

# SAINT MARY PARISH

Established 1850  
Randolph, MA 02368



## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday* **OF LENT**

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“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21



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**Saint Mary Catholic Church**  
(Accommodations for the Handicapped)  
211 North Main Street

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**WELCOME**

**WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here!! Newcomers are encouraged to register as members of the Parish. Registration forms are available in the entryways of the Church and in the Parish Office and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the Parish Office.

**Join us on Facebook!**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a vibrant faith community committed to living out the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic tradition. As a Eucharistic people, we seek to deepen our personal union with Jesus Christ through the ministries of Word, Worship, Community, and Service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we devote ourselves to the Catechetical Ministry of Youth and Young Adults and to ongoing Adult Faith Formation. We seek to continue the mission of the Church by extending hospitality and outreach to all the People of God.



**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

4:00pm *Romeo Barbosa*

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

9:00am *Birthday Thanksgiving Mass for  
Patrick Oyede*

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

9:00am *Thanksgiving Mass for  
God's Blessing for  
Patrick Oyede and  
Samantha & Gregory Aisiku*

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

10:00am *Bonite Murat*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in the Church  
In Loving Memory of **Ryan O'Malley**  
donated by  
The O'Malley Family

**PRAYER DURING  
A HEALTH CRISIS**

*Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.*

*Be with those who serve the sick and give them  
Your caring hands.*

*Be with those who lead and give them  
Your Spirit of wisdom.*

*Be with those who have fallen ill and give them  
Your comforting heart.  
Wrap your arms around our world  
and hold us in your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen.*



We are pleased to have you with us. If you are a new parishioner and haven't registered in the parish, please fill out the form below indicating husband, wife, son, daughter and mail it to the Parish Pastoral Center, 22 Seton Way, Randolph, MA 02368.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Please send Offertory Envelopes: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to join our Giving Online Program  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



## FR. PHIL

### Reflections for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

The readings of the Season of Lent remind us that the spiritual journey is a constant on going call to deeper refinement and self-internal scrutiny. This requires putting time aside and prayer to give God a chance to help us. One of the helpful practices all year long but particularly during Lent would be to read and reflect upon the readings from Sacred Scripture before coming to Mass. The readings today are encouraging us to grow in hope; a hope that is based on God's loving Presence in our lives. When we are downcast do we give God a chance to lift us up? It is very significant that God so loved the world that He gave us His own beloved Son to save us. Jesus is the greatest gift and the greatest expression of God's covenant with His people. In Jesus we can see great expressions of hope and love. God has showed enormous love by sending His Son into the world. How have we personally experienced this? Please notice how St. Paul describes his journey to faith and how he is so overwhelmed with the ways that God is patient with him and loves him.

St. Paul shows us how Jesus came among us to give us and to testify to the truth. We know that finding the truth is not always easy. So often we have a tendency to jump to conclusions or judgments with the immediate and not know the whole story. How often do we prefer just to be with our old way of life, rather than the possibility of change and liberation from bad habits? Do we sometimes settle for who we are rather than be our best selves? Jesus invites us to look at this and to seek to live life on a deeper level. Lent is a time of purification and penance. Lent is intended to bring us out of darkness into light. In light of today's readings one of the important Lenten questions to ask ourselves is, how can we listen better to Jesus to better appreciate the way God (the Trinity) loves us. It is because of the love that God has for us that He is so rich in mercy and forgiveness. Sometimes this is found in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. God's blessings for us come from His mercy. God takes the first step. Our part is to accept God's gift to us. Easter light is all about love. Love is shown by action.

As we respond to Jesus and the quest for truth we need to recognize and experience a Jesus who is inviting us to live our faith in a joy filled creative way. To profess our faith in Jesus has high demands but also very high benefits, happiness and meaning here and eternal life. We do not walk alone. This would be a helpful response to strengthen our relationship to Jesus and to others. We can make a difference in the lives of others. We can help to bring about a new world and new life for so many.

### CATHOLIC APPEAL

The importance of teamwork can be seen in this year's video about the Catholic Appeal. The staff of the Archdiocese has kept us safe in addition to all else that they do. We now have a chance to help them by contributing to the Catholic Appeal for 2021. The parish is responsible for reaching our participant and financial goal. This means that if we do not reach our financial goal the parish will be responsible for this. If you have already contributed, thank you. We need your help this year, more than ever.

### DRIVE-UP CONFESSIONS

Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:15 to 3 P.M.  
and Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-to 3P.M.  
in the Church parking lot

### PANDEMIC SAFETY

Thank you for trying to keep each other safe, by respecting the rules, staying hopeful and encouraging each other.

Thank you for all who continue to support our parish. Each of you makes a difference for the better. We can use the help of others as we are working hard to make ends meet financially. Please know we appreciate all of your help.

### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Holiness is for each of us to strive for in our lives. When we look at the example of St. Joseph we see a man who greatly loved His Son, and our Blessed Mother. St. Joseph's life was devoted to doing God's will and taking care of the Holy Family. He works now to leads all of us to Jesus.

### FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

This past weekend, our First Penance families finished the preparation for the Sacrament by sitting together on Zoom to watch a video. The post video conversation was outstanding, and our young people are fully prepared to make their First Confession. The date has been set for **Saturday May 8 at 1 pm** at St. Mary Church.

Beginning this weekend, we start the preparation for First Eucharist on Zoom! The magazine lessons have been mailed to each home. We will also conclude that preparation with a family video as review. As we head into spring it is such a joy-filled experience to know that our First Communion celebration as a parish is coming. First Communion has been scheduled for **Saturday May 15 at 1 pm**.

### LENT FAITH SHARING

Our Lent Faith Sharing group continues Thursdays at 7 pm on Zoom. We are so excited to have 22 people registered for faith sharing. Each week we are unpacking the Gospel message for the coming Sunday and sharing what it means to each of us. Spending time with scripture and conversation in community is a blessing that will enhance our Easter celebration.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Our Adult Confirmation class continues on Zoom! It is amazing how this virtual experience has allowed us to continue educational experiences and still build community at the same time. There is something appealing about grabbing a cup of tea in the comfort of your own home and having inspiring faith-filled conversations on Zoom. We are learning so much about evangelization.

### VIRTUAL HOLY HOUR

Join us on live-stream on **Sunday, March 14 at 1:00pm** for a Holy Hour during Lent. Experience the sacred calm of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a *live-stream event ONLY!*

For live-stream go to our Facebook Page at Saint Mary Parish, Randolph.

### MARCH 1000 CLUB WINNERS

*Congratulations to our March  
1000 Club Winners.*

- \$100 #404 Janemarie Moore, Randolph, MA
- \$100 #817 Susan O'Neill, Braintree, MA
- \$100 #818 Evelyn McSweeney, Randolph, MA
- \$200 #434 Richard Hefling, Wilbraham, MA
- \$300 #135 Tom & Elaine Skibinski, Fall River, MA
- \$1000 # 761 Patricia O'Brien, Randolph, MA

### OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH YOU CAN MEMORIALIZE DECEASED LOVED ONES

If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one, you can do so by calling the Pastoral Center and scheduling one of the following in the near future.

Sanctuary Candle	\$10 a week donation
Weekday Mass	\$10 donation
Weekend Mass	\$25 donation

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for one week in the Church.

Weekday Masses are—9am on Wed. & Thurs.

Weekend Masses are—4pm Sat. & 10am on Sun.



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3/14/21—Monthly Energy

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- Liam Brady*

**Prayer For the Safety of our Military**

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in  
 you will be glad and forever will shout for joy.  
 Protect these military men and women  
 as they discharge their duties.  
 Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep  
 them safe from all evil and harm.  
 May the power of your love enable them to return  
 home in safety, that with all who love them,  
 they may ever praise you for your loving care.

**St. Mary**  
**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday Mass: 10:00am

**St. Mary**  
**Weekday Masses**

Wednesday—9:00am  
Thursday—9:00am

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**Sacrament of Baptism**

The Sacrament is celebrated the  
First and Third Sundays  
of each Month at 12:30pm.  
Please call  
Parish Office to schedule.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Please speak to a priest or deacon at least  
six months prior to celebration.

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