



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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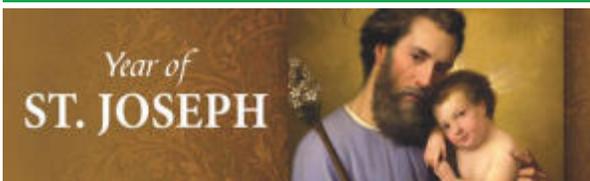


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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule your Baptism or for more information, 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. This process should begin at least six months in advance of the desired date.

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 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

Saturday, October 2
4:00 pm Cecile & Anthony Iannillo

Sunday, October 3
7:30 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Patricia Tarpey
11:30 am Timothy Galvin



Please pray that God will 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).

ADULT ALTAR SERVER MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

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. We are grateful to those men and women who currently serve and those who have recently volunteered.

Father Shawn invites those who have recently volunteered, those currently serving and anyone who would like to serve but hasn't yet filled out a form to attend a meeting on Thursday, October 7th, at 1 pm in the upper church. Our new volunteers will receive training and shadow our current servers for as long as needed. Thank you.

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 especially for
Lena Ricci

SCHEDULED PRESIDERS

Saturday, September 25
4:00 pm Fr Janko

Saturday, October 3
4:00 pm Fr Hughes

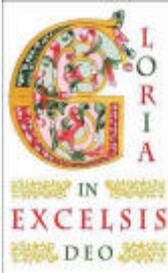
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7:30 am Fr Shawn
9:30 am Fr Hughes
11:30 am Fr Shawn

Sunday, October 4
7:30 am Fr Shawn
9:30 am Fr Janko
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 who are wearing masks and 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 the first 3 pews on the right side facing the altar. As of now, social distancing is not mandated. We will let you know of any changes in policy as they arise. Thank you for your cooperation.

Twenty-sixth 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 Numbers 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Responsorial Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them,

Yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me. Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.



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.

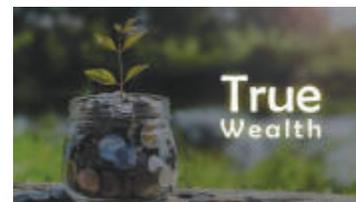
Second Reading James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire.

You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.



Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"



CLERGY FUND COLLECTION

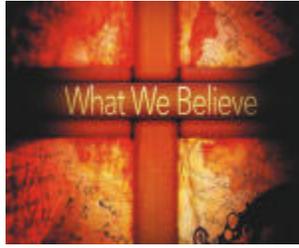
In His words and writings, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that God promised to never leave his people without shepherds to gather and guide them. Our Archdiocese is blessed with hundreds of selfless priests who have answered the call to serve as God's shepherds for us.

Last weekend we had a collection for the support of the Clergy Trust which oversees continuing care of the shepherds who care so well for our communities. For those who were away last weekend, there are envelopes available from the ushers for your donations.

Your generosity will help ensure the health and well-being of all the priests throughout the Archdiocese. Thank you.

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 or marjk50@comcast.net**

RANK	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	BRANCH OF SERVICE

Name of person submitting:

Telephone number:

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY
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Come and join us for a Public Square Rosary Rally on **Saturday, October 16th @ 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:

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Greeters, Ushers, 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 Assistant. **We are in need of assistants in MOST GRADES.** Please call if you are interested.

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** or from the folder on the bookcase in the back of the Church. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

Do you have a heart for the Unborn? How should Christians respond to women and couples facing unplanned pregnancies?

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Our church will be participating in a **Baby Bottle Campaign to support A Woman's Concern – Your Options Medical.** Next week individuals and families will have the opportunity to respond to the issue of LIFE. We will be handing out Baby Bottles or a donation envelope for you to take home, fill with cash, checks, and change and bring them back to the church. **Our financial support will help to make these services available free of cost to those who are in need of support and guidance in the fight for life!** If you decide to give a donation by check, please make the check out to Your Options Medical.

Saint Mary Parish Faith Formation and School Information



Faith Formation

OUR NEXT CLASS IS TODAY, 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!

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- * We provide an academically rigorous program with high expectations
 - * We teach to the whole student through arts and humanities
 - * The school environment is secure and protected

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 TODAY, 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 17th

NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN

Grade 4 Students through High School

Want to Train to Become an Altar Server? Want to return to Altar Serving?

Please call the Rectory at 781 665 0152 and put your name on our list. **Thank you!**





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