

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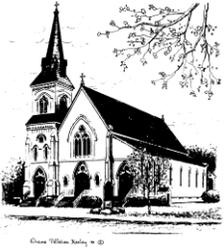
Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St.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



Saint Mary's Parish

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

February 25, 2018
2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Sons, and the death of sons, is very much the focus of today's scripture readings. First Abraham is instructed to sacrifice his only child, Isaac, to the Lord. In obedience, Abraham passes this terrible test of faith, his hand stayed at the very last moment by the angel of the Lord. A ram caught in a nearby thicket takes Isaac's place on the altar of sacrifice, even as one day Jesus would take our place on the altar of the Cross. The same God who spared Abraham from having to lose his son Isaac, did not spare Himself the loss of Jesus Christ. Even as Isaac was the only and beloved son of Abraham, so Jesus was the only beloved Son of the Father.

"This is my Son, my beloved," says God in today's Gospel reading, a reminder that the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins involved not only Jesus' pain, but also the suffering of the Father. Perhaps only Abraham, standing with knife raised over Isaac, can really understand the sacrifice, which God the Father was willing to undergo for love of you and me. Let us consider this gift anew in awe and humble gratitude.

Although they pale in comparison to God's sacrifice for us, we are all called to make sacrifices during this Lenten season. Since the earliest days of the Church, for instance, the Lenten practices of fasting and almsgiving have been linked. Consider these words from the Shepherd of Hermas (1st century A.D.). "On the day when you fast, take only bread and wine. Calculate the amount of food you would have taken on other days, put aside the money you would have spent on it and give it to the widow, the orphan or the poor." Our fasting, then, is meant to directly result in a monetary gift to those in need. In this way it does not only spiritually benefit us but makes a practical difference in the lives of the poor, God's most beloved children.

The degree to which we are all willing to sacrifice for those in need comes before us in a particular way this month with the launch of the 2018 Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish – the main source of funding for essential ministries. In this time when so many find themselves in economic distress, the work of the Catholic Church is making a difference in more lives than ever before. But it is only possible if we each do our part. So please, give generously according to your means, especially if you have not given recently. As Jesus once said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be." (LK 12:34) I pray that this Lent will find our hearts very much with our brothers and sisters in need. That is after all where Jesus Himself is to be found.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



POLICE SAFETY PRESENTATION ~ Thursday, March 1, at 7 PM in St. Mary's Church: In light of Ash 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.*

40 HOURS WITH JESUS CHRIST

By Fr. William Saunders



The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, the words of our Lord burn in our hearts: "I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

Affirming our belief in the real presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the Vatican Council II taught that the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, #11). While the Mass is the central act of worship for us Catholics, an act which participates in the eternal reality of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, Vatican Council II upheld and encouraged the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Of course such devotion derives from the sacrifice of the Mass and moves the faithful to both sacramental and spiritual communion with our Lord (Eucharisticum Mysterium, #50). As Pope Pius XII taught in *Mediator Dei*, "This practice of adoration has a valid and firm foundation." Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II has repeatedly "highly recommended" public and private devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, including processions on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the 40 Hours Devotion (cf. *Dominicae Caeae*, #3, and *Inaestimabile Donum*, #20-22).

Second, the number forty has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection. Actually in the Middle Ages, the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to the repository, "the Easter Sepulcher," for this period of time to signify our Lord's time in the tomb.

The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a Solemn Mass of Exposition, which concludes with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. During the next 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. At the end of the devotions, there is a solemn benediction and final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Forty Hours Devotion can be seen almost like a parish mini-retreat or mission. Consequently, an appropriate time to schedule Forty Hours is either Advent or Lent.

While the Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, three special dimensions have also surrounded 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. Here the faithful implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces not only for themselves, but their neighbors, not only for their own personal needs, but for those of the world. Such practices are evidenced in the history of this devotion.

Having explored the spiritual dimension of the Forty Hours Devotion, a greater appreciation for this spiritual exercise is found through knowing its history. The practice of Forty Hours Devotion originated in Milan about the year 1530. Granted, prior to this time, the Church did have exposition and benediction, Eucharistic processions, and devotions to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.

Sunday, March 4

11:30 AM	Opening 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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In 1539, Pope Paul III responded to a petition from the Archdiocese of Milan asking for an indulgence for the practice: "Since our beloved son the Vicar General of the Archbishop of Milan, at the prayer of the inhabitants of the said city, amongst other pious practices, has established a round of prayers and supplications to be offered by day and night by all the faithful of Christ, before our Lord's Most Sacred Body, in all the churches of the said city, in such a manner that these prayers and supplication are made by the faithful themselves relieving each other in relays for forty hours continuously in each church in succession, according to the order determined by the Vicar... We approving in our Lord so pious an institution, grant and remit." While this pronouncement seems to be the earliest official approval by the Church of this devotion, the Forty Hours Devotion spread rapidly.

By 1550, both St. Philip Neri and St. Ignatius Loyola had also instituted this practice, especially for the reparation of sin. Recognizing the tremendous graces offered through this devotion as well as the dangers threatening the Church, Pope Clement VIII in his letter *Graves et diuturnae* (November 25, 1592) proclaimed, "We have determined to establish publicly in this Mother City of Rome an uninterrupted course of prayer in such ways that in the different churches, on appointed days, there be observed the pious and salutary devotion of the Forty Hours, with such an arrangement of churches and times that, at every hour of the day and night, the whole year round the incense of prayer shall ascend without intermission before the face of the Lord." He also issued regulations for the devotions, which were later collected and promulgated by Pope Clement XI in 1705, and known as the *Instructio Clementina*.

In our own country, St. John Neumann (1811-60), the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, was a strong promoter of the Forty Hours Devotion. While the practice had already existed in individual churches throughout the city (as well as in other places in the country), no organized, cohesive diocesan schedule for it had ever before been attempted. St. John had a tremendous devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and desired to foster such a spiritual life in his people.

Unfortunately at this time, a strong anti-Catholic sentiment plagued Philadelphia. During the Know Nothing riots of 1844, two churches were burned and another was saved simply by the threat of gunfire. Some priests, therefore, advised St. John that the introduction of 40 Hours Devotion would only flame the hatred against the Catholics and expose the Blessed Sacrament to desecration. St. John was left in a quandary.

A strange incident occurred which helped St. John decide. One night, he was working very late at his desk and fell asleep in his chair. The candle on the desk burnt down and charred some of the papers, but they were still readable. He awoke, surprised and thankful that a fire had not ignited. He fell on his knees to give thanks to God for protection, and heard His voice saying, "As the flames are burning here without consuming or injuring the writing, so shall I pour out my grace in the Blessed Sacrament without prejudice to My honor. Fear no profanation, therefore; hesitate no longer to carry out your design for my glory."

He introduced the practice of 40 Hours Devotion at the first diocesan synod in April, 1853, and the first devotions began at St. Philip Neri Parish, an appropriate place since that saint had initiated the devotion in the city of Rome. St. John himself, spent most of the three days in the Church praying. No trouble ensued. St. John then introduced the program for the whole diocese, so that each parish would have Forty Hours Devotion during the course of the year. He composed a special booklet for the devotions and obtained special indulgences for the faithful attending them. The Forty Hours Devotion was so successful it spread to other dioceses. At the Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866, the Forty Hours Devotion was approved for all Dioceses of the United States.

The Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. In a world where temptation and evil abound, where devotion to the Mass and our Lord in the Holy Eucharist have declined, where the practice of penance and confession have been forgotten by many, we need the Forty Hours Devotion more than ever.

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	#311	#103	#103
Offertory	#99	-	-
Communion	#501	#112	-
Recessional	#581	#397	#397

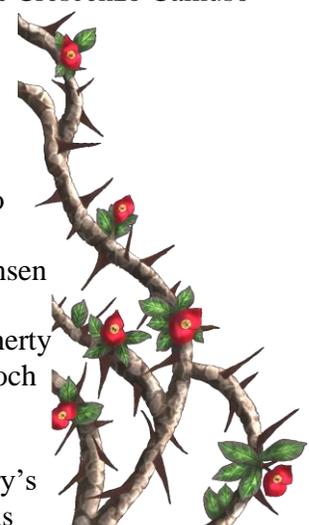
PENNIES FROM HEAVEN: Please bring your pennies or spare change to the Religious Education Lobby during Lent to help the people of Sierra Leone. Here a child can go to Catholic school for \$1.00 a year. A little goes a long way in this poor country. Please check the Respect Life Bulletin Board for updates!

CATHOLIC APPEAL: Next weekend, the Catholic Appeal will be announced in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish, but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese and throughout the world. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift. To make an online pledge, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org, identifying St. Mary's as your parish. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this year's Appeal.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:
 Catholic Charities \$3,236.00 ~ Thank you.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

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.
Monday	February 26
9:00	Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso
Tuesday	February 27
9:00	Robert Munger
Wednesday	February 28
9:00	Anita MacLean
Thursday	March 1
9:00	Angelina Sparano
Friday	March 2
9:00	Paul & Emma Jensen
Saturday	March 3
9:00	Rev. Edward Doherty
5:00	Kenneth Schneeloch
7:30	Bill Ring
Sunday	March 4
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Leslie Ann Higgins
11:30	40 Hours Devotion ~ Opening Mass



2018 CORI RENEWAL ALERT: All active volunteers (18 years and older) must complete a 2018 CORI. 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.

DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE: Please join us next Sunday, March 4, after the 9:30 AM Mass in Fr. Haley Hall for refreshments and camaraderie. DJ&C is also a great chance to welcome new families who have joined our parish. As always, members of the Parish Council will be available to hear your ideas and thoughts about the parish.

THE PARISH OFFERTORY: FISCAL YEAR JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018

Please try to make up any missed weekly support of your parish for weekends you are away / travelling. The financial health of St. Mary's depends on it. Thank you for your faithful and generous stewardship!

Weekly offertory income needed for St. Mary's to cover its operating costs:	\$11,900.00
Last weekend's Mass collections:	\$ 8,186.00
Automatic Giving:	\$ 1,921.50
Total Offertory:	\$10,107.50
Last weekend's budget shortfall:	- \$ 1,792.50





NEXT WEEKEND 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 next weekend, 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.

LENTEN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION SIGN UP BOOK: The Sign-Up Book is now in the Sanctuary, so please commit to spend a specific hour with the Lord. God bless you!

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER: Come enjoy Lenten Evening Prayer at 7 PM in the Church, (15-20 minutes) on Tuesday, February 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 7 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!

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.

LENTEN RESOURCE FROM THE CREATION CARE TEAM: The Global Catholic Climate Movement has created a calendar for a Lenten Fast for Creation. With themes for each week (waste, food, energy, water, appreciating nature) and daily action steps, the calendar will challenge you to enhance your Lenten Experience by fasting from harm to the environment. You will find the calendar at <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/lent-calendar/>. Each of the pictures of a person represents a different date in the season of Lent, going up to March 24. Check it out!

CREATION CARE TEAM MOVIE SATURDAYS: The parish Creation Care Team will be showing the global warming/climate change movie *An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning* on Saturday, March 10 from 10 AM to 12 Noon in rooms 3 & 4 in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be available. The sequel to this movie, *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power*, will be shown on Saturday, April 14, same time and place. Please join us. Contact Leo Racine at 429-7476 or leoracine@msn.com for more information.



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 offer 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 Mass on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, March 16, 2018. All are invited to this moment of sacred music and prayer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT: Our February Meeting is **TONIGHT, February 25 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.** Bring a "forever" 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!



EPIC: Next EPIC nights are Wednesday, March 14 & Sunday, March 18. Next EPIC event is assembling "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 Matt 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 are due to the Scholarship Committee by Sunday, April 15.

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, February 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 additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Linda at (508) 893-7919 or Lisa at (774)-286-1844.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, February 25, 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: "God, are you there?" How often do we feel like our prayer is a one-sided conversation? In this moving and informative video on the art of Lectio Divina, Dr. Tim Gray reveals how praying with Scripture can be a powerful means of entering into an authentic dialogue and intimate encounter with God. *"I now understand why many "prayers" have gone unanswered—I simply talked AT God instead of listening first and then responding."* - Michael A, Clarksburg, MD To view Dr. Tim Gray 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 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.

PRE-K – GRADE 7 COORDINATOR MEETING: On Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 PM there will be a meeting to discuss the 2018-2019 Master Calendar and schedules for the Religious Education program. This is an important meeting.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Meets on Tuesday, March 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.

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

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 **8:45 AM** 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.

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Feb. 25	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 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	
Sun., Mar. 04	PRE-K at 9:15 AM	



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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Session 18 of the **EPIC** twenty session series on Church History will be shown on Tuesday, February 27 at 10:00 AM in Room 3 – 4. Everyone is welcome to join us.



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