

# SAINT MARY PARISH

Established 1850  
Randolph, MA 02368

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"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."

- Mk 9:35b-37a



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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.



**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

10:00am *Joseph, Evy, Joanne & Thomas King  
Barbara & Angela Hemingway and  
Ernestine*



St. Mary's will be having a "Blessing of the Animals" service on **Sunday, October 17th at 2:00pm**. It will be held outside the side door of the Church.

There will be scripture readings, music and a reflection by Fr. Phil. There will also be a general blessing for all the animals as well as an opportunity to have your pets blessed individually. Looking forward to seeing you and meeting your pets!



### ***FILL THE CHURCH WITH MUSIC!***

St. Mary's Parish will be offering another "Fill the Church with Music" event on **Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 3:00pm**. Part of the program will consist of classical piano pieces performed by Felicia Kopelman Hayes. The second part will consist of songs from the Great American Songbook and sacred pieces performed by Bob O'Connor.

There will also be a special appearance by vocalist Paul Kopelman!

This event won't conflict with the 8:25 Patriots Game, so please bring your friends and family out for an afternoon of varied music. The concert is free and all are welcome!

### **VACCINATION CLINIC**

The Randolph Board of Health will be holding a Vaccination Clinic at St. Mary on **Sunday September 19 from 9 am to noon**. They will again be offering the Pfizer 2-dose series as well as the J&J (single dose). They will return 3 weeks later on Sunday October 10 to administer the second Pfizer dose and the J&J for those interested. For more information please see the Town of Randolph Board of Health site.

### **40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LAWN PARTY TO BENEFIT SEMINARIANS**

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its 40th Annual Lawn Party on **Wednesday, September 29th, at 6:00 P.M.**, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website [www.psjns.edu](http://www.psjns.edu). You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.



If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one, you can do so by calling the Parish Center 781-963-4141 and scheduling one of the following.

<i>Sanctuary Candle</i>	\$10 a week donation
<i>Weekday Mass</i>	\$10 donation
<i>Weekend Mass</i>	\$25 donation

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

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

Weekend Masses are—4pm Sat. & 8am & 10am on Sunday



**FR. PHIL**

**Reflections for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

With the beginning of another academic year in the midst of this pandemic, it is time to count our blessings and to pray for each other. We know that God's inspirational work is in everything. One of the tasks that we have as Christians is to try to cultivate a place of peace where people have a chance to live life to its fullest; worshiping God in freedom and being the best we can be, making positive contributions in the development of others. The disciple is called to be the servant of all. Each of us has a unique vocation and gift from God. God wishes all of us to develop our talents to be able to enrich the lives of others. Jesus clearly shows us that every person is significant and everyone is worth dying for. We receive Jesus by receiving our brothers and sisters in the Lord. The disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying about the greatest and the least. Jesus' death is the call to die to self, which means to be aware of how to help others. Sometimes whether it be jealousy or envy or selfishness or bitterness we can get in the way of God. We may not wish to always hear this message or wish to hear what Jesus wants to say to us, but our true happiness is found in surrendering to God. Aware of our own sinfulness, sometimes the message of Jesus has the power to reduce us to silence. The Christian life is all about our service to others. If we are honest with ourselves, we know that the words of Jesus often times invite us to our knees, and His words have the power to frighten us or delight us. Jesus is loving, just and merciful.

In today's gospel Jesus asks us to develop the qualities that lead us to trust in Jesus. The qualities of wonder, awe and trust come so naturally to children but adults need to work at such qualities. The child stands for openness and for an ability to ask difficult questions. To learn from Jesus the great teacher we must put aside our ambitions, our fears and sometimes even our dreams. Jesus teaches us there is more to life than our ambitions and our importance. Sometimes looking at things in a different way can be so enriching. Jealousy, ambition, greed and status seeking are all enemies from within that can get in the way of living a fully Christian life. Do these readings leave us feeling insecure?

Life is about the path of ongoing conversion. The Christian life is all about living a life of peace and harmony. This is a challenge trying to balance the needs and desires of others in addition to our own needs and desires. The gift of Jesus is found in every person, especially in the poor, the weak and the vulnerable.

It is amazing how honest the Apostles were when Jesus asked what they were discussing. There are lessons here for all of us to learn. This is a message for all of us to be less complicated and more trusting of God. Jesus teaches us that the truly great person is the one who learns to serve others and share with others. Is not the best leader the one who is genuinely concerned for his colleagues? The example of and the Paschal Mystery of Jesus lead to loving commitment and service for God and neighbor. We are called to be a Church of humble service. With all of this we are called to be people of heartfelt hope in our future. I pray that this will be a wonderful year of blessings for all of us.

**WELCOME BACK WEEKEND**

Thank you to all who worked so hard to ensure the success of this past weekend. The welcome back committee was absolutely awesome as they worked under the leadership of Mrs. Patricia O'Connor to make sure that every detail was taken care of. Grateful to all.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The sacrament of Reconciliation takes place each Saturday afternoon in the Church Hall from 2:45 to 3:30 P.M.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The second collection this weekend is for the support of the needs of the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

**CELEBRATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD**

Please join for the celebration of the Priesthood, a virtual event featuring inspiring stories about the work of our priests across the Archdiocese of Boston and the work of the clergy trust on Tuesday September 21, 2021 at 7 P.M. For more information please visit [clergy.trust.org/celebration](http://clergy.trust.org/celebration).

## WELCOME BACK WEEKEND

We are so thrilled with the response to our Welcome Back Weekend. A special thanks goes out to Janet O'Keefe for her magnificent artwork on our Altar Cloth and on our banners. A huge thank you to Pat Abbett for planning and coordinating refreshments after all three Masses. Thank you to Felicia, our Music Director, and the choir for the perfect choice of music. We pay tribute to the almost 30 people who were members of the committee or kitchen staff. This group donated their time, money, and talent to make this such a tremendous weekend. We are delighted that our Altar Servers are back in action. And finally hats off, to the over 500 parishioners who attended our Welcome Back Masses. "We Rise Again" featured on our banners is in evidence at St. Mary Parish. Keep reading for more information about the *Blessing of the Animals* and for our next *Fill the Church with Music!*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Our official Registration dates have ended but there are still two ways to register!**

Call the Religious Education Office at 781 961-5009 for additional registration times.

Go to our website at [stmaryrandolph.org](http://stmaryrandolph.org) to our news page to find our Registration Flyer. Print out registration forms from the website. Return forms and check to 30 Seton Way or scan and email to [poconnorstmaryrandolph.org](mailto:poconnorstmaryrandolph.org). (see below for payment by credit/debit.)

Families can also pay by debit/credit. Simply call us at 781 961-5009.

### Class Times for 2021/2022

Grades K – 5 Sundays 11:30 am – 12:45 pm

*Every Other Week!*

Grades 6 - 10 Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

*Every Other Week!*

Grade 11 Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

***Grade 11 will meet weekly from Oct. until Confirmation***

### Adult Classes

Classes can be arranged for any adult interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Penance and/or Confirmation. Simply call 781 961-5009. Classes begin on Zoom Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.

### Classes Begin for Grades 1 – 10

Classes for Religious Education begin on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> for grades 6 – 10 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm . Our grade 1 – 5 students will begin on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm. Classes are scheduled for *every other* week. At the end of each class, a magazine lesson will be supplied to each student for use at home on the off week. Detailed schedules have been distributed to those registered for class. We are thrilled with the response.

### Classes Begin for Confirmation Classes

Our Confirmation classes will also begin on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. These classes will have students in grade 11 and 12 as some families may have chosen to postpone the Sacrament of Confirmation last year due to the pandemic. Confirmation classes *attend weekly* until Confirmation scheduled for Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Detailed schedules have been distributed to those registered for class. We are thrilled with the response.

### Masks

As of this time, masks are required for all students and teachers.

### Catechists

We are pleased to announce those who will be teaching for our children, teens and adults this year at St. Mary's: Michaelle Syvestre, Nancy Harvey, Kathy Johnston, Debbie Batson, Shaquita Magera, Uche Nwazojie, Hanie Jean-Baptiste, Amanda Macias, Maureen Toscano, Jemma Joseph, Henjia Pean, Laurine Pean, Olivia Pereira-Clarke, Carol Bourne, Miochy Lamour, Fr Phil McGaugh, Deacon Vivian Blair, Carol Blair, Julie Pantazelos, Pegi Heenan and Patty O'Connor.

Our grades 1 – 11 Catechists are scheduled to meet on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am in the Religious Education Center.

### ROSARY RALLY

Here at St. Mary's, we are participating in the 2021 Rosary Rally. We will be gathering in front of the Church on Sunday October 16 at 12:30 pm to say the rosary together. Look for our Rosary Rally banner and please join us. *"Finally, My Immaculate Heart will triumph!" Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**9/12/21**

Offertory: \$ 3,453.00

Monthly Energy: \$ 1,484.00

Outreach: \$ 52.00

**SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS**

9/19/21—Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

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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: 8:00am & 10:00am  
10:00am Mass is also Live Streamed

**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.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

By Request

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday afternoons from 2:45pm—3:30pm  
In the Church Hall  
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**Eucharistic Adoration**

Presently there is no Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday

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