

With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will share with others what they themselves receive, and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in glorifying your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. — *Prayer Book of Blessings*

# Catechetical Sunday



Parents are truly  
the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

# ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH

46 Myrtle Street, Melrose, MA 02176

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**Parish Office:** 781-665-0152

**Fax:** 781-665-2750

**Hours:** 9:00am—4:00pm, Monday—Friday; closed on Fridays for July and August

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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The first Thursday of each Month from 6:30-7:30pm.

## ST. MARY SCHOOL

4 Myrtle Street, Melrose, MA 02176

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**School Office:** 781-665-5037

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 am and first Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

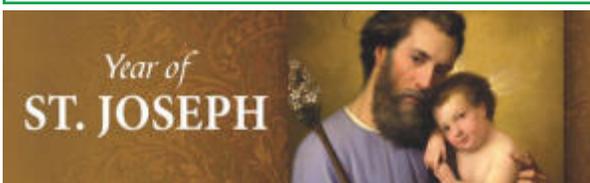
For information or to schedule a Baptism, please call Lisa Hudson at the Rectory.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to begin the preparation process and to confirm a date and time for your wedding.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary of the Annunciation is a Roman Catholic Christian Community centered around the Eucharist, welcoming all, while growing through faith and stewardship.



# Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Melrose, MA

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S!

If you are visiting and looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to our Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish Community. We hope that you find the worship and liturgy uplifting and an encouragement to your faith. We invite you to participate in the life of our parish. Whatever your age or walk of life, we want this parish to be your spiritual home. We are a community centered on excellent liturgy, helping people of all ages grow in relationship with Jesus, and welcoming all. Please introduce yourself to Fr Shawn, our Pastor. We want to know you and serve you.

## MASS Intentions

### Saturday, September 18

4:00 pm David & Frances Hurley

### Sunday, September 19

7:30 am For the People of Saint Mary Parish  
9:30 am Patricia Tarpey  
11:30 am For the People of Saint Mary Parish

### Friday, September 24

9:00 am William Forbes & Family

### Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm William & Annie Murphy

### Sunday, September 26

7:30 am David & William Cain  
9:30 am Jean Mattuchio  
11:30 am John Glionna



Please ask God to watch over and safeguard our men and women serving in the military. We thank you for your service.

PO2 Patrick Casey, USCG	SSgt Marcy Munday, USAF
Cpt Evan Dimakis, USArmy	SSgt Daniel Munday, USAF
Col Eric DiNoto, USArmy	ACA, N William Muzarol, USN
Cpl Mark Gentile, USMC	SSG Jacob Pezzini, USArmy
SSgt Mickail Jean, USArmy	SFC James Wilson, USArmy

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

An important ministry role in our parish is that of **Adult Altar Server**. Adult altar servers assist the priest at funerals, holy days, daily Mass and other important liturgical celebrations. While we have youth altar servers to help at weekend Masses, there is a real need for adult women and men to serve during the week....especially at funerals. If you are available on weekday mornings, we could really use your help. If enough volunteers come forward, the commitment may be only two or three times a month. As soon as we get volunteers, we will provide training sessions as needed.

Another important need is for men and women to help out before and after the weekend Masses with **operation of the new lift**. Having a person who is knowledgeable of the operation of the lift will keep it running smoothly. If you attend a particular Mass and can commit to arriving about 30 minutes before and staying about 15 minutes after Mass once or twice monthly, we welcome your help. Training in the use of the lift will be provided. Volunteer forms are available on the bookrack (see Adult Altar Server or Usher Ministry). You can return them via the collection basket or email to the rectory ([marjk50@comcast.net](mailto:marjk50@comcast.net))

## Prayer Requests



*Please pray for those who are ill especially for*

Ellie Pistorino  
Patricia DeGaravilla  
Katherine Connolly  
Stephen Patrick Donahue  
Madeleine Boucher  
Nancy Tango

*Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of the People of our Parish*

*Please pray for our recently deceased loved ones*

## SCHEDULED PRESIDERS

### Saturday, September 18

4:00 pm Fr Janko

### Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm Fr Janko

### Sunday, September 19

7:30 am Fr Shawn  
9:30 am Fr Shawn  
11:30 am Fr Hughes

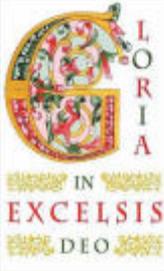
### Sunday, September 26

7:30 am Fr Shawn  
9:30 am Fr Hughes  
11:30 am Fr Shawn

## RESERVED SEATING FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO WEAR A MASK AND SIT NEAR PEOPLE WHO ARE WEARING MASKS

As mandated by the Archdiocese, the first 3 pews on the right hand side of the church facing the altar are reserved for those wearing masks who are more comfortable sitting in an area with mask wearers. Mask wearing is encouraged but not required. Mask-wearers may sit anywhere in the church. Non mask-wearers are asked to avoid sitting in the first 3 pews on the right. As of now, social distancing is not mandated.

# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at

the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## First Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test

that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

## Responsorial Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

For the haughty have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life.

Freely will I offer you sacrifice;

I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

## Second Reading James 3:16-4:3

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars

and where do the conflicts among you come from?

Is it not from your passions

that make war within your members?

You covet but do not possess.

You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;

you fight and wage war.

You do not possess because you do not ask.

You ask but do not receive,

because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

## Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee,

but he did not wish anyone to know about it.

He was teaching his disciples and telling them,

“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men

and they will kill him,

and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.”

But they did not understand the saying,

and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them,

“What were you arguing about on the way?”

But they remained silent.

They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,

“If anyone wishes to be first,

he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst,

and putting his arms around it, he said to them,

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;

and whoever receives me,

receives not me but the One who sent me.”



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**CLERGY FUND COLLECTION**

In His words and writings, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that God promised to never leave his people without shepherds to gather and guide them. Our Archdiocese is blessed with hundreds of selfless priests who have answered the call to serve as God's shepherds for us.

Each September we have a collection for the support of the Clergy Trust which oversees continuing care of the shepherds who care so well for our communities. Your generosity will help ensure the health and well-being of all the priests throughout the Archdiocese. There are envelopes in the pews for your donations. These may be put in the collection baskets either this week or next or mailed to the rectory (46 Myrtle Street). Thank you for your kind support.



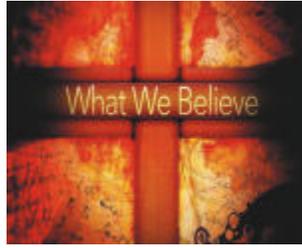
## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

Come celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis with us on Saturday, October 2nd, at 10:30 am for the tradition of the Blessing

of the Animals on the grass near the Parish Center across from the Church.

**THE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Should you wish to have the names of your family members and friends on our military prayer list, **please complete the form below and drop it in the collection baskets or email [ketarmey@gmail.com](mailto:ketarmey@gmail.com) or [marjk50@comcast.net](mailto:marjk50@comcast.net)**

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Name of person submitting:			
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**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY**  
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Come and join us for a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon at Mary Foley Park (across from St. Mary's church) in Melrose. This Public Square Rosary will be one of over 20,000 rallies held across our country on that day. Please join us in offering reparations for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to pray for the conversion of the United States. For more information, contact Cathy DiPirro @ 781-662-9154.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of many volunteers. The following ministries are in need:

**BAPTISM MINISTRY**

Approximately 60 minute timeframe from set up, through the Sacrament and clean up about once per month.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

Greeters, Lectors, Altar Servers (Grade 4 and above), Adult Altar Servers (Funerals), Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans

**FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY**

Join us as a Catechist or a Catechist Assistants

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Youth Choir Grades 2-8 for 9:30 Mass  
 Adult Choir for 11:30 Mass

Please contact the Rectory at **781 665 0152** to volunteer or complete the **ONLINE FORM** on our website, **[stmarysmelrose.org](http://stmarysmelrose.org)** or from the folder on the bookcase in the back of the Church. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

**ONLINE GIVING**

Offertory donations have been down due to Covid, but we are very grateful for all our dedicated parishioners who have continued to give through the weekly Mass collections, mailing in or dropping off their donations and through online giving. Your support has enabled us to remain financially sound during the past 18 months. Online givers have played an important part in the parish finances, especially in providing us with a solid base for budgeting. We ask you to consider enrolling in this program. Enrolling is easy and you may discontinue your donations at any time. You control your giving!

**THE BENEFITS OF ONLINE GIVING**

- \* Protects the parish from the inevitable drop in Mass attendance due to Covid, snowstorms, vacations, etc. which usually result in drops in offertory income.
  - \* Reduces the vulnerability that comes with a dependency on people attending Mass and also safeguarding the offerings before, during and after Mass.
  - \* Creates a more sustainable and consistent means of support
  - \* Allows Saint Mary's to continue to grow parish giving options
- To enroll, go to our website ([stmarysmelrose.org](http://stmarysmelrose.org)) and click on the icon. You will be guided through the process. **Thank you.**

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# Saint Mary Parish Faith Formation and School Information



## Faith Formation

**ALL CLASSES BEGAN LAST SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 12th**

**OUR NEXT CLASS IS SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 26th**

Grades 1-8 classes are held in the Parish Center from  
10:45—12:15

Confirmation 1 is held in the Lower Church Hall and Confirmation 2 is held in the Parish Center.  
Both classes are from 4:00—6:00pm

**2021-2022 class calendars are on the website  
under the Faith Formation tab!**

**Homeschool option for Grades 3-8 ONLY!**

**Website:** stmarysmelrose.org **Join** our FB page!



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is an important component to our Faith Formation program this year for all classes.

Please remember to bring in your Food Pantry item on Sunday, September 26th.

Home School students are asked to drop off their item at the Parish Center on Sunday or any time during the week.

There will be a bin at the front door if the door is locked.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,  
DO NOT BURY YOUR TALENTS,  
THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU!  
DO NOT BE AFRAID TO DREAM OF GREAT THINGS!  
-POPE FRANCIS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Thursday, Sep 30**—Individual Picture Day

**Friday, Oct 1**—Early Release Day

**Monday, Oct 11**—Indigenous Peoples Day—NO SCHOOL

**Thursday, Oct 21**—Progress Reports

**Friday, Nov 5**—Early Release Day

**Thursday, Nov 11**—Veterans Day—NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, Nov 24**—Early Release

**Thursday, Nov 25**—Thanksgiving Day—NO SCHOOL

**Friday, Nov 26**—Thanksgiving Recess—NO SCHOOL

## MUSIC MINISTRY Welcomes singers and instrumentalists!

If you would like to learn more about music, and would like to sing or play an instrument at Mass, please join us!

**Contact:** Paula Lowell, Dir. of Music, 978-658-0161 **Email:** plowell88@gmail.com

**Youth Choir (Grades 2-8)**—The Youth Choir sings weekly at the Sunday 9:30am Mass.  
**Rehearsals:** Fridays from 4:30—5:30pm in the Parish Center.

*Rehearsals began on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>*

**NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN**



**Grade 4 Students through High School**

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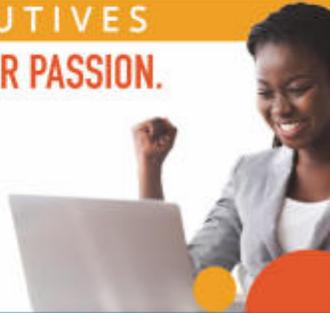
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