



# 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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Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427 or (508) 879 - 2322

Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

**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.

**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	#454	#445	#445
Offertory	#419	-	-
Communion	#347	#679	-
Recessional	#376	#89	Pomp & Circumstance

**BIRTHRIGHT CARNATIONS THANK YOU:**

Birtheright is grateful to the members of our parish for the generous support received on Mother's Day last weekend. The proceeds will enable us to maintain our center in Framingham and to continue our assistance to pregnant women. Our sincere thanks for all your support and prayers over the last 39 years! If you're interested in becoming a volunteer for Birthright, please call the office at 508-620-0657. We'd love to have you join us!

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Bomba Family in memory of Michael Eden. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you would like to sponsor the Rose for Life please call 429-4427.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** This 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](http://www.VocationBoston.org).

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$11,507.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,031.00  
 Total Offertory: \$14,538.00  
 St. Mary's thanks all those who support their Parish so faithfully each week.

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday May 19**  
 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 2018 Graduates  
**Monday May 21**  
 9:00 Pasquale & Francesca DiCenso  
 11:00 FUNERAL ~ Mary Flatley  
**Tuesday May 22**  
 9:00 Ann Murphy  
**Wednesday May 23**  
 9:00 Terry Caccavale  
**Thursday May 24**  
 9:00 Rose Doyle, 13<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
**Friday May 25**  
 9:00 Brian Evers  
**Saturday May 26**  
 9:00 Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso  
 5:00 Raymond Finn  
 7:30 Nancy Mercurio  
**Sunday May 27**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Rev. Edward J. Caron  
 11:30 Pat McDonald



**MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 28:** Mass at St. Mary's Church at 9:00 AM. Prayers and military honors at St. Mary's Cemetery at approximately 10:30 AM.

**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** Please note that during the summer months of June, July and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays & Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the Religious Education Office.

**HEALING SERVICE:** Will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at the Fatima Shrine. The Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM followed by Mass and Healing Prayer. Rev. Francisco Anzoategui (Fr. Paco), Pastor of St. Steven Parish, Framingham, will preside. The evening is sponsored by the Vision of Peace Prayer Group. A Free Will offering will be taken. If you have any questions, please call Ron at (508) 655-1463.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**  
 III Michael Keane & Molly Fitzpatrick





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May 20, 2018  
Feast of Pentecost

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Today is the Feast of Pentecost, often called the "Birthday of the Church." This was the day when Jesus took a group of frightened, unsure disciples and transformed them into fearless witnesses of His Gospel. This was accomplished by the Holy Spirit, which as described in today's Gospel Jesus sent upon His disciples with the sound of wind and the form of fire.

Perhaps take a moment today to look at the Holy Spirit window in the St. Mary transept of our own church (photo on today's bulletin cover). In it the Holy Spirit is shown as a dove, surrounded by the very tongues of flame that descended on the disciples on Pentecost. Like candles touched by fire, the disciples were set ablaze – powered now by the Spirit's sevenfold gifts to bring light to a darkened world.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, also depicted on our window, are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (strength), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They were poured out on each of us in the Sacrament of Confirmation through the ministry of the bishop, who prayed the following words:

*"All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Then the bishop, making the sign of the cross with Holy Chrism upon our forehead, said, *"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Once Confirmed, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are ever present and accessible to us by prayer. They are God's own gifts, meant to empower us for Christian living and for the work of sharing with others the Gospel of Christ's love. I invite you on this Feast of Pentecost to reflect on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to consider which one you feel the greatest need for at this moment of your journey home to God. Then by prayer ask God to breathe upon the embers of that gift already glowing within your soul, that it might burst into new flame and power in your life.

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

Under His Mercy,



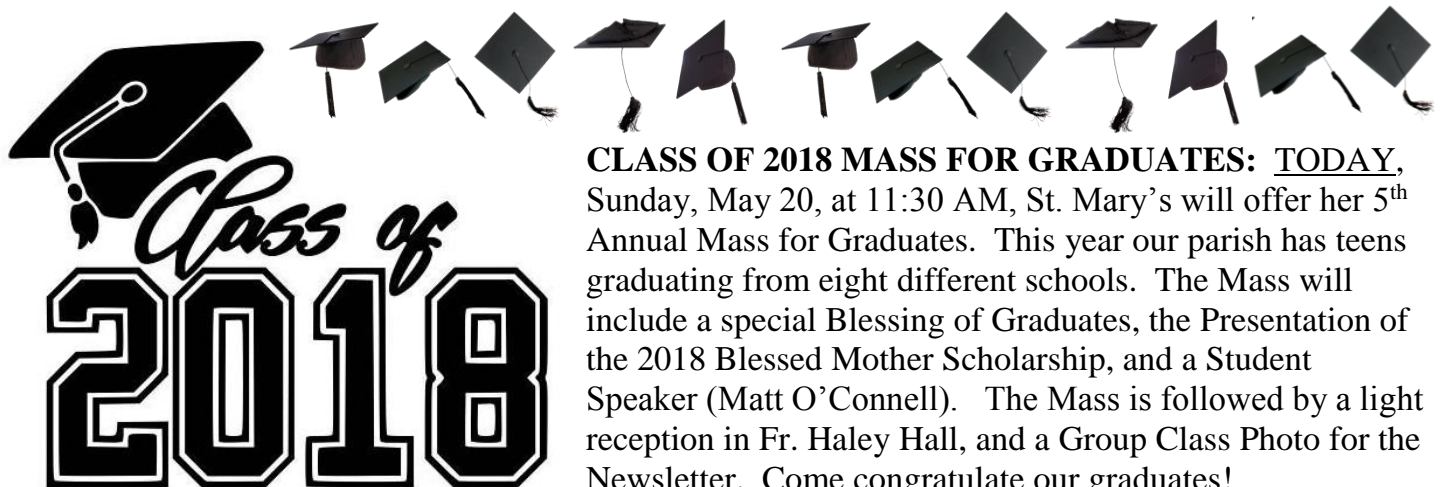
Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

P.S. Pentecost is a special Feast for me as it was the date of my First Mass of Thanksgiving as a priest. Thank you to my mom and dad for the twenty-four red roses in the sanctuary this weekend, one to mark each year of my priesthood on this anniversary. They were too beautiful to keep in the rectory and not share!



**THE HELPER:** The Holy Spirit is given to us by Jesus to be our Helper, Comforter and Guide. How can we recognize the Holy Spirit at work in our lives? Consider these beautiful words by Rev. Bruce Prewer.

*“The Helper is quietly at work ...  
in the sincere concern of a friend for our health,  
in those who take a stand against injustice,  
in the grace of folk who go the second mile,  
in the inner resources we discover in times of crisis,  
in those who dare to go against the tide of popular opinion,  
in the grace that enables us to admit when we are wrong,  
in the resilience of people who fight for the rights of others,  
in those who surrender some of their rights for the larger good,  
in times when we share the Gospel in spite of our inadequacy,  
in finding joy in unexpected places,  
in taking on responsibilities that we once thought beyond us,  
in refusing to let the greed of society take over our soul,  
in giving thanks always, even through the hard times of life,  
in rising above past failures and putting past hurts behind us,  
in finding a central core of peace in the midst of turmoil,  
in daring to laugh in situations where some would curse,  
in knowing ourselves to be children of God,  
in knowing ourselves loved, even when we have been very unlovable.”*



**CLASS OF 2018 MASS FOR GRADUATES:** TODAY, Sunday, May 20, at 11:30 AM, St. Mary's will offer her 5<sup>th</sup> 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!



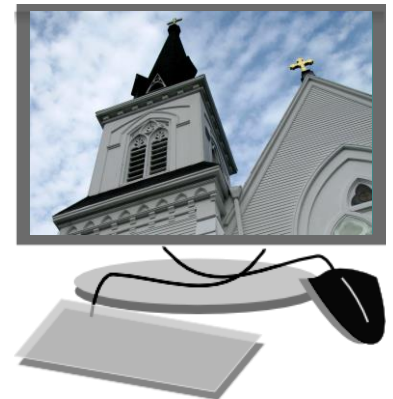
## **TONIGHT! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP END OF YEAR CLOSING CEREMONY & POT LUCK:**

Tonight, 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 postal mailing, except for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents & teens who are our special guests); Prayer & Closing Ceremony; Awards & Honoring of MSYG 8<sup>th</sup> Graders as they go forth to High

School; Brownstone Quarry, and Scavenger Hunt Sign Ups; Summer raft team sign ups; and a Giant Slideshow Movie of all this past year's events. This meeting is open to current members only.

**MISSION TRIPS CAR WASH:** 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. Please help us by letting us wash your car. Free will donation and 100% of the money goes to the Mission Trips. If you have any questions please call or email Bob Whiting at 508-745-8583 or 3chordsandtruth@gmail.com. The next Car Wash is Saturday, June 2 at the Fatima Shrine from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Thank you!

**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](mailto:kristen.e.morris@gmail.com)).



**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.

**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 is in June 20. Thanks for your support!

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6:** Today, Sunday, May 20, 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
Tues., May 15	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Thu., May 17	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS:**  
**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](mailto: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](http://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.

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

**TEST PROCTORS NEEDED FOR GRADE 10:** If anyone can volunteer to assist as a proctor on Tuesday, May 22 and/or 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM to monitor the Grade 10 students as they take their assessments please contact Fran Crespi at [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com) or Gustavo Bachman at [gustavobachman@gmail.com](mailto:gustavobachman@gmail.com).

**CONFIRMATION I AND II:** Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Please be prepared for the final assessment.

**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.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@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](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com) if you can volunteer.

*Please note that R.E. Coordinators and Co-Coordination 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:** **Do you have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit?** The same Holy Spirit that descended on the apostles at Pentecost is given to us. In this acclaimed and inspiring series, Fr. Dave guides you into a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit with the hope that you might experience the mercy, healing, peace and presence that He brings. "As Catholics we tend to pray to the Father, to Jesus, to Mary, to the Saints but forget about the Holy Spirit. Would recommend to anyone wanting to be more spiritual within Catholicism." - Vincent V.



**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.**