



[Above: Detail from the center sanctuary window, St. Mary's, Holliston.]

Today is the Feast of "Corpus Christi," the Body of Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (art. 1324-1327), states that the Eucharist is "the source and summit" of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all Church ministries and work, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself, our Saviour. The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through Him to the Father in the Holy Spirit. Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

#### 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

# St. Mary's Parish

#### Our Mission:

*"To know Christ and to make Him known."*

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**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 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	#310	#547	#547
Offertory	-	-	-
Communion	#363	-	#353
Recessional	#581	#420	#420

**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.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

I Thomas Keefe & Margaret Murphy

**DONUTS, JUICE & COFFEE:** The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to Father Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass today, 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 the McDonald Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you would like to sponsor the Rose for Life please call 429-4427.

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 2</b>
5:00	Nicholas Rossini
7:30	Robert Murphy
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 3</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Stephen Warren
11:30	Marie Meehan, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 4</b>
9:00	Constantina DiCenso
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 5</b>
9:00	Michael Bowles, Jr.
11:00	Funeral – Mary Crotty
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 6</b>
9:00	Marion Kampersl
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 7</b>
9:00	Walter "D" Robbins
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 8</b>
9:00	Simone & Maria Ciavattone
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 9</b>
9:00	Alfred & Nancy Ranieri
5:00	Helen Fleming
7:30	Walter Mark
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 10</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Manuel Sanpaio
11:30	Pat McDonald



**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** Please note that during the summer months of June, July and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and 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.

**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 in the Parish Kitchen. Any questions please call Pat Strozzi at 508-654-2723. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

**THE PARISH OFFERTORY: FISCAL YEAR JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018**

*Please try to make up any missed weekly support of your parish for weekends you are away / travelling.*

**The financial health of St. Mary's depends on it.** Thank you for your faithful and generous stewardship!

Weekly offertory income needed for St. Mary's to cover its operating costs:	\$11,900.00
Last weekend's Mass collections:	\$ 7,754.00
Automatic Giving:	\$ 1,168.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 8,922.00
<b>Last weekend's budget shortfall:</b>	<b>- \$ 2,978.00</b>



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# COMMUNION PROCEDURES

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Today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the gift of Jesus being truly present in the bread and wine consecrated at Mass. They become His own Body and Blood, by which He feeds the soul and strengthens us for holiness of life. The primary way that we honor the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is by the way we live our lives all week long. The Eucharist we receive on Sunday should be apparent to all by the mercy, generosity, kindness and love it draws forth from us.

There are also forms of ritual, richly symbolic, by which we show our reverence for the Eucharist. Since most of us learned them way back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, the Feast of Corpus Christi is an appropriate time to review the basics, so that we may be as reverent and respectful of Jesus in the Eucharist as possible.

**The Eucharistic Fast:** In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, nothing but medicine or water is to be consumed for one full hour before receiving Communion. In this way we purify our bodies in preparation for receiving Jesus, the Living Bread come down from heaven. (Gum should never be chewed in church).

**The Liturgy of the Word:** If one is so late to Mass that they miss the Gospel reading (the last Scripture of the Liturgy of the Word), receiving Communion is not permitted. Neither does such a "partial" Mass complete one's Sunday Mass Obligation. Together the Liturgies of the Word and Eucharist compliment and complete one another. The Scriptures prepare our souls to receive the Living Bread come down from heaven— Jesus.

**Confession:** If serious sin has entered one's life, sacramental Confession is required before receiving Holy Communion again. Except in cases of illness or severe weather, this includes having freely chosen to miss a Sunday Mass or Holy Day of Obligation. Through Confession, we "clean out" the house of our soul, so that we are in a state of grace when Jesus comes "under our roof" in Holy Communion. In this way we not only show Jesus the respect He is due, but also derive the full benefit of the Eucharist we receive. We also experience an ongoing conversion of life, asking ourselves honestly each week where we stand in love of God and neighbor.

**Communion on the Tongue:** More parishioners have lately begun receiving on the tongue, which is fine. However, please remember to open your mouth wide and stick out your tongue after saying AMEN. It is Communion on the tongue - not Communion in the mouth. If you just crack your lips to receive, it is almost impossible to get the host into your mouth without touching your lips, which is unhygienic. So please, stick out your tongue at the person giving you Communion - they won't be offended! (:

*\* All persons with a child in their arms, or those using canes or walkers, should receive on the tongue both for their safety and that of the Body of Christ. Multiple elderly people have fallen at St. Mary's while taking their hands away from their cane / walker to receive. Infants and children have also been dropped when the parent carrying them tried to receive in the hands. In all three instances, the Body of Christ was also dropped.*

**Communion in the Hand:** Following the Second Vatican Council, Communion in the hand was allowed for the first time in many centuries. It is, however, only allowed to occur in one very specific form - left hand on top of right hand, both hands raised up high together. Church documents describe this as "making a throne for God." Not only is it a very reverential form, it also is the safest way to make sure the Body of Jesus is not dropped.

For the safety of Communicants and out of respect for the Body of Christ, the following forms of receiving Communion are never permitted:

- Reaching out fingers to *take* the host. (The Eucharist is a gift that must be received, not taken).
- One hand extended.
- Hands extended side by side.
- Hands encumbered by a purse or any other object.
- Hands covered by clothing (gloves, long sleeves, etc.). Only bare skin may receive the Host, lest particles of Jesus' Body get snagged or rubbed off instead of being consumed.

**After Receiving Communion:** This is a time for intense prayer, the closest we will come to God in this life before we meet Him face to face in the life to come. Except in cases of illness or other emergency, walking out the door right after receiving Holy Communion is considered a grave act of disrespect both to the Body of Christ and to the worshipping community. It also sets a terrible example for the children of our parish. Many of the great saints, especially St. Phillip Neri, have written about the spiritual peril of falling into this habit – heeding the call of the world and turning away from the call to prayer. Again, there are certainly times when illness, or the needs of a child, or some other serious situation, may necessitate an early departure from Mass. But to “freely choose” not to pray with Jesus here in God’s house, when we have just received Him in Holy Communion – that would be a very grave matter indeed.

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**STAFF FAREWELL:** As announced the weekend of April 15, our Youth Minister Matt Chick began a new full-time career on April 23. He is still doing a small, part time Confirmation ministry in another parish, but has switched his main job field to better serve the needs of his family.

St. Mary’s will honor Matt Chick **at the 11:30 AM Mass Next Sunday, June 10,** with refreshments to follow in Fr. Haley Hall. Matt is a man of tremendous faith and integrity, who started out at our parish as a single young man fourteen years ago, and who now goes forth as a loving husband and the father of two beautiful children. We wish him the very best as he makes this transition for his family, and we know that he will bring his love of the Lord with him to his new career.



**As Matt’s farewell draws near, we have received a number of inquiries as to what kind of gifts to get him. The simple answer is – a check. Matt’s career change has been largely driven by the Chick’s desire to move from apartment living into a house. They are trying to save for their first house, and any farewell gift you make to Matt toward that goal would be very much appreciated.**

Trust us when we say that Matt has enough religious books, crosses, rosaries, holy pictures, statues, etc. to last several lifetimes! In fact, he recently had to donate many to St. Mary’s and put many more into storage because of lack of room for all the religious items he already has.

So, a thoughtful card or note telling Matt what his ministry meant to you, accompanied by a monetary gift, would be the greatest blessing on his family at this time. A basket will be available in Fr. Haley Hall to receive these. Any cards / gifts mailed to St. Mary’s will be forwarded to Matt.

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**STAFF WELCOME:** This weekend St. Mary’s welcomes Seminarian Alwin Chinnappan, who is a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India. In September of 2017, Alwin began the first year of Theology studies at St. John’s Seminary, Boston.

By an arrangement between Cardinal O’Malley and Alwin’s Bishop – he will be assigned to our Archdiocese for 5-10 years after being ordained priest, before he returns to his home Diocese.

St. Mary’s will be Alwin’s first experience of a parish in the United States, and we know all will make him feel at home.  
Welcome Alwin!





**FIRST COMMUNIONS TODAY:** Appropriately on this Feast of Corpus Christi, three young parishioners will make their First Communions today at the 9:30 AM Mass. Congratulations to Henry Littlejohn, Charlotte Hudson and Jack Hudson as they now take their place at the Table of the Lord. Welcome!

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive."* - St. Ephraem

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** The May 25, edition of The Pilot, the Archdiocesan newspaper, contained an article about the recent (May 23) release of a statement by Cardinal Sean O'Malley and over 500 other Massachusetts faith and science leaders about climate change. The statement begins: "Climate change is an ecological and moral emergency that impacts all other aspects of our shared lives and requires us to work together to protect our common home." The full text of the Appeal for Climate Action can be found at <https://www.thebostonpilot.com/article.asp?ID=182406>.

**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)).

**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!

#### 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](mailto:3chordsandtruth@gmail.com). The next Car Wash is Saturday, June 9 at St. Mary's Parking Lot from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Thank you!

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** *"Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God."* Learn what graces God bestows on your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are September 15-16, in Medway, MA and December 7-9, in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

**FATIMA SHRINE YARD/CRAFT SALE/FLEA MARKET:** The Fatima Shrine will hold its annual Yard/Craft Sale & Flea Market on Saturday, June 9 (9 AM-2 PM), at the Shrine. Hand-crafted, reasonably priced one-of-a-kind "silk" floral Summer wreaths and centerpieces are featured this year. Food offerings include pizza, ice cream sundaes and a bake sale. Kids' games and crafts will delight the younger set! Yard Sale items include clothing, jewelry, CDs, DVDs, books, kitchen items, knick-knacks, dishes, glassware, religious items, Fall décor and more. Drop-off donations on June 7-8 from 10 AM to 5 PM in Xavier Hall. Vendors are welcome on Saturday for \$30 per 10'x10' space. Set-up time: 7:30 AM. More info? Call Sue at 508-533-7506 or Jessica at 774-217-9350.

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6:** Today, Sunday, June 3, the children will remain in the church with Fr. Mark and learn what Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel reading.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, JUNE 15.**

**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](mailto: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](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.

**TITHING YOUR TIME IN 2018-2019:** Please pray as to how you can help St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program become a vibrant and joyful for our teens and children. All our program depends on volunteers to help our families, children and youth to live out their faith actively. We are called by Christ to bring about His Kingdom and spread the Good News. Come and join the many volunteers who build up the community of faith by tithing your 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](mailto: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.*

**GRADE K-7 COORDINATOR MEETING:** On Monday, June 4, there will be a Coordinator Meeting at 7:30 PM in Room 3 – 4. The Master Calendar for 2018-2019 will be distributed and discussed for planning and developing lesson plans.

**CONFIRMATION II:** Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, September 22, 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. **BISHOPS LETTER:** Due on May 30. Please bring your letter to the R.E. office by **Tuesday, June 5.**

**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](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com) or at 508-429-6076.

**FORMED - PICK OF THE WEEK:** Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. It's about **Who** it is. Explore the mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist with this new original series by Augustine Institute Studios. World renowned presenters unveil the truth and beauty behind the "source and summit" of the Christian life, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. *"Presence left me speechless! I learned of truth and beauty I never knew before"* - Shel C, Los Angeles, 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.**