



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 2nd & 4th 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 28, 2018
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Due to the severity of the current Flu Season, the Archdiocese has instructed all parishes to stop distributing the Precious Blood, and to discontinue the handshake at the Sign of Peace. These precautions will continue until the Sunday after Easter. Until that time, please offer a bow, a smile, or some other warm acknowledgment at the Sign of Peace.

Today we hear of Jesus facing a poor man who is utterly in thrall to an unclean spirit possessing him. The voice coming out of the man's mouth is not his own voice, begging Jesus for help. Rather, it is the voice of that which has dominated him – a being that feels threatened, by the presence of the Son of God. *"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!"* At this point in the Gospel, Jesus has just begun His ministry, indeed few have even heard of Him. But the unclean spirit has supernatural knowledge and tries to expose Jesus before He is ready to reveal Himself as God's Son.

It is important to note just how helpless that poor possessed man was. He was not his true self anymore; his dignity and freedom had been stolen away. Perhaps you know someone in a similar situation. Someone not spiritually possessed perhaps, but still in the thrall of something so powerful they seem hopeless and lost. They may have an addiction to drugs, to alcohol, or to pornography.

Years ago, I ministered to a family where the father was enslaved to gambling. He literally impoverished his wife and children, because of the hold that vice had gotten on him. Similarly, I have known parents who watched in despair as their sons or daughters become strangers to them – caught up in self destructive lifestyles; unrecognizable as the beautiful, joyful children they had loved. And still do love.

The man possessed by the unclean spirit was *"in the synagogue on the Sabbath,"* and it may be you, sitting in God's House today, who is feeling helpless – overwhelmed by an addiction, or a burden, or an impulse that is beyond your control. It may be you that feels you are losing yourself - as anger, or fear, or lust, or grief, or jealousy, or some other deadly thing takes hold in your life. You may find yourself watching, as if from a distance, as you say and do things that shame you – as you make choices that hurt the people you care most about; as you act in ways that do not represent the kind of person that in your heart of hearts you desperately long to be.

If that is you, or someone you love, then do not despair. Because there is no possession so permanent, no enslavement so total, that Jesus Christ cannot overcome it. *"Be quiet! Come out of him!"*, said Jesus to the unclean spirit. *"And the unclean spirit convulsed the man - and with a loud cry came out of him."* Because you see, the unclean spirit had it right all along. Jesus really *is*, the Holy One of God. With power to set us free and restore us to our full dignity as the sons and daughters of the Most High.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

P.S. Last weekend, unknown persons placed flyers for Big Lots stores on cars in our church parking lot during some Masses. This was done without permission. St. Mary's is private property and posting flyers like these without permission is littering. If you see someone doing this, please alert myself or a member of the staff immediately. Thank you.

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 |
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| Entrance | #530 | #732 | #732 |
| Offertory | #594 | - | - |
| Communion | #731 | #339 | - |
| Recessional | #732 | #128 | #128 |

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

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 10,880.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,668.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,548.00

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

MULTIPLE SECOND COLLECTION

ENVELOPES: This Weekend, 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 this weekend - 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 this weekend, January 27 and 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 this weekend. 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:

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| Saturday | January 27 |
| 5:00 | Pamela Mulcahy, 3 rd Anv. |
| 7:30 | Arthur Joseph Cahill |
| Sunday | January 28 |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| 9:30 | Carol Howland, 15 th Anv. |
| 11:30 | For the Success of St. Mary's Texas Mission Trip (Hurricane Relief) |
| Monday | January 29 |
| 9:00 | Patricia Zack |
| Tuesday | January 30 |
| 9:00 | James Schiller |
| Wednesday | January 31 |
| 9:00 | Bernadette Schultz |
| Thursday | February 1 |
| 9:00 | Sean Patrick Kane |
| Friday | February 2 |
| 9:00 | Holy Souls |
| Saturday | February 3 |
| 9:00 | Rev. Andrew F. Connell |
| 5:00 | Joan Mullen |
| 7:30 | Michael Young |
| Sunday | February 4 |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| 9:30 | Boy Scout Sunday |
| 11:30 | John Gatti, 3 rd Anv. |



NEWSLETTER COLLATING: The St. Mary's February Newsletter will be collated Friday, February 2, in the Lower Church Hall from 9:30 AM – Noon. Please come lend a hand!

**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY PANCAKE****BREAKFAST:**

Come Join Boy Scout Troop #14 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast **next 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,
LIMBO CONTEST,
BEST BEACH
OUTFIT CONTEST,
& TOTAL FUN
IN THE SUN!**

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.*

WHO Any and all 6th, 7th, or 8th 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 TONIGHT: Our Meeting is tonight Sunday, January 28 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, a half hour longer because of the **11th 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 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome!

EPIC: Our next EPIC nights are Wednesday, February 7 and Sunday, February 11 from 7:30 to 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Our next EPIC event is serving the youth at Corpus Christi Parish in Lawrence on Monday, February 19 (President's Day). Details to follow in an email to EPIC members! Please join us for faith, fun and fellowship in 2018. Please contact Matthew Chick at smarysym1870@gmail.com with questions.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE THROATS: In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, this devotion will be celebrated after all Masses next weekend. St. Blaise, Physician, Bishop and Martyr, is invoked against diseases of the throats and other ailments.

HEALING MASS ~ ANOINTING OF THE SICK: On Sunday, February 11, St. Mary's will mark the World Day of the Sick. On this day we are encouraged to remember in our prayers all persons who are seriously ill. At the 11:30 AM Mass, helped by our 5th graders, St. Mary's will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone diagnosed with a serious illness is invited to receive this holy sacrament as a source of hope, strength and healing (James 5:13-15). Anyone needing a ride to the Healing Mass should contact Religious Education at 429-6076.



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.



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. There was a last-minute schedule change and last week Pat Campo-LeBlanc offered her reflection on "Three Widows" pages 30-41. As always, DVD's of our speakers are available to rent in the St. Mary's library. Please join us on Wednesday, January 31 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 Calabrese at (508) 893-7919 or Lisa Dufault at (774)-286-1844.

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 tomorrow, Monday, 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!

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, January 28, 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 |
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| 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 | |
| Mon., Jan. 29 | GR-3 at 3:00 PM Mrs. Butler's Class | GR-4 at 3:00 PM |
| | GR-6 at 6:00 PM | |
| Tues., Jan 30 | GR-4 at 4:00 PM | GR-6 at 4:30 PM |
| | GR-9 at 6:30 PM | |
| Wed., Jan. 31 | GR-2 at 4:15 PM | GR-6 at 4:00 PM |
| | GR-7 at 6:00 PM | |
| Thu., Feb. 01 | GR-9 at 6:30 PM | |

GRADE 5 CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOPS

FOR PARENTS: There will be two workshops offered for parents to view the Grade 5 Sexuality program on Saturday, January 27 from 10 – 11 AM and Thursday, February 1 from 7 – 9 PM. Parents are required to view the program and sign a "Permission" form or a "Previously Previewed" permission form before their child is allowed to attend the student workshop on Saturday, March 17. Parent 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.

GRADE 5 SPONSORED HEALING MASS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 11:30 AM. All Grade 5 students are required to attend and witness the Sacrament of Healing as part of their learning experience on Sunday, February 11 at the 11:30 AM Mass. Grade 5 will participate as readers, gift bearers and greeters. Parents need to be aware that their children will remain after the Mass for an extra 15 minutes to witness the Anointing of the Sick.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Tuesday, February 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.

CONFIRMATION I AND II: Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, January 30 and Thursday, February 1 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

GRADES 9 - 10 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Our Grade 2 program will need volunteers to help with the **Grade 2 Family Retreat** on Sat., April 7 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the **First Communion Masses** on Saturday, May 5 and May 12. Please contact us at 508-429-6076 or send an email to: st.marysdr1870@gmail.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Session 14 of the **EPIC** twenty session series on Church History will be shown on Tuesday, January 30 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.

FORMED ~ PICK OF THE WEEK: Have you registered for FORMED yet? Go to www.formed.org to register today: Just enter your email address and follow the directions to subscribe: Password: NW3N3Q.

Don't miss this week's pick of the week movie with your family. Meet St. John Bosco, Patron Saint of young people. Discover the inspiring story of St. John Bosco, a brave priest whose ministry to the homeless, outcast boys of Turin, Italy inspired the formation of the Salesians. See the incredible joy, trials, and profound charity that allowed John Bosco to win young souls for Christ. As one viewer wrote, "*Might be the best made saint movie ever! I watch a lot of saint movies, and I thoroughly enjoyed this one from start to finish... I highly recommend it.*" —Kevin L., Tempe, AZ.



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