

Spring 2019 Surrendering to God's Will "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

March 20 – Jake Thiringer, while raised Lutheran, joined the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil of 2017 after getting involved

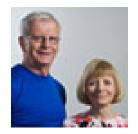


with Catholic Campus Ministry while he was studying music at Ramapo College of NJ. Following college graduation, Jake spent a year as a full time missionary at Camp Gray Catholic Camp in Wisconsin doing camp counseling, retreat leadership, music ministry and outdoor education. This past July, Jake moved to MA to serve as the High School Youth Minister and 8th to 10th grade Religious Education Director at St. Mary's.

March 27 - Joanne & Kevin O'Connell have been members of St. Mary's Parish since



2000. Both Joanne and Kevin graduated in 1986 from The College of the Holy Cross, but did not meet until a few years after graduation. Married in 1992, they brought four sons into the world between 1997-2002. Their son Timothy was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in May 2007 and went home to God in September 2008, just two days after his 10th birthday. For both Joanne and Kevin, that experience has shaped their faith and profoundly changed the way they see themselves and those around them.



April 3 – Jim Orcutt - Jim and his wife Terry are co founders of *My Brother's Keeper*. Using their basement, they founded MBK in 1988 to help families in need. They have always been volunteers, choosing not to be compensated for their service. Both are members of the Board of Directors and are employed by the Congregation of Holy Cross as members of the Holy Cross Retreat House management team.



April 10 – **Paula Watt** Paula's family joined St. Mary's four years ago. Married for eleven years, Paula is a mother of two, Noelle 7 and Christian 5. She has held various business positions including Economic Development Director for a large city however; her most rewarding position has been as a stay at home mom for the last seven years. Paula will discuss her reconversion to the Catholic faith, the importance of praying the Rosary and the message of our Lady at Fatima.

April 17 - NO WINGS- SCHOOL VACATION



April 24 –**Kathy & Abe Schickel** Kathy and Abe have been married for 30 years and are loving parents of seven children. Abe is the owner of Abe Schickel & Company. Kathy is the Events Coordinator at Montrose School. Kathy & Abe will share the story of their beautiful daughter Elizabeth who was diagnosed with brain cancer at age 14. Her deep faith kept her strong and peaceful until the moment God called her home.



May 1 – Sister Maureen Clark is a Sister of St. Joseph of Baden. She is the long-time Catholic chaplain at Massachusetts Correctional Institute for Women in Framingham. She will speak on ministering to women incarcerated and spirituality.



Winter 2019 Program Study & Sharing on Scripture

Please join us each Wednesday at 9:45 AM to hear an inspiring reflection on the upcoming Sunday Mass scripture readings. Small groups will discuss the readings after the speaker. *This is a great opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge of scripture*. *Nurturing childcare is provided! All are welcome!*



January 23, 2019 – Mitch and Sandy Liro have been members of St. Mary's Parish for 44 years. Married 51 years, they raised two children and have five grandchildren. Their Catholic faith grew stronger after experiencing a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in 1978. Both completed four years of *Denver Scripture Study*, which studied most of the Old /New Testaments. Mitch has led a small faith-sharing group utilizing Renew International programs beginning with the Arise program in 2008. The group is now sharing using *Prayer Time*, which studies Sunday's Gospels. Mitch is a retired Manufacturing Engineer. Sandy is a retired English/Special Ed Teacher.



January 30, 2019 – **Fr. Carl Chudy** has been a religious missionary priest for more than 32 years who has worked in a number of cross-cultural communities, including the African American community and Chinese community in Chicago. Overseas, he has worked in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and 13 years in the Philippines. Most recently, he was provincial superior of the Xaverian Missionaries in the Philippines and the US for eight years. Currently, Fr. Carl is on sabbatical working on a degree in interfaith dialogue and religious atheist dialogue.



February 6, 2019 – Mrs. Fran Crespi is a former engineer, and has served the past sixteen years in ministry, eleven of which have been here at St. Mary's Parish. She completed her Master's degree in Theology and Ministry at St. John's Seminary in 2009, and is now certified as a Spiritual Director through the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. Fran lives in Canton, has two children and three adult grandchildren. She currently serves as St. Mary's Director of Religious Education.



February 13, 2019 – Sister Agnes Therrien was born and raised in Pawtucket, RI and attended Our Lady of Consolation where she was taught by the Sisters of St. Chretienne. She went on to attend St. Chretienne Academy in Salem, MA. Upon graduation she entered this community of Sisters. She taught for twenty-one years, was a pastoral associate for nine years, a spiritual director and retreat director for nine years, and held leadership positions in the community for twenty-five years. She has a bachelor's degree from Boston College, a master's degree from Wesleyan University, and a post-graduate certificate from Weston School of Theology in Cambridge.