone number 508-339-4621

### Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday  
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Closed on Friday

In keeping with our "Do you know His name?" theme for Advent, each of our Faith Formation classes created a tree with the different names of Jesus on the ornaments and hung them on the walls in the Parish Center hallway. We have 30 festive trees that welcome the students each day!



We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas  
and a very happy, healthy New Year!

## MAKE THE COMMITMENT! SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS!

The Diocese of Fall River, Office of Clergy Support, is happy to announce a new initiative of priestly support! We invite you to prayerfully consider signing up to be a member of *The Vianney Group of Priestly Support (VGPS)*. The VGPS exists to support the priests of our diocese primarily through prayer and fasting. To the best of our ability, we commit to one day a month (typically the third Thursday of the month) in which we pray and fast for the health, happiness, and holiness of our priests. On the assigned Third Thursday, a rosary and divine mercy chaplet will be prayed at 3 p.m. via a virtual zoom webinar led by Matt Robinson, Director of Clergy Support.

The first day of priestly support for the VGPS was Thursday, October 21, 2021.

To learn more about the VGPS or other priestly support initiatives in our diocese, please visit [www.fallriverclergysupport.org](http://www.fallriverclergysupport.org). Thank you!

## 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.

December 25	Florence Collette	1997
	Kevin M. Jackson	2000
	Chester F. Matthews	2000
	Anna M. Carlone	2001
	Patrick P. McLaughlin	2005
December 26	Esther M. Hemmingsen	1999
	John E. Vallett	2003
	Albert F. Viscardi	2013
	Lucia A. Santini	2018
December 27	Alice C. Lawrence	2000
	Frances M. Musto	2001
	Edith A. DeMuele	2008
	Wayne J. Medeiros	2010
	Robert C. Dorney	2013
	Barbara Harris	2020
December 28	William E. Belcher	2000
	Walter J. Kashton	2004
	Kathryn A. Bernner	2010
	Eleanor L. Piccolomini	2019
December 29	Donna M. Shargabian	1997
	Marie G. Dauphinee	2002
	Guy R. Tomase	2014
December 30	Lena Y. Copparini	1999
	Cecile Larner	2000
	Michael F. Hardiman	2002
	Dawn Johnson	2008
	Hugh G. Chambers	2009
	Marie Trahan	2010
	Pricilla W. Trudell	2013
	Mary P. McDavitt	2018
December 31	Phyllis P. Certuse	1997
	John Amati	1999
	Clara Ricardo	2000
	Elizabeth Dupree	2003
	Robert L. Porcello	2006
	Diletta Dion	2013
	Christopher J. Chick	2014

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

## PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SCHEDULED FOR HOSPITAL PROCEDURES

If you are scheduled for surgery or a procedure that will require hospitalization, please speak to Fr. Mike about the possibility of receiving the Sacrament of the Sick beforehand. It is an important spiritual benefit for those who are sick.

## SAINT MARY, MANSFIELD, MA



### 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 #4 WINNER - **Paul Sibilia**  
CONGRATULATIONS!!



### FAMILY ROSARY

Church - Thursdays from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
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### 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 [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup); 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.**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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The Knights of Columbus welcomes all practical Catholic gentlemen to join Council #420 here in Mansfield, MA. Please email us at [info@kofc420.org](mailto:info@kofc420.org) or join online today [KofC.org/JoinUs!](http://KofC.org/JoinUs!)



### SCOUTING AT ST. MARY'S Scouts BSA (Troop 51)

Did you know that St. Mary's sponsors Scout Troops for the entire family? **Scouting is for both boys and girls now.** The mission of Scouts BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes...and they do this through fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Programs are Kindergarten - 12th grade.



### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

*St. Mary's Conference - Mansfield*

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As parents, Joseph and Mary were not preserved from hardship. They responded faithfully and obediently to God's messages - they trusted in God's ways.

We, too, all face challenges in responding to God faithfully and obediently. The holiness of a family is not dependent upon perfection or an "easy road" - ideally it is a nurturing environment where every member learns to give and receive love, and they feel that God in close and is loved by Him. (*Living Liturgy*)

**Today we celebrate that we all belong to the "Holy Family of God", which makes us brothers and sisters of each other.**

**May we share the joy of Christ with everyone - today and always!**

**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");

OR

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

OR

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.





## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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### HOLY FAMILY



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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 2:41-52**

Question for Adults: How are you, too, called to our Father's house?

Question for Youth: Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?

Question for Children: Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?



**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, Brenda Loiselle, 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!**



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### 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 [www.stmarymans.org](http://www.stmarymans.org) (scroll down the home page and under Links click on We Share Online Giving) or call 1-800-950-9952.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26th

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  
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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