

# St. Mary's Parish



## Our Mission:

*"To know Christ and to make Him known."*

### Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday  
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils  
5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

Sunday  
7:30 AM  
9:30 AM Family Mass  
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)  
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

### Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from  
9:30-10:30 AM

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**Dear Visitors:** Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

**Confession:** Saturdays from Noon – 12:45 PM in the church or anytime by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

**Baptism:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

**Marriage:** Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date.



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January 21, 2018  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

*"Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."* (MK 1:17) These words, taken from today's Gospel, are among the richest in all of Scripture. They remind us not only of what we are – but of what we can become in Christ Jesus. Simon and Andrew, lowly fishermen, were unlikely candidates to become Apostles of the Church. And yet by the grace of Jesus, they would lead multitudes to salvation. So if we are ever feeling unworthy in the sight of God. If we are ever disappointed in ourselves, because of things we have done – or things we have failed to do – then we can find encouragement, and hope in these words; *"Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

The best part is that Jesus' promise has nothing to do with our own abilities. *"I will make you fishers of men,"* the Savior says. It is Jesus who will accomplish our transformation – according to His grace, and the greatness of His love. All He asks is that we abandon our old ways of life, and try to follow Him. We may stumble and fall in the attempt, but as long as we keep moving in His direction, Jesus will provide a way.

It is important to remember that Jesus calls us for a purpose, which is to become "fishers of men." Once we have been caught up in the net of Christ's love and hauled by Him out of the dark waters of sin, He intends for us to fish for others in His name. In a very real sense, the Christian who is not actively seeking to bring others to know the Lord, is only halfway formed. Such a one is not yet what the Lord intends – a "fisher of men."

It is not easy to be a fisherman. The fishermen are up at dawn. They continue fishing till late in the afternoon. They cast and draw in their nets on calloused hands until those hands have no strength left in them. The fishermen often have to go out in rough weather, risking themselves on stormy and unpredictable seas.

And so the Christian who fishes for souls has to expect risk. He will be bound to do or say things that are very unpopular; and that run contrary to the society and powers that surround him. The Christian these days who defends the sanctity of human life, may be called "anti-choice." The Christian who defends the sanctity of marriage, may be called a "bigot." The Christian who lives his life as Jesus did will most certainly be called by many "a fool."

In the end, it does not matter what the world calls us. But only what Jesus calls us; and calls us to be. Fishermen. Seekers of souls. Faithful imitators of the One who said, *"Come ... follow me."*

May the Lord of Our Journey continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

P.S. Many thanks to Deacon John for leading this past Thursday's Holy Hour for Life. Please remember that this Monday, Jan. 22, is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. The central tenant of Catholic social teaching is the absolute sanctity of all human life, from the moment of conception in the womb to the moment of natural death. As we strive to restore legal protections for the most vulnerable and innocent of God's children, we must never stop asking His grace for the conversion of hearts. It is worth remembering that Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff in the Roe vs. Wade decision, became a pro-life Christian in 1995, and in 1998 was initiated into the Catholic Church. She also founded a pro-life ministry, known as Crossing Over Ministry, through which she truly became a "fisher of men."

**PARISH STAFF:**

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor  
 Rev. Jim Flynn, Weekend Assistance  
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance  
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon  
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon  
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7  
 Mr. Matthew Chick, D.R.E., Grades 8-12  
 Mr. Juan Mesa, Director of Music  
 Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music  
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary  
 Mrs. Kim Lisbon, Religious Education Secretary  
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager  
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan  
 Mr. James Koval, Parish Facilities  
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#316	#548	#548
Offertory	#660	-	-
Communion	#504	#504	#504
Recessional	#380	#615	#615

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Murphy Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$ 10,456.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,741.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,197.00

Thank you for your faithful support of your parish each week. May God bless you!

**MULTIPLE SECOND COLLECTION**

**ENVELOPES:** Next weekend on January 28, in every parish, a Second Collection will be taken up in "Support of the Church around the World." You received four separate Second Collection envelopes for that date - one for the Church in Latin America; one for the Church in Africa, Central & Eastern Europe; one for the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions and Black & Native American Missions; and one for Catholic Relief Services. Please select ONE of these to use for the "Support of the Church around the World," Second Collection on Jan. 28. If you desire to give to more than one of these causes, then please put the appropriate envelopes all in the Second Collection basket on Jan. 28. These causes used to have their own Second Collection dates, but have been consolidated into a single date this year. This was done to cut down on the number of weekends with Second Collections overall. Thank you.

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday January 20**  
 5:00 Paul T. Shea & Emma Zeramby  
 7:30 Antonio deCastro  
**Sunday January 21**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Jose & Deolinda Machado  
 11:30 George J. Bourque  
**Monday January 22 ~ Day of Prayer & Fasting for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and of Penance for Acts Against Them.**  
**Tuesday January 23**  
 9:00 John O'Callahan  
**Wednesday January 24**  
 9:00 Charlotte Fortin, 5<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
**Thursday January 25**  
 9:00 Holy Souls  
**Friday January 26**  
 9:00 Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso  
**Saturday January 27**  
 9:00 Rev. Arthur M. Calter  
 5:00 Pamela Mulcahy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anv.  
 7:30 Arthur Joseph Cahill  
**Sunday January 28**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Carol Howland, 15<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
 11:30 For the Success of St. Mary's Texas Mission Trip (Hurricane Relief)

**DEAR FRIENDS, PARISHIONERS AND TROOP**

**14 BOY SCOUTS:** Thank you all so much for your kind words, prayers and help in the past few weeks for Walter Baker and our family; he is now at peace. Thank you, Alice and family.

**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY PANCAKE**

**BREAKFAST:** Come Join Boy Scout Troop #14 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 4, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon in Father Haley Hall serving unlimited pancakes and

sausages with hot coffee and orange juice. The cost is \$5.00 per person (\$20max/family), and scouts in uniform eat free! This is one of two annual fundraising events for the troop, with proceeds going to support camping activities, badge and rank advancements, and community service projects. Troop 14 Scouts ages 11-17 meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Lower Church Hall, along with several leaders. Any boy wishing to join the troop is asked to call Charlie Paradie at (508) 429-5932, or stop in the Lower Church on a Monday!

**GREAT DJ,  
MUSIC, LIGHTS,  
TROPICAL  
ATMOSPHERE,  
FROZEN DRINKS,**

# **HAWAIIAN LUAU!**

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE**

**DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018**

**TIME** 7 PM – 10 PM

**PLACE** St. Mary's Parish Center  
708 Washington St., Holliston.

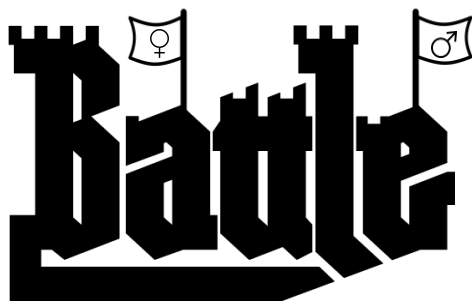
**COST** \$8 at the door.  
*Drinks & snacks will  
also be on sale separately.*

**LIMBO  
CONTEST,  
BEST BEACH OUTFIT CONTEST,  
& TOTAL FUN  
IN THE SUN!**

**WHO** Any and all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Students are invited to attend. The dance is sponsored by St. Mary's Youth Ministry, but is open to all Middle School Students from anywhere. Invite a friend!

*For safety, you must remain in the building until a parent walks inside to pick you up. Not a school sponsored event.*





**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next Meeting is NEXT Sunday, January 28 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, a half hour longer because of the II<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Sexes. There will be faith, friendship, fun, and signups for the February Vacation week trips to SkyZone and Boda Borg! Also, see details for our awesome February 2 LUAU Dance on the previous page. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome!

**EPIC:** Please note EPIC on Sunday, January 21 will be canceled due to the NFL playoff games. We will be meeting on Wednesday, January 24 for EPIC from 7:30 to 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Please bring permission forms for our trip to My Brother's Table that night. Forms were emailed out to the group last week. Good luck to the Patriots! Please contact Matthew Chick at stmarysym1870@gmail.com with any questions.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** The Transformed in Love Marriage Preparation Program will be offered at St. Mary's Parish in Holliston on Saturday, February 10 and Saturday, February 17, from 9 AM - 5 PM. Learn the latest in researched practical skills for great communication, gain a deeper understanding of marriage as a Sacrament and vocation, learn fertility awareness and its application in family planning, consider how differences in personality can be used as a source of strength in your relationship, and more! Register at: [www.bostoncatholic.org/marriageministries](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/marriageministries).

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):** Is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. Please join us on Wednesday, January 24 from 9:30 -11:15 AM when Paula Labella Belanger will be offering a reflection on "Angered By Love" pages 20-29 in "Love Crosses Boundaries" by Kevin Perotta. All women are welcome whether they can just drop in once or attend each week. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Linda at (508) 893-7919 or Lisa at (774)-286-1844.



**TAX STATEMENTS:** Tax statements for fiscal year 2017 are currently being prepared and will be mailed out in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding your statement please call the rectory at 429-4427. St. Mary's is grateful to both those who faithfully use Our Sunday Visitor envelopes and those who use direct banking. If using envelopes, please remember to write the enclosed amount on the outside. If this is done, the money counters only have to verify the contents. If it is not done, then they also have to write the amount for you, which adds substantially to the time needed to count the collection for deposit. Thank you for helping our volunteers!

**2018 CORI RENEWAL ALERT:** All active volunteers (17 years and older) must complete a 2018 CORI. Forms are being sent out to all volunteers via Constant Contact as an attachment. If you have access to a printer, you may fill them in at home and come to the Religious Education Office for verification and signature. You will need to show a photo ID and place your driver's license number on the form. Bring your completed CORI form to the RE office or to a Staff member. CORI forms are available on the table outside the Religious Education Office.

**THE SAINT AND THE POPE ~ LENTEN SERIES 2018 AT ST. MARY'S PARISH, HOLLISTON:** Come and explore the spirituality of two pillars of Christian living. Both St. Francis and Pope Francis have captured the attention of the world, the former for centuries and the latter since his election as Bishop of Rome. Now, in this 9-lecture course, you will explore the rich spiritual tradition of Francis of Assisi and the work of Pope Francis. We will give special attention to four themes: prayer, evangelical poverty, mercy, and creation. In addition to learning about the life, writings, and teachings of these two inspiring men, you will discover how these themes provide a model of Christian living in the modern world. Under the guidance of Franciscan theologian Fr. Daniel P. Horan, you will gain an appreciation for the uniqueness of the Franciscan tradition and the ways in which St. Francis' example have inspired a Jesuit pope in the twenty-first century. This course will be starting on January 29, from 7:00 -8:30 PM in the Parish Library. If interested please contact Earl King (508) 361-8655 so that we can prepare the correct number of participant packages. The first Topic Title will be: The "Foolishness" of Faith. Bring a friend!



**MEETING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** There will be a mandatory meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 PM in the Church. A review of procedures and clarifications of policies regarding the ministry will be discussed. All active Ministers should plan to attend or notify Joe DeMarkey at jdemarkey@aol.com to make alternate arrangements.

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6:** Today, Sunday, January 21, the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the Lower Church Hall to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. **Please note:** Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome to CLOW as assistants to the adult leaders.

#### WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Jan. 21	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 1:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:30 PM
Mon., Jan. 22	GR-3 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-6 at 6:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Tues., Jan 23	GR-3 at 4:00 PM Mrs. Browne's Class	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 4:30 PM	GR-10 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Jan 24	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., Jan 25	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Jan 28	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 1:00 PM	

#### GRADE 5 CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS:

There will be a workshop offered today from 3 – 4 PM for parents to view the Grade 5 Sexuality program. Parents can review the material and decide if their child is ready to participate in the student workshop offered on Saturday, March 17. Other workshops are on Saturday, January 27 from 10 – 11 AM, and Thursday, February 1 from 10-11 AM. Workshops will be held in Room 3 – 4 in the Religious Education Center.

**GR-2 PARENT MEETING:** Parents with Grade 2 children will meet in Fr. Haley Hall on Sunday, January 28 for one of two meetings at 8:10 AM or 10:45 AM while their children attend classes for a presentation on the Eucharist and discussion. Coffee, tea and breakfast Refreshments will be served. Teachers who teach the 8:10 AM class can attend the 10:45 following the 9:30 AM Mass and teachers who teach the 10:45 AM class can attend the 8:10 AM meeting.

#### GRADES 3– 6 COORDINATOR /TEACHER MTG:

On Monday, January 29 at 7:15 PM there will be a Coordinator meeting in RM 3-4 to discuss the events and class activities for the second half of the year. This is an important meeting.

**GRADE 5 SPONSORED HEALING MASS:** The parish community is welcome to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the 11:30 AM Healing Mass on Sun., February 11.

**CONFIRMATION I AND II:** Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS:** Our Grade 2 program will need teen volunteers to help with the Family Retreat on Saturday, April 7 from 12:00 Noon to 4:30 PM. There will also be a need for ushers for the First Communion rehearsals and Masses on Saturday, May 5 and May 12. These are important events for our Grade 2 children. If you can assist with these events please contact Mrs. Crespi at 508-429-6076 or send an Email to: [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com).

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Session 13 of the **EPIC** twenty session series on Church History will be shown on Tuesday, January 23 at 10:00 AM in Room 3 – 4. Everyone is welcome to join us.



#### R.E. CLASS SNOW CANCELLATIONS:

When Holliston public schools are closed due to inclement weather, religious education classes will not be held. Weather cancellations will be aired on Channel 5 and Channel 7 during the week day and on Channel 4 on Saturday & Sunday only. You can also call the R.E. Office at 508-429-6076 and press ext. 28 for cancellation notices.

#### 2018 CORI RENEWAL ALERT FOR ALL

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES:** Ministry Leaders are to make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a 2018 CORI. These forms must be completed each year. Forms are being sent out to all known volunteers via Constant Contact as an attachment. If you have access to a printer, you can print out the CORI form, complete both sides, sign it, scan it in along with a copy of your license and send it back via Email it to: [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). The other option is to stop by the R.E. office and complete the form and present a photo ID such as your license or passport. Your driver's license number needs to be on the completed form.



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## July 23 - 27