

He is **RISEN**...
and we are

Alive!
IN CHRIST



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!

Reconciliation: 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, Rel. Ed. 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 & Joanne Dalton. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. May God bless you!



2018 EASTER COLLECTION:

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.

DONUTS, JUICE & COFFEE: The Welcoming Committee invites you to stop into Father Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass, next Sunday, April 8, for free donuts, juice and coffee. DJ&C is also a great chance to welcome new families and share your ideas and thoughts about the parish with Parish Council members.

ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP: This is a parish ministry that provides opportunities for married couples to connect and grow together spiritually. The ministry meets monthly for fellowship and a brief reflection on topics related to marriage, raising children, faith formation, and service. Whether you are newly married or have been together for many years, we'd love to meet you! Our next gathering is Thursday, April 19 from 6:30-7:45 PM in the Parish Annex. Free onsite childcare will be provided for couples who have young children. Please plan to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and be certain children have already eaten dinner. We hope you can join us! For information see Heather Nunes at: stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com.



2018 EASTER CANDLE:

This year's Easter Candle (shown below) has been given in loving memory of Patrick McDonald. The Easter Candle is used at Masses during the Easter Season and at every Baptism and Funeral throughout the year. It represents the light of Christ's Resurrection conquering the darkness of sin and death.

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 2
9:00	Angelina Sparano
Tuesday	April 3
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Wednesday	April 4
9:00	Sr. Ricci, 2 nd Anv.
Thursday	April 5
9:00	Thomas & Kathleen Quigley
Friday	April 6
9:00	Walter "D" Robbins
Saturday	April 7
9:00	Rev. Richard C. Messina
5:00	Robert Cardillo
7:30	Midge Boyd
Sunday	April 8
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Giuseppe & Joseph Calamita
11:30	Patrick McDonald



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: The Knights of Columbus will be leading a prayer service immediately after each Mass next weekend, 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).

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, 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 contact Lisa Dufault at (774)-286-1844. Welcome!



Saint Mary's Parish

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April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

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

Easter Greetings in the Lord! We find our Parish Family increased today by four new members – Jake Haas, Steven Lantz, Holly McCarter and Josie McCarter, all of whom received Sacraments of Initiation to the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. Let us welcome them joyfully, and reaffirm our own commitment to Jesus, the Risen Lord in Whom lies our future and our hope.

Recently I came across these verses by poet Louise Tarkington, which I think speak to the meaning of Easter.

*"I wish that there were some wonderful place
In the Land of Beginning Again;
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door
And never put on again."*

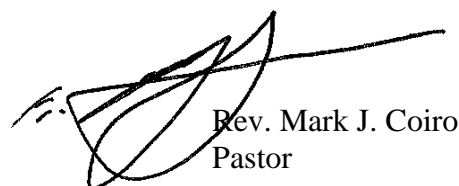
In our lives, we all have made choices that we wish we could undo. Perhaps we have hurt another by unkind speech or action. Maybe we handled a situation poorly, not realizing it would have such an unhappy result. We all know what it is to wish for a "do-over" – an opportunity to correct errors of the past. Easter is just such an opportunity. It is a reminder that nothing is final – not even death itself. Like the burial garments found lying in the empty tomb, the Risen Jesus can help us to cast off the mistakes and sorrows of the past, as we begin a new life in Him.

So this Easter, do not ignore those regrets and wounds that are stealing happiness from your life. Instead, call them to mind. Face them. And offer them prayerfully to the Lord. As He did on the Cross, Jesus will shoulder your burdens as His own, taking their weight onto His shoulders. He promised to do this when He said, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*" (Mt. 11:28-30)

How do we answer Jesus' invitation to come to Him? We do it through prayer. We do it through our care of others. We do it through the sacraments, especially Confession and Communion. And above all we do it *together* as Church. A striking feature of the Easter Gospel is that when Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb, she is filled with despair. But when Peter and John then come to that same tomb, they find faith. What made the difference? Mary was alone, whereas Peter and John came together. In this we see revealed the truth of Jesus' words, "*Whenever two or three gather in my name, I will be there.*" (Mt. 18:20)

So if you have been trying to "go it alone" in your faith journey, I invite you this Easter to take your place once more as a valued member of God's family the Church. Receive each Sunday your share of the Bread of Life. Hear once more the Scriptures, the Good News of our salvation and God's call to a nobler, better way of life. Enjoy again the companionship and spiritual support of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Together we are His Living Body. Together we can find Easter faith, and the joy of living a life rich in His love.

On behalf of all of us here at St. Mary's,
I wish you and yours a most blessed Easter.


Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



2018 CATHOLIC APPEAL – Living Our Faith Together: Today, Easter Sunday, we celebrate the victory of light over darkness, of truth over sin, and of life over death through Jesus’ Resurrection. As the Catholic Church we celebrate this victory in our worship and in the loving care we offer to all of God’s people – especially those who are vulnerable and in need. Our Church is the largest provider of social services in Massachusetts after the Commonwealth itself – making a huge difference in the lives of our suffering brothers and sisters. It is the Catholic Appeal that allows our Archdiocese to put the Gospel into action in this powerful way. So please, do your part, and support this year’s Catholic Appeal by completing one of the pledge envelopes available at the Church entrances or by making a gift online at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners of St. Mary’s who have already made their gift to the 2018 Catholic Appeal. To date, the Appeal has received \$75,909 in pledges from 43% of St. Mary’s households, reaching 86% of our parish goal of \$87,486. It is clear that if every family does their part, large or small according to their means, our parish will reach 100% of goal for the tenth year in a row. Please be sure to identify St. Mary’s, Holliston as your parish, and may God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song!”* - Pope Saint John Paul II

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES IN CHRIST (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. Have a blessed Easter!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING: It’s hard to believe, but we only have TWO meetings left this year! Please join us next Sunday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. There will be prayer, sign-ups for 8th Grade Spelunking, 6th Grade Prom Night (Thursday, May 17), 8th Grade rafting roommate sign ups and pizza. All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome. Bring a friend! **April MSYG Trip:** All Day Paintball Battle (Thursday, April 19).

PLEASE HELP US HELP OTHERS BY LETTING US SPREAD YOUR MULCH! St. Mary’s EPIC Mission Trip team 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. Please contact Ellen Kennedy at 508.498.4285, gebmkennedy@comcast.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018: Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus! VBS week is Monday, July 23 – Friday, July 27. We look forward to seeing you and your children for another exciting VBS experience! To register contact the Religious Education Office at (508) 429-6076. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 may participate and teens in Grade 7 and above may volunteer at one of the stations or other daily activities.



SAINT MARY’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTICES

APRIL VACATION: Mon., April 16 – Fri., April 20

CLOW: Resumes on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Mon., April 2	NO CLASSES	Easter Monday
Tue., April 3	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., April 4	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Thur., April 5	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., April 8	Pre-K at 9:15 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR- 3 at 7:55 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 1:00 PM	

GR-2 FAMILY RETREAT: Sat., April 7 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM. Please be in the church promptly by 12:45 PM.

GR-3 GENERAL SESSION: Monday, April 9 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

GR-6 TEMPLE VISIT ~ APRIL 12: All Sunday and weekday students are to report to Fr. Haley Hall by 2:15 PM and board the bus at 3:30 PM for Temple Beth Am.

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