

*They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
floats free the banner of the cause they
died to save.*

~ Francis Marion Crawford



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

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

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Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com

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

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	#22	#37	#37
Offertory	#425	-	-
Communion	#649	#106	-
Recessional	#627	#625	#625

PANTRY SHELF SUMMER HELP: Regular coffee, applesauce, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, ketchup, mayonnaise, Chunky Soup, cookies, canned turkey/chicken, canned fruits, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, toilet paper and cake and brownie mixes. Donations may be dropped off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

DONUTS, JUICE & COFFEE: The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to Father Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass next Sunday, June 3, for donuts, juice and coffee! Members of the Parish Council will be there if you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Parish.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by John & Maureen Klauser. 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 LAST WEEKEND: Seminarians Collection ~ \$3,825.00. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$10,859.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 1,594.50
 Total Offertory: \$12,453.50
 St. Mary's thanks all those who support their Parish so faithfully each week.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

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
Monday	May 28
9:00	Our Nations Veterans
Tuesday	May 29
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	May 30
9:00	Holy Souls
Thursday	May 31
9:00	Eugenia Moraski
Friday	June 1
9:00	Pierino, Adele & Concetta DiCenso
Saturday	June 2
9:00	Catherine MacNeil
5:00	Nicholas Rossini
7:30	Robert Murphy
Sunday	June 3
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Stephen Warren
11:30	Marie Meehan, 6 th Anv.



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.

SMWG: St. Mary's Women's Group will meet on Wednesday, June 13 in the Center Library at noon for our Ice Cream Social. Ice cream can be put in the kitchen freezer. Any questions please call Pat Strozzi at 508-654-2723. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

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.



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May 27, 2018
Feast of the Holy Trinity

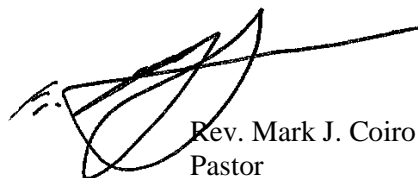
Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

This weekend we honor the men and women who have laid down their lives in defense of our nation's freedom; as well as those now serving in our military. No matter our feelings about any particular military conflict, we can all agree that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who put the preservation of these United States before their own safety. As Jesus Himself said, *"There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend."* We therefore invoke this Memorial Day God's blessings on all our nation's veterans. For those who have died, we ask God's mercy and peace. For those present among us, we ask His strength and constant support. For those servicemen and women currently under arms, we ask His strong protection. May God protect them even as they protect us. And may their efforts lead to a lasting, and just peace in the world.

One God, existing as three distinct persons, sharing the same divine nature. This is the great mystery celebrated by today's Feast of the Holy Trinity, a truth revealed in Sacred Scripture but impossible for the mind to fully comprehend. Over the centuries, many illustrations have been offered for the Holy Trinity – an equilateral triangle, the shamrock, three musical notes making a single chord of sound, just to name a few. Ultimately, all examples fall short. But while we may never fully grasp the mystery of the Trinity, there is one very important truth that it reveals. Our God, even in His inmost being, is a God of relationships. What are Father and Son if not titles that speak to us of relationship, the Holy Spirit in all love flowing from them both? And if our God is first and foremost a God who relates, even within Himself, then it should not surprise us that in order to draw close to Him, we also must enter into relationships. Truly this is the most basic premise of the Church, the belief that we can draw closer to God as a community of faith than we could ever do as isolated individuals. The Church, a body of believers entering into relationships of mutual love, faith, and support is in one sense an image of the Trinity.

The fact that relationships are key in drawing close to God was clearly expressed in Jesus' answer to the question, "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus is asked to name one commandment, but He answers with two commandments that are inseparable – love God and love your neighbor. The first is not possible without the second, as the Triune God is relational. Whenever therefore we seek to build community, to extend ourselves selflessly to each other in love, we are acting in a Trinitarian manner.

In Christ's Service and Yours,



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

STAFF FAREWELL: As announced the weekend of March 4, Music Director Mr. Juan Mesa retires at the end of this Choir Season. Juan was originally hired on a three-year contract, and we were delighted that he ended up ministering at St. Mary's for six years instead. As he moves on now to other endeavors, including the pursuit of a Doctorate in Music Theory from the University of Indiana, we wish Juan the very best. His work here has been exceptional, and his friendship will be missed by many – especially our choir families. Juan's final Mass will be next Sunday, June 3, at 9:30 AM. There will be opportunity to wish him well after that Mass with cake in Fr. Haley Hall. Good luck Juan!

STAFF WELCOME: Next weekend St. Mary's welcomes Seminarian Alwin Chinnappan, who is a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India, but who - with an arrangement between Cardinal O'Malley and Alwin's Bishop - will be assigned to our Archdiocese for 5-10 years before he returns to his home Diocese. St. Mary's will be Alwin's first experience of a parish in the United States, and I know all will make him feel welcome. Alwin does not drive and is looking for someone to teach him / help him practice while he is with us. We are also in need of someone to bring him from Brighton to Holliston next Saturday, as I have a funeral to celebrate here. Please let us know if you can help!



WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *God, who allows himself to be known by human beings through Christ, is the unity of the Trinity: unity in communion. In this way new light is also thrown on man's image and likeness to God, spoken of in the book of Genesis. [link] The fact that man "created as man and woman" is the image of God means not only that each of them individually is like God, as a rational and free being. It also means that man and woman, created as a "unity of the two" in their common humanity, are called to live in a communion of love, and in this way to mirror in the world the communion of love that is in God, through which the Three Persons love each other in the intimate mystery of the one divine life. - Pope St. John Paul II*

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).

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

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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!



ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next trip is **Friday, June 1** – the Annual Scavenger Hunt. Departure from the Parish Center is at 6:00 PM, return is at 9 PM for pizza and point counting, the event finishes at 10 PM.

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUMMER EVENTS:

Kennebec Rafting: Sunday, June 24 - Monday, June 25
Brownstone Quarry Park, CT: Tuesday, July 31
Deerfield Rafting: Friday, August 17

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!



WHY WE CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY:

What we remember - and honor - on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.

One definition of sacrifice is "the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else." Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is not sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.

What counts in this definition is the phrase "for the sake of something else." Is that "something else" worthy of the sacrifice we make? True sacrifice is always at the service of life. We learn this from Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice and remained faithful through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus' greater purpose for this sacrifice was our well-being—that we might have life and have it abundantly.

This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to give up for us—and the lessons we can learn from that perfect example of sacrifice.

- Tom McGrath



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Is God present in your marriage? Bring Him in more fully by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are June 9-10, and September 15-16, in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

PASTOR AWAY: Fr. Mark will be making his annual canonical retreat this coming week. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the Xaverian Fathers at 508-429-2144. God bless you!

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, May 27, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS:
PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF THE COMPLETED FORMS 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.marysre1870@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 2018-2019: 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.

GR-7-COORDINATOR NEEDED: We need a Grade 7 volunteer **Assistant Coordinator** for our alternate Wednesday classes starting in the fall. Contact Fran Crespi at st.marysre1870@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.

CONFIRMATION II: Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, September 12, 2018, must make an appointment for an interview before June 15. Please complete the Confirmation Information Form and bring it with you for your interview. Signup sheets for interviews are posted on the R.E. Office door in the Lobby.

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 Mass time and Certificate Mass choice by contacting Kim at st.marysre1870@gmail.com or at 508-429-6076.

FORMED - PICK OF THE WEEK: Where Faith and Science Align. All too often, science is employed as a means of disproving the tenants of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ – expert in physics, philosophy, and theology – debunks the incompatibility of science and Faith as he discusses the origin of the universe. Listen on formed.org. *"After this, I simply cannot understand how anyone can argue that science and religion don't agree. A beautiful and intelligent talk. I recommend it to everyone."* - Paul J, Chula Vista, CA

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC): If you are 18 years of age or older and are volunteering for VBS or the mission trip to Texas this summer you must take a PGC workshop. There will be two workshops offered: Tuesday, June 5 from 6-8 PM and Saturday, June 16 from 9-11 AM. Contact Kim at 508-429-6076 to register.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Tuesday, June 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.



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.