



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. Mk 1:12-13



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.

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	#106	#102	#102
Offertory	#666	-	-
Communion	#661	#410	-
Recessional	#477	#627	#627

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN: Please bring your pennies or spare change to the Religious Education Lobby during Lent to help the people of Sierra Leone. Here a child can go to Catholic school for \$1.00 a year. A little goes a long way in this poor country. Please check the Respect Life Bulletin Board for updates!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

This week's second collection supports Catholic Charities. As one of the largest providers of social services in Massachusetts, Catholic Charities of Boston offers nearly 90 programs and services in 27 locations around Eastern Massachusetts. From Lawrence to Brockton and Natick to Boston, our service sites throughout Eastern Massachusetts helped 200,475 of our neediest neighbors of all faiths last year. For more information, please visit www.ccab.org/.



THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Theiler Family in memory of Emelia Bourque. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 11,850.50
 Automatic Giving: \$ 1,834.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,684.50

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

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	February 17
5:00	Paul T. Shea & Louis Zeramby
7:30	John Collins
Sunday	February 18
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Barbara Brown, 1 st Anv.
11:30	Patrick McDonald
Monday	February 19
9:00	Paul Haberski
Tuesday	February 20
9:00	Sean Patrick Kane
Wednesday	February 21
9:00	Ricardo Ortiz
Thursday	February 22
9:00	Mary "Winnie" Hayes
Friday	February 23
9:00	Nicholas Rossini
Saturday	February 24
9:00	Rev. John L. Mansfield
5:00	Isaac De Guzman, 37 th Anv.
7:30	William Flannery
Sunday	February 25
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Frank & Caterina Godino
11:30	Bernie Cornelia, 16 th Anv.

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 note, there will be no Wings meeting on Wednesday, February 21. Please join us on Wednesday, Feb., 28 from 9:30 -11:15 AM when Marybeth Harmon will be offering a reflection on "A Chance Meeting" pages 42-51 in "Love Crosses Boundaries" by Kevin Perotta. All women are welcome whether they can just drop in once or attend each week. For more information, please call Linda Calabrese at (508) 893-7919 or Lisa Dufault at (774)-286-1844.



2018 CORI RENEWAL ALERT: All active volunteers (18 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.



Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

February 18, 2018
1st Sunday of Lent

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

As we enter the church today, we see the lush greenery of Ordinary Time replaced with thorny brambles. This transformation of our worship space marks the start of our Lenten journey – a sojourn into the wilderness. For forty days we will join the Lord Jesus in facing down the temptations of worldly things in favor of those goods which are eternal.

As we heard in the Ash Wednesday Gospel, prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the tools Jesus Himself recommends. We can use them sparingly and reap little spiritual benefit; or we can embrace them wholeheartedly and experience a Lent that changes our lives. Jesus did not go just a little way into the desert - He went deep within, far from civilization until He was “among the wild beasts.” To imitate Jesus, therefore, means making a real commitment to the penitential practices He provides.

Prayer – Find a new way to pray every day of Lent: with the rosary, with the scriptures, with a prayer book. Most importantly of all, pray this Lent with Confession and the Sunday Mass. The desert is a place meant to strip one of illusion, including the Tempter's ploy that “we have no need” of God's forgiveness and help, and that we can “just do it ourselves.”

Fasting – We're only “required” to fast two days of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But that's the bare minimum. We're encouraged to fast frequently during Lent as our health allows. Fasting is a way to self-discipline. It is a way to control our physical appetites instead of letting them rule us. It is a way to feel solidarity with the poor – who have no choice but to go hungry every day.

Which brings us to **Almsgiving** – the practice of increasing our generosity to our Church, to charities, and to other organizations that minister to those in need. The best guide to Lenten Almsgiving was provided by Jesus Himself – when He watched an old widow woman put a single small coin in the temple treasury, and then praised her to His disciples, saying: *“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”*

True almsgiving means giving not out of our extra; not out of what we won't even miss – but out of our poverty. It's not the exact amount that matters – it's whether the amount is a genuine sacrifice. A tiny imitation of the great Sacrifice that Jesus made for us. And a reminder that we are only stewards – not owners – of the treasures that God has entrusted to us.

May the Lord of Our Lenten Journey bless you with the riches of His grace.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

POLICE SAFETY PRESENTATION ~ Thursday, March 1, at 7 PM in St. Mary's Church: In light of this past Wednesday's horrific school shooting in Florida, and the many similar events in other schools, churches and public places, safety and security are very much on our minds. Please join us as Holliston Police Chief Matt Stone offers education in the areas of personal and organizational safety in light of these tragedies. Learn about safety awareness and response. The event is open to all, with opportunity for questions at the end.

2018 CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ Kick Off Weekend is March 10 & 11: As Lent begins, the annual Catholic Appeal gives us a beautiful and essential way to embrace the practice of Almsgiving – returning in the Lord's service a portion of all the many good things we have received through His bountiful love. The Catholic Appeal is to your Archdiocese what the weekly collection is to your parish – the critical support that makes its ministries possible. This includes essential services to the poor and needy.

- *Please plan to turn in your Appeal Pledge Envelope at a Mass this weekend. If enough people do this AT MASS MARCH 10 & 11, then St. Mary's will receive a percentage of our Appeal pledges back as a rebate. Thank you.*

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Come enjoy Lenten Evening Prayer at 7 PM in the Church, (15-20 minutes) on February 20 & 27; March 6, 13 and 27. This is the daily prayer of the Catholic Church consisting of psalms, hymns, and intercessions. Come find peace at day's end.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Bring the whole family and friends to enjoy a homemade meal, prayer and friendship every Friday during Lent (except March 16 due to the Requiem Mass that night), from 6 to 8 PM. Come meet other families in the parish as we seek the Lord anew. Start a new tradition or continue with an old one by helping to prepare a soup, salad or delicious cheesy pasta. Don't like to cook? Bring a savory bread or just help out with setting up or breaking down. It's easy to volunteer, just visit: <https://tinyurl.com/StMary2018SoupSupper> and sign up or email mlorandos@verizon.net. Have a blessed Lent!



BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS: 100 Christian families in Bethlehem support themselves by the carving of olive wood. The religious objects so carved have a unique beauty and quality. The Al-Sahouri family will have their olive wood carvings available for purchase after all Masses March 3 and 4. Your purchase helps preserve the presence of Christians in the land of Our Savior's birth. Olive wood items from the Holy Land may be viewed and purchased in the Parish Center Lobby.



40 HOURS DEVOTION:

In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout and people may stop in at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation;
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE, Monday, March 12 at 6:30 PM.

Additionally, Confessions will be heard every Saturday from Noon -12:45 PM, excepting Holy Saturday on which sacraments are not celebrated before the Great Easter Vigil that night. In this beautiful Sacrament we experience the fullness of God's mercy, healing and peace.

PRAYING PSALM 51, THE MISERERE ~ Sunday, March 18, at 6:30 PM in the church. Join us as our Pastor Fr. Mark Coiro, offers a reflection on Psalm 51. Known as the "Miserere," this Psalm is prayed every Friday morning as part of the Church's Liturgy of the Hours. Attributed to King David, it is one of the most eloquent expressions of human repentance and the awesome, healing mercy of God. Join us as we dig deeper into the history and meaning of this Psalm, reflecting together on the forgiveness of God available to all who long for His pardon. If ever you have had trouble believing that you can be forgiven, then this night is for you ...

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

40 HOURS SCHEDULE ~

Sunday, March 4

11:30 AM	Opening 40 Hours Mass
6:00 PM	Sung Choral Vespers
7-7:30 PM	Organ Music
8:00 PM	Scripture Reflection

Monday, March 5

9:00 AM	Morning Mass (Hall)
Noon	Holy Rosary
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
7-7:30 PM	Organ Music
8:00 PM	Scripture Reflection

Tuesday, March 6

9:00 AM	Closing Mass with Benediction
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SUNG CHORAL VESPERS: Sunday, March 4 from 6-6:30 PM. Vespers, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, is meant to give thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. Sung by our talented Youth Choir, Vespers includes the singing of psalms, intercessions and prayers. Come experience the beauty of sung prayer.

TAIZÉ SERVICE: Friday, March 9, 7:30-8:30 PM. Join us for an hour of musical prayer following the tradition of the Taizé community. This service incorporates the singing of easy and memorable refrains, which are repeated to create an atmosphere of prayer and contemplative meditation. Modeled after the practice of the Taizé community in France, the goal of this repetitive singing is to help us contemplate a single aspect of God.



FAURE REQUIEM MASS: Friday, March 16 at 7:00 PM in St. Mary's Church. This Lent, St. Mary's Adult Choir will perform the Requiem Mass by Gabriel Fauré. The Requiem by the French composer Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) is perhaps one of the best known musical settings of the Requiem Mass, and the best-known work by the composer. The term "Requiem" designates a musical setting of the Catholic Mass of the Dead. "Requiem" in this sense is used as an abbreviation for the words that comprise the opening of the Introit for the Mass of the Dead, "Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine," which means: "Grant them eternal rest, O Lord." Composed in seven movements, Fauré's Requiem provides a musical setting for every one of the sung portions of the ordinary of the Latin mass (Introit and Kyrie, Offertory, Sanctus, Agnus Dei) and, in addition, for two texts which are exclusive to the Mass of the Dead: Libera me, and In Paradisum. Fauré composed this work between 1887-1888 and premiered it at the church of the Madeleine in Paris in 1888 for a Funeral Mass. It was not until 1931, however, that the work was first performed in the United States, quickly gaining popularity after its North-American premiere. Just as it was first performed in France, we will perform this work in the context of the celebration of Mass, accompanied by the beautiful St. Mary's organ. The Mass and music are in honor of our beloved friend Patrick D. McDonald (1944-2017), who was an active parishioner at St. Mary's Church for 43 years. Patrick, an avid lover of music and choral singer, wished that the Fauré Requiem could be performed for his Funeral Mass, which took place in August 14, 2017. Unable to fulfill his request at that time, we decided to remember him by performing the work in the context of a full Mass on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, March 16, 2018. All are invited to this moment of sacred music and prayer.

Next Sunday!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our February Meeting is NEXT SUNDAY, February 25 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Bring postage stamp for your Lenten Letter to God. There will be a presentation on this summer's Whitewater Rafting Trips, including a video and pre-sign ups to assure your spot! There will also be sign-

ups for the Friday, March 23 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip and the Monday, March 26, 8th Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor. All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome. Bring a friend! Our next trips are this Tuesday, February 20 to Sky Zone, Basilica & Quincy Market (6th & 7th Grade) and Wednesday, February 21 to Boda Borg & Quincy Market (8th Grade). Departure time for Skyzone is at 8:00 AM sharp from the Parish Center with return between 5:00 and 5:30 PM. The Boda Borg trip to Boston will depart at 9:00 AM from the Parish Center and will return between 5:00 and 5:30 PM.

EPIC: Next EPIC nights are Wednesday, March 14 and Sunday, March 18. Next EPIC event is putting together "blessing bags" for the homeless on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 PM. Paperwork will be emailed out to members. Please join us for faith, fun and fellowship in 2018. Please contact Matthew Chick at stmarysym1870@gmail.com with questions.

BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available in the Religious Education Office. This scholarship is granted in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family. Applicants must meet the following criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2018; Accepted to a four-year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2018; Family registered at St. Mary's Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary's and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than Sunday, April 15.

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CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, February 18, 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.

PICK OF THE WEEK: Love – Sacrifice – Trust. Christ showed us the way with clarity and profound hope. Fr. Mike Schmitz shows how God's rescue mission for us includes the need for each person to embrace his own cross, and understand that true love requires love, sacrifice and trust. *"I was struck by the depth of this message for me personally, and how it deepened my relationship with God."* —Martha from Aiken, SC. To listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz CD on this topic go to www.formed.org and just enter your email address and our Password **NW3N3Q**. Then follow the directions to register for FORMED.

GRADE 1 NOTICE: Classes will be held at their usual time on **Sunday, February 25**. Since we do not have a scheduled Baptism for the Grade 1 children to witness on that Sunday, a new date will be scheduled for March or April. The date is yet to be determined.

GRADE 5 CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS: There will be parent workshop on Monday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 AM in and Wed., March 7 from 7 - 8 PM in RM 3-4. 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. If you missed the parent workshop and want to view the program contact Fran at st.marysdre1870@gmail.com.

GRADES 9 - 10 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Our **Grade 2** program needs volunteers for the **Grade 2 Family Retreat** on Sat., April 7 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM. Student volunteers are needed to help with **First Communion Masses** on Saturday, May 5 and May 12. Please contact us at 508-429-6076 or send an email to: st.marysdre1870@gmail.com.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Tuesday, February 20 at 7:45 PM in the Library.

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT (PCA) NEEDED: Call Cathy Disciullo at 508-429-4990 if you can help.

CORI RENEWAL REMINDER: All volunteers 18 years and older must submit a new CORI for 2018.

CONFIRMATION I AND II: Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, February 27 and Thursday, March 1 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

GRADE 10 RETREAT- 2018: On Saturday, March 3, there will be a retreat from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Students will report to Fr. Haley Hall by 5:45 PM to be checked in. Please contact Matt Chick with any questions regarding the retreat at 508-429-6076 or by Email at: stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY VACATION IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – 23. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Feb. 18	NO CLASSES	February Vacation
Sun., Feb. 25	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	
Mon., Feb. 26	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., Feb. 27	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 4:30 PM	GR-10 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Feb. 28	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Thu., Mar. 01	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Session 17 of the **EPIC** twenty session series on Church History will be shown on Tuesday, February 20 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. See Channel 5 and 7 during the week day for snow cancellations and Channel 4 on Saturday & Sunday only for cancellations. Call the R.E. Office at 508-429-6076 and press ext. 28 for class cancellation notices.

**VBS
2018**

**July
23 - 27**



At Shipwrecked kids will learn Bible points each day through songs, games, drama, and hands on activities. Look for the VBS registrations coming your way in April.