

“Hosanna!  
Blessed is he  
who comes in  
the name of the  
Lord!  
Blessed is the  
kingdom of our  
father David  
that is to come!  
Hosanna in the  
highest!”



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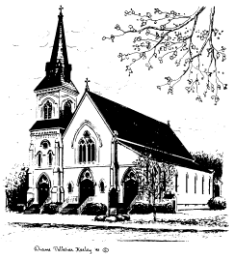
**Dear Visitors:** Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at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



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

March 25, 2018  
Palm Sunday

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

My first thought as I envision the vast crowds that thronged around Jesus for His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, is that St. Mary's will be similarly mobbed next Sunday for the great Feast of Easter. The arrival of so many visitors each Easter represents both a logistical challenge and a spiritual opportunity. Many of our regulars will find themselves unable to sit in their accustomed place. Parking will also be more difficult. It would be easy to get frustrated with the crowds and the inconvenience, and certainly there is a sadness that comes from seeing so many Catholics who are only rare visitors to the Table of the Lord.

But think of the opportunity! These persons will be in God's house. They will hear His Holy Word proclaimed. They will receive the Precious Body and Blood of His Son. Maybe, just maybe, this will be the Easter that God touches them in a special way. This might be the year that the grace of Jesus Christ breaks through into their hearts, moving them into a more meaningful relationship with His Church. You and I can play a part in this by offering a warm greeting, a friendly smile, and above all by being patient with the crowds. See an unfamiliar face next Sunday? Then make a special effort to reach out and welcome that person. Let us remember that it is Jesus Himself Who so often comes as a stranger into our midst.

As we prepare this week for the holiest days of our liturgical year, please consider taking part in the Holy Thursday and / or Good Friday celebrations in addition to your Easter Mass. I remember as a child how moved I was by the washing of feet on Holy Thursday and coming forward to reverence with a kiss the wood of Jesus' Cross on Good Friday. Above all I remember the power and mystery of the great Easter Vigil, as the light of the new-kindled Easter Candle spread from person to person throughout the darkened church. This year's Easter Vigil will be a moment of special joy as several children and adults will receive Sacraments of Initiation to the Catholic Faith. Please join us in welcoming them as our new brothers and sisters in Christ!

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

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

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**GOOD FRIDAY:** The importance of the Cross in our lives is reflected liturgically by the way Catholics keep Good Friday, the day that Jesus died to save us. There would have been no Easter joy without the events at Calvary the Friday before, and our Easter is made most meaningful and complete by our observance of Jesus' Passion on Good Friday. Good Friday is a day of solemn reflection, prayer, fasting, and abstinence from meat. It is customary to also abstain from social activities (going to the movies, playing sports, etc). Anything we would not do on the actual day a close family member that we love just died, we also avoid doing on the day that Jesus died. For Catholics, Good Friday is the single most solemn day of the year, as we consider the suffering and death that Jesus endured to save us from our sins. Please come and be part of our worship on Friday, March 30, as we honor and venerate the Cross of our salvation.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"Let us run to accompany Jesus as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. ... Let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace!" - St. Andrew of Crete*



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## **HOLY THURSDAY**

**Thursday, March 29:** 9 AM Morning Prayer  
7 PM **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

The Mass of the Lord's Supper recalls the events the night before Jesus died, especially the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The ceremony of the washing of the feet reminds us of Jesus' call to serve one another. The Mass concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in Father Haley Hall, where Adoration will continue until 10:30 PM. At Mass a collection will be taken up for the Holliston Food Pantry.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

*Day of Fasting & Abstinence*

**Friday, March 30:** 9 AM Morning Prayer  
12 PM (Kindergarten – Grade 5) Younger Children's Stations of the Cross  
7 PM **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

The 7:00 PM Lord's Passion Celebration is the official Good Friday Liturgy that continues the three day Triduum Celebration begun on Holy Thursday and concluding at Easter. It consists of the Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The Noon Stations are designed for younger children K – Grade 5, (accompanied by parents), and utilize a living tableau and special station prayers to help young children discover Jesus' love for them in the here and now.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. In every single Catholic parish around the world this day, a collection is taken up to maintain the Shrines and struggling Christian communities in the Holy Land. This collection is taken up at both the Stations and Passion Services.

## **HOLY SATURDAY**

*Please Note: No Confessions on Holy Saturday*

**Saturday, March 31:** 9 AM Morning Prayer  
8 PM **The Great Easter Vigil** (brass quartet, adult choir)

The Great Easter Vigil is rightly called the "Mother" of all liturgies. It includes the blessing of the new Easter Candle (given this year in loving memory of Patrick D. McDonald, 1944-2017), the sung Exultet Prayer, and readings that capture the fullness of God's saving work for humanity. The Church rejoices in a special way to receive new members this night through the Sacraments of Initiation. All Easter collections go to support the retired priests of our Archdiocese. Please generously support these men who have given their lives in your service.

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday, April 1:** 7:30 AM Church Mass (organ, cantor)  
9:30 AM Center Hall Mass (contemporary music)  
9:30 AM Church Mass (youth choirs, organ, trumpet)  
11:30 AM Church Mass (adult choir, brass quartet, organ)



## 2018 CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ Living Our Faith Together

We want to thank everyone from St. Mary's who has so far participated in the 2018 Catholic Appeal.

**To date our parish has raised \$65,909 from 32% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 75% of our parish goal of \$87,486.**

These contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of so many vulnerable persons. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge. You can pick up information and pledge envelopes at the church entrances. Please place your completed pledge envelope in any Mass collection basket. Online pledges may be made at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org). Either way, please be sure to indicate St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish so that your gift is applied to our parish goal. Thank you for doing your part – large or small according to your means – to support the good works of our Church. God bless 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

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by John and Judy Cruz. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2018 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

### LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 9,745.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,236.00  
 Total Offertory: \$12,981.00  
 St. Mary's thanks all those who support their Parish so faithfully each week.

### PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 24</b>
5:00	Calvin Meisner, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Nicholas Rossini
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 25</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Maxmino & Maria Rocha
11:30	Gaetano Urbano
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
9:00	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 27</b>
9:00	Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 28</b>
9:00	Matilda Vecchia
<b>Triduum &amp; Easter</b>	<b>March 29, 30, 31 &amp; April 1 –</b> See enclosed Holy Week Schedule



### 2018 EASTER COLLECTION ~

**Next Weekend:** All monies collected at Easter go to cover the healthcare and retirement needs of the senior priests of our Archdiocese. These men have

served us in a 24/7 job for most of their lives. Without them, we could not fully live our Catholic faith. Please remember the priests who have been there for you and consider honoring them through this special collection. **Thank you for your generous and prayerful support to the wellbeing of our priests!**

**\* Will you be away travelling Easter Weekend?** Please still support our retired priests by mailing in your support, or placing it in any other collection clearly labelled "Easter - Retired Priests." Thank you!

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	-	#40	#40
Offertory	#495	-	-
Communion	#731	#481	-
Recessional	#713	#713	#713

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

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** The Knights of Columbus will be leading a prayer service immediately after each Mass on Divine Mercy Weekend (April 7-8). The service will consist solely of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and will take less than 10 minutes. All interested parishioners are invited to remain in the church after Mass. The chaplet is very easy to learn and is a beautiful prayer. (Prayer cards will be provided).

**URGENT!** All active volunteers who have not completed a 2018 CORI form must submit one immediately. Volunteers who fail to submit the 2018 CORI will be removed from active ministry so that our parish remains compliant with child safety regulations. The deadline is Friday, April 6. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.



**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. Due to Holy Week there will be NO WINGS MEETING this week on Wednesday, March 28. Please join us next week on Wednesday, April 4 from 9:30 - 11:15 AM when Mary Morris will be offering a reflection on "Santo Cristo Dos Milagres - The Power of Prayer: Faith, Hope, Love & Miracles". 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.

**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.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:** Our next MSYG trip is Monday, March 26 to St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bingo (please arrive by 5 PM and eat an early supper at home before coming). Our next meeting is Sunday, April 8, 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome. There will be prayer, trip signups for P & L Paintball (vacation week), 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Prom Night Service Trip to St. Patrick Manor, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelunking, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade rafting roommate sign ups and pizza.

**EPIC:** Our next EPIC nights will be on Wednesday, April 4 and Sunday, April 29. If your son/daughter is interested in joining please contact Matt Chick at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com). Have a blessed Easter!

**PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU BY LETTING US SPREAD YOUR MULCH!** St. Mary's Mission Trip teams will be traveling to Houston this summer to help communities still trying to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. By letting us spread mulch at your home, you can help, too – and claim a charitable donation on your income taxes. The money you spend on our labor will help fund our trips this year – bringing the mission of St. Mary's to families who need it most.



**WHEN:** Saturdays, April 14 - May 26, and school break April 16 - 20.

**HOW MUCH:** \$35 per yard of mulch (labor only).

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:** Buy the mulch, have it delivered, do your spring clean up & prep the beds.

**CONTACT:** Ellen Kennedy at 508.498.4285, [gebmkenedy@comcast.net](mailto:gebmkenedy@comcast.net). Clients are on a first come, first served basis. Spots fill up quickly.

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6:** Today, Sunday, March 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.

**FORMED - PICK OF THE WEEK:** Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. These moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, Stabat Mater, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer. *"Holding a crucifix while meditating on the Stations of the Cross is so moving. Thank you, Jesus, for the Cross."* - Marcia R, St Teresa's Chu. To listen to the CD go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter your email address and our Password **NW3N3Q**. Then follow the directions to register for FORMED.

**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOON FOR GRADES K – 5:** We are still in need of children to volunteer for roles on Good Friday. The children form a tableau of each Station while Grade 4 and 5 children read the Meditations. All families with young children are encouraged to take the time and walk with Jesus on His way to the Cross. A Cantor will guide the families to sing the solemn hymns for each Station. Rehearsals for the Stations of the Cross are on Tuesday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 28 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Please encourage your children to participate so they will learn the importance of Good Friday.

**GRADE 2 FAMILY RETREAT:** On Saturday, April 7 at 12:45 PM the Grade 2 children and their families will meet in the church for Eucharistic Adoration and prayer. Children must be attended by a parent during the retreat as they participate in a play, make crafts and view a movie with refreshments at the close of the retreat. Parents are reminded to bring a picture of their child for the craft station and a letter, prayer or petition written by their child to Jesus in a sealed envelope with his/her name on the outside of the envelope.

**GRADE 3 ROSARY GENERAL SESSION:** On **Monday, April 9** from **4 – 5:30 PM** all Grade 3 students from the Sunday and weekday classes are required to attend this session. Teachers are needed to assist the students. Parent pick-up is at 5:30 PM.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Tuesday, April 3 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.

**CONFIRMATION I AND II:** Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

**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 and 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](mailto:st.marysdr1870@gmail.com).

#### WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Mar. 25	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 PM
	GR-6 at 1:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:30 PM
Mon., Mar. 26	GR-3 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	NO GRADE 6	
Tues., Mar. 27	NO CLASSES	
Wed., Mar. 28	NO CLASSES	
Thu., Mar. 29	NO CLASSES	
Sun., April 1	NO CLASSES	Easter Sunday
Mon., April 2	NO CLASSES	Easter Monday
Tues., April 3	GR-3 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-6 at 4:30 PM	GR-10 at 6:30 PM



#### 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.

**CREATING A CULTURE OF PROTECTION:** April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Take the time to read the policies and learn how you can help create a culture of protection at: [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org)

**VBS  
2018**

**July  
23 – 27**



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. Space is limited to 150 children so register early!