

Mother

*"Her children rise up and
call her blessed"*

Proverbs 31:28



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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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Fax: (508) 429 - 3324

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, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#567	#88	#88
Offertory	#649	-	-
Communion	#480	#353	-
Recessional	#474	-	-

**BIRTHRIGHT CARNATIONS:**

The Mother's Day Carnation Project is the primary fundraising event held by Birthright of Framingham. Carnations will be available after all Masses next

weekend. The Birthright Center is staffed entirely by volunteers and does not charge for its services, but relies on donations from generous supporters to continue helping pregnant women in need. Checks can be made out to Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main St., Framingham 01702. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by John & Judy Cruz. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. For more information please visit www.VocationBoston.org.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$11,187.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,190.00
 Total Offertory: \$14,377.00
 St. Mary's thanks all those who support their Parish so faithfully each week.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday May 12
 9:00 No Mass ~ 1st Communion Prep
 5:00 Joan Mullen
 7:30 People of St. Mary's

Sunday May 13
 7:30 Peter Patch, 4th Anv.
 9:30 Martin J. O'Neill, Jr. 11th Anv.
 11:30 Fr. Haley, 7th Anv.

Monday May 14
 9:00 Fr. Haley, 7th Anv.

Tuesday May 15
 9:00 Kenneth Rotatori

Wednesday May 16
 9:00 Robert Gallerane

Thursday May 17
 9:00 Paul T. Shea

Friday May 18
 9:00 Funeral ~ Ernest Grolimund

Saturday May 19
 9:00 Catherine Martha Whalen, 21st Anv.
 5:00 Nicholas Rossini
 7:30 Paul & Emma Jensen

Sunday May 20
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Alexander & Rena Watt
 11:30 **Mass for Graduating Class of 2018**



CLASS OF 2018 MASS FOR GRADUATES: Next Sunday, May 20, at 11:30 AM, St. Mary's will offer her 5th Annual Mass for Graduates. This year our parish has teens graduating from eight different schools. The Mass will include a special Blessing of Graduates, the Presentation of the 2018 Blessed Mother Scholarship, and a Student Speaker (Matt O'Connell). The Mass is followed by a light reception in Fr. Haley Hall, and a Group Class Photo for the Newsletter. Come congratulate our graduates!





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May 13, 2018
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Happy Mother's Day! A blessed and happy Mother's Day to the moms of St. Mary's and to all our mothers wherever they may be. A mother's love speaks to us so powerfully of God's own love - a love that is sacrificial, unstinting and always ready to forgive. The prophet Isaiah put it so beautifully when he said, "Can a mother forget her infant? Be without tenderness for the child of her womb? I tell you, even should she forget, I will never forget you." (Is 49:15)

It is no accident that the Church herself is referred to as a Mother, guiding her children in love and always ready to welcome them home. In John 14:18, Jesus promised that He would not leave us orphans, and that promise was fulfilled with the creation of His Church on Pentecost. Filled that day by the Holy Spirit of God, our Mother the Church began her long mission of raising up children in faith to know and love the Lord. "As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you." (Is 66:13)

Yesterday, the last of our three groups of St. Mary's First Communicants drew closer to Christ and their Mother the Church through the Sacrament of Eucharist. Their names are listed on the next bulletin page. Please pray for them, that meeting Jesus in Holy Communion will greatly enrich and strengthen their spiritual lives. We pray also that the experience of receiving Holy Communion each week with their loved ones will serve to bring unity and peace to their families. The family that prays together really is more likely to stay together. All of this weekend's First Communicants will be presented with certificates as they make their Second Communion at Sunday Mass. Please greet and congratulate them as we celebrate their arrival at the table of the Lord!

As you look upon our church sanctuary today, you will see the addition of our Ascension painting, placed there for the Feast of the Ascension this past Thursday. (Special thanks to the Youth Choir for their beautiful ministry at the Ascension Vigil Mass). The Ascension is a Holy Day that marks the 40th day after Easter, when Jesus Ascended to heaven before His disciples' eyes. From this point on in our Easter liturgies, the Mass preface changes from that of Easter to that of the Ascension – even though we remain in the Easter Season until next Sunday's Feast of Pentecost.

Please keep in your prayers Mr. Brian Eckert, who went home to God on Ascension Thursday morning. The brother of our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Fran Crespi, Brian was a decorated Vietnam Veteran (a Medic), with three Purple Hearts and a Silver Star. Brian passed following many years of illness related to his military service. He died having received the Sacraments of his faith and with the loving support of his family. How beautiful for a Christian to pass on the very day that Jesus Ascended to heaven to make a place for us there. May Brian, who followed Jesus in this life, follow Him now into our Heavenly Father's Presence – there to enjoy the perfect peace, joy and consolation which only being with God can give. God bless you Brian. May flights of angels guide you to your rest.

In Christ's Service and Yours,



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

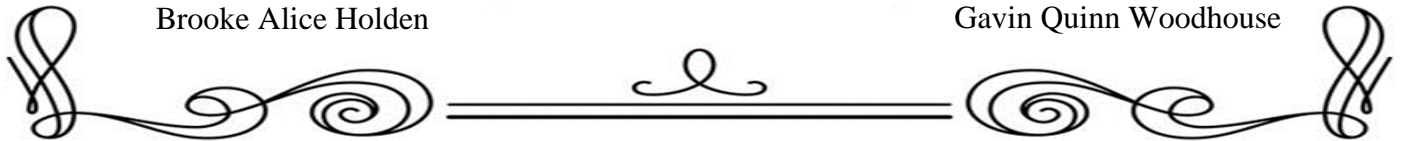


St. Mary's Congratulates This Weekend's First Communicants and Rejoices To Welcome Them To the Table Of The Lord!



Ryan Emilie Adorno
 Scott Patrick Baribeau
 Jack Ryan Barry
 Aiden Patrick Breen
 Joel Rodman Burgett
 Emma Lee Caruso
 Casey Grace Clasby
 Thomas Paul Corcoran
 Olivia Lyn Coyle
 Caroline Grace Diamond
 Abbey Sofia DiChiara
 Colin Timothy Doherty
 Christopher John Dupuis
 Alina E. Vaz Falcao
 Colin James Grant
 Brooke Alice Holden

Lily Margaret Ingoldsby
 Samantha Anne Kelley
 William Elijah Masiello
 Fiona Kathleen McAuley
 Mabella Ann Morse
 Matthew Stanley Pierce
 Camden Robert Ross
 Connor David Secaur
 Jack Anthony Sempey
 Gianna Leigh Sgarano
 Hailey Jean Spilka
 Sean Joseph Sullivan
 Parker James Tripp
 Brendon Vital
 William Paul Ward
 Gavin Quinn Woodhouse



WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: "If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth." For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.* - St. Augustine (Sermon for the Lord's Ascension)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TENTH ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: One raffle ticket costs \$5 and a book of five tickets sell for \$20. Grand prize is \$1000! Proceeds from this fund raiser have benefitted local charities such as the Holliston Pantry Shelf, Holliston Senior Center, as well as our St. Mary's Parish. Various Veterans charities such as Homes for our Troops, IPODS for Veterans, and Habitat for Humanity have been given donations. Tickets will be sold on weekends in the Spring at downtown Holliston stores and grocery stores in Medway, Ashland, Bellingham, and Milford. The Drawing will be held on June 20. Thanks for your support.

PARISH WEBSITE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Communications Committee is seeking a volunteer to publish regular updates to St. Mary's new website. Updates include, but are not limited to, publishing the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, and general content like new images and messages. You would be one of several volunteers available for this. Working knowledge of WordPress is required. This is a great opportunity to share your website development skills and make significant contributions to St. Mary's budding online presence! Please send inquiries to Kristen Haan (kristen.e.morris@gmail.com).

Potluck Dinner



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ END OF YEAR CLOSING CEREMONY & POT LUCK: Next Sunday, May 20, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. All MSYG moms & dads are invited to join their teen/s for this annual End of Year Celebration. The night will include: Delicious Pot Luck Supper (Please bring your potluck item as assigned in the next mailing, except for 8th Grade parents & teens who are our special guests); Prayer & Closing Ceremony; Awards & Honoring of MSYG 8th Graders as they go forth to High School; Brownstone Quarry (pic below), and Scavenger Hunt Sign Ups; Summer raft team sign ups; and a Giant Slideshow Movie of all this past Year's events.



PLEASE HELP US HELP OTHERS BY LETTING US SPREAD YOUR MULCH! St. Mary's EPIC 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. 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, now - May 26. **HOW MUCH:** \$35 per yard of mulch (labor only). **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:** Buy the mulch, have it delivered, do your Spring cleanup and prep the beds. **CONTACT:** Ellen Kennedy at 508.498.4285, gebmkenedy@comcast.net.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Although our WINGS Season has ended for the year, you can enjoy any speaker you missed on DVD! Thanks to the generosity of WINGS Member Virginia Calapa, each of our speakers' talks was recorded. Any interested parishioner is welcome to check them out of the St. Mary's Parish Library. (The DVDs are in the top drawer of the large file cabinet by the window.) There is a printed list of each talk by date, with a description of the talk and the speaker's bio. **WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)** is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Linda Calabrese at (508) 893-7919.



MONEY DOWN THE TOILET ... If you attended St. Mary's last Saturday, you know that all the church and parish center bathrooms were out of order. The main drain outlet for these became clogged when someone put a diaper down a toilet. According to the sewer repair company, this joined together with a mass of flushed paper towels and feminine products to completely obstruct our whole system. It took multiple repair visits over two days to fully correct the problem. **The final bill came to \$2,099.00.** This was a totally unnecessary expense, that could have been easily avoided. So **please**, do not put paper towels, diapers, or feminine products down our toilets. Our checkbook thanks you.

CREATION CARE TEAM: This year's focus is on reducing plastic pollution. The facilitator guide to the Catholic Climate Covenant program, Beyond a Throwaway Culture, states "[f]rom contributing to land and marine pollution to increasing our use of carbon-producing fuels, our reliance on single-use plastics has had a devastating effect on God's creation. The good news is that we can solve this problem. We can all play a role in reducing plastic pollution and minimizing our contribution to what Pope Francis calls 'a throwaway culture' by working together as a community." Click on "Learn and act using our toolkits" at <https://www.earthday.org/stop-using-disposable-plastic/> to find information on how you can reduce plastic pollution.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, May 13, 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
Sun., May 13	GR-3 at 7:55 AM	
Mon., May 14	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	
Tues., May 15	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., May 16	EPIC at 7:30 PM	
Thu., May 17	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS FOR 2018-2019 HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT. PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF THE COMPLETED FORMS TO THE R.E. OFFICE BEFORE JUNE 15, 2018.

IMPORTANT - FAMILY BASE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR GRADES 3 - 5: In order for Home Base children to be promoted to the next grade level they must have their end of the year assessment. To schedule call 508-429-6076 or send an email to Fran at: st.marysdre1870@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1: If you have a child entering these grades and you are interested in registering your child in 2018-2019, we ask that you call the R.E. Office at 508-429-6076 and ask for a registration form. Registrations are also in the parish website at www.stmarysholliston.com under "Faith Education/Youth Religious Education/Registration." Please note that children must complete Grade 1 before entering our Grade 2 Program.

PLEASE THINK AND PRAY ABOUT TITHING YOUR TIME IN 2018-2018: Just a reminder that all our wonderful programs depend on volunteers to help our families, children and youth to live out their faith actively. Christ calls us to bring about His Kingdom by spreading the Good News. Come and join the many volunteers who build up the community of faith by tithing their time to serve Christ and His family.

TEACHER GUIDES AND TEXTS: Please turn in your Teacher Guides and Texts to the R.E. Office. They will be used again next year.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Tuesday, May 15 at 7:45 PM in the Library.

CONFIRMATION I AND II: Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

CONFIRMATION MASSES: Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Families must notify the R.E. Office with their son or daughters Confirmation Ceremony time and Certificate Mass choice by contacting Kim at 508-429-6076 or st.marysrel870@gmail.com.

GRADE 7 CO-COORDINATOR NEEDED: We need a Grade 7 volunteer **assistant coordinator** for our alternate Wednesday classes starting in the fall. Contact Fran Crespi at st.marysdre1870@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

Please note that R.E. Coordinators and Co-Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.

FORMED - PICK OF THE WEEK: This Mother's Day, empower the mothers and women in your life with this refreshing Lighthouse Talk. We rarely hear the word "feminine" used in a positive light today, but Colleen Carroll Campbell offers an empowering Christian understanding of the nature and vocation of woman as she unpacks what Saint John Paul II termed "the feminine genius." *"So empowering, beautiful, and honest... A strong spiritual awakening for all women. Definitely worth listening and sharing with a friend or ten!"* —Chantal L, Portage MI.



At Shipwrecked kids will learn Bible points each day through songs, snacks and hands on activities. Space is limited to 150 children so register now! We provide child care for children under age 5 whose parents are volunteering the entire week at VBS. Teen volunteers must be in Grade 7 or above.