



# ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Congressional Prayer for the Fourth of July ~ "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12)

Eternal God, stir Thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Thy holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.



## 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!

**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  
 Mr. Alwin Chinnappan, Seminarian  
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7  
 Mr. Jake Thiringer, D.R.E., Grades 8-12  
 Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Parish Music Director  
 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	#311	#533	#533
Offertory	#495	-	-
Communion	#457	#456	#456
Recessional	#627	#627	#627

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

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Have faith that God can increase the blessings in 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/>.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by John and Judy Cruz. 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 30</b>
5:00	Vincent Mullen
7:30	Lucy Simonetti, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 1</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Rev. Edward J. Caron
11:30	Paul & Emma Jensen
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 2</b>
9:00	Rev. William Guerrette
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 3</b>
9:00	David Borrelli
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 4</b>
9:00	Our Nation
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 5</b>
9:00	Thomas Tierney
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 6</b>
9:00	Walter "D" Robbins
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 7</b>
9:00	Msgr. Michael Groden
5:00	Nicholas Rossini
7:30	Charles Maguire & Kenneth Pereira
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 8</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Linda Dracoules
11:30	Anne "Nanci" Gogouen



**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED FOR VACATION THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY:** Please note that due to a staff vacation the Rectory Office is closed beginning July 2. It will reopen Wednesday, July 11 from 9 AM – 3 PM.

**TRAVELING?** Check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America. God never takes a vacation from us; let us make time on vacation for God.

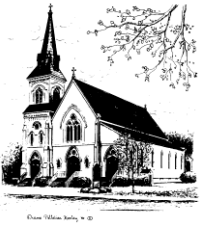
**3-MINUTE RETREAT:** You can get a "3-Minute Retreat" sent right to your email mailbox each day by visiting [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com). Three minutes a day can give you 24 hours of peace.

**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:	\$ 9,066.00
Automatic Giving:	\$ 1,510.50
Total Offertory:	\$10,576.50
<b>Last weekend's budget shortfall:</b>	<b>- \$ 1,323.50</b>





# Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

July 1, 2018

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

In recent days many have inquired as to the health status of our dear sister Melissa Bachman. Melissa's family posted an update on June 27 which may be accessed by this link: <https://bit.ly/2tMKvQX>. Please continue to pray for healing, strength, courage, hope, peace and faith for Melissa and all those who are ill.

Many thanks to Mrs. Kim Lisbon, retiring after six years as St. Mary's Religious Education Secretary. Very sadly for us, Kim's family schedule is no longer compatible with the coverage needs of the Religious Education Office. We are grateful for Kim's friendly presence in the office, her good work organizing our CORI process and updates, as well as for other efforts too numerous to name. Kim has written a farewell note on the Religious Education page of today's bulletin. May God bless her! (A temporary secretary, Maria Urbina, is in place until a permanent hire is made).

As we celebrate this week the birth of our nation, I invite us all to pray for our country's leaders. May God guide, inspire and empower them to serve His people well. Our nation was founded by men and women of faith fleeing other lands where they were forced to live in ways contrary to their moral convictions. For that reason, religious freedom is part of the very foundation of our United States, a precious right which every generation must cherish and protect.

Religious freedom is never about forcing people to live according to another's faith, but rather making sure that government never forces people of faith to compromise their beliefs in the way they live, work or worship. Many would like to see religion locked up in church on Sunday and kept as a strictly private matter, when in fact true faith becomes part of every aspect of one's life. It is the light which guides us, and the ruler against which we measure every choice that life presents. In the words of George Washington, *"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism who should labour to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest buttresses of the duties of Men and citizens."*

In recent days, the question of what Religious Freedom does and does not mean, has been very much part of the public debate. I therefore share as food for thought the following insights from PBS's "Rediscovering George Washington" Series.

"Given the importance of religion to Washington and the other Founders, it is difficult to understand the common view today that government should merely tolerate but never support or promote religion. Nothing could be further from the intentions of the Founders, as can be seen by simply looking at the First Amendment. The First Amendment states, *'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...'* In writing the First Amendment, the Founders had two concerns. The first was that in America there would be no established church like in 18<sup>th</sup> century Britain, France, and other European countries where one's political rights were protected only if one belonged to the official religion of the government. But the Founders never for a moment suggested that government ought not promote religion and morality generally.

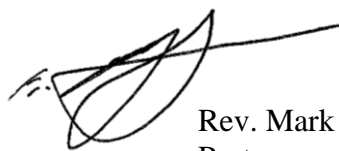
Many people today think the First Amendment is built upon the idea that there is or should be a *'wall of separation between church and state.'* That phrase is found not in the First Amendment, but in a letter Thomas Jefferson wrote while he was President of the United States to a group of Baptists (who were often persecuted in colonial times for their religious beliefs and practices). Jefferson wrote to assure them that their religious liberty would be protected.



When Jefferson wrote of the ‘wall of separation between church and state,’ he did not mean that religion must be kept entirely out of politics, or law. If he had meant that, he would have violated the ‘wall of separation’ at the very time he declared it. For, at the end of the letter to the Baptists, Jefferson, acting in his official capacity as President, concluded with a prayer: *‘I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of man.’*

For the Founders, government support of religion is not the same as an ‘establishment’ of religion. How could it be, when the Founders themselves believed our natural rights to be gifts of God? In September 1789, the House of Representatives authorized the first official Thanksgiving. The resolution they passed called for ‘a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God.’ Moreover, they passed this on the very same day they passed the First Amendment, which said ‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.’ Clearly those in the first Congress did not see any conflict between the First Amendment’s prohibition on an established religion, and government sanctioning an official day of thanksgiving to God.”

In Christ’s Peace,



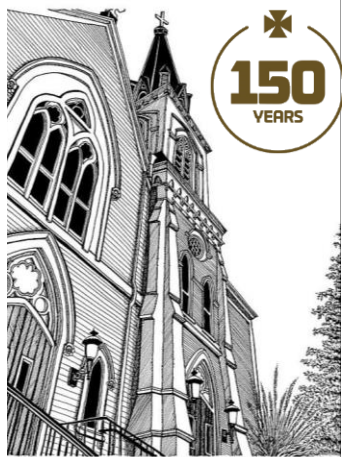
Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

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**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER & YOUTH CHOIR APPRECIATION TRIP TO 6 FLAGS NEW ENGLAND:** This year’s trip is **Tuesday, August 7**. Please watch your email and the Bulletin for upcoming information on the trip. St. Mary’s thanks you for your generous ministry!

**UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUMMER EVENTS:**

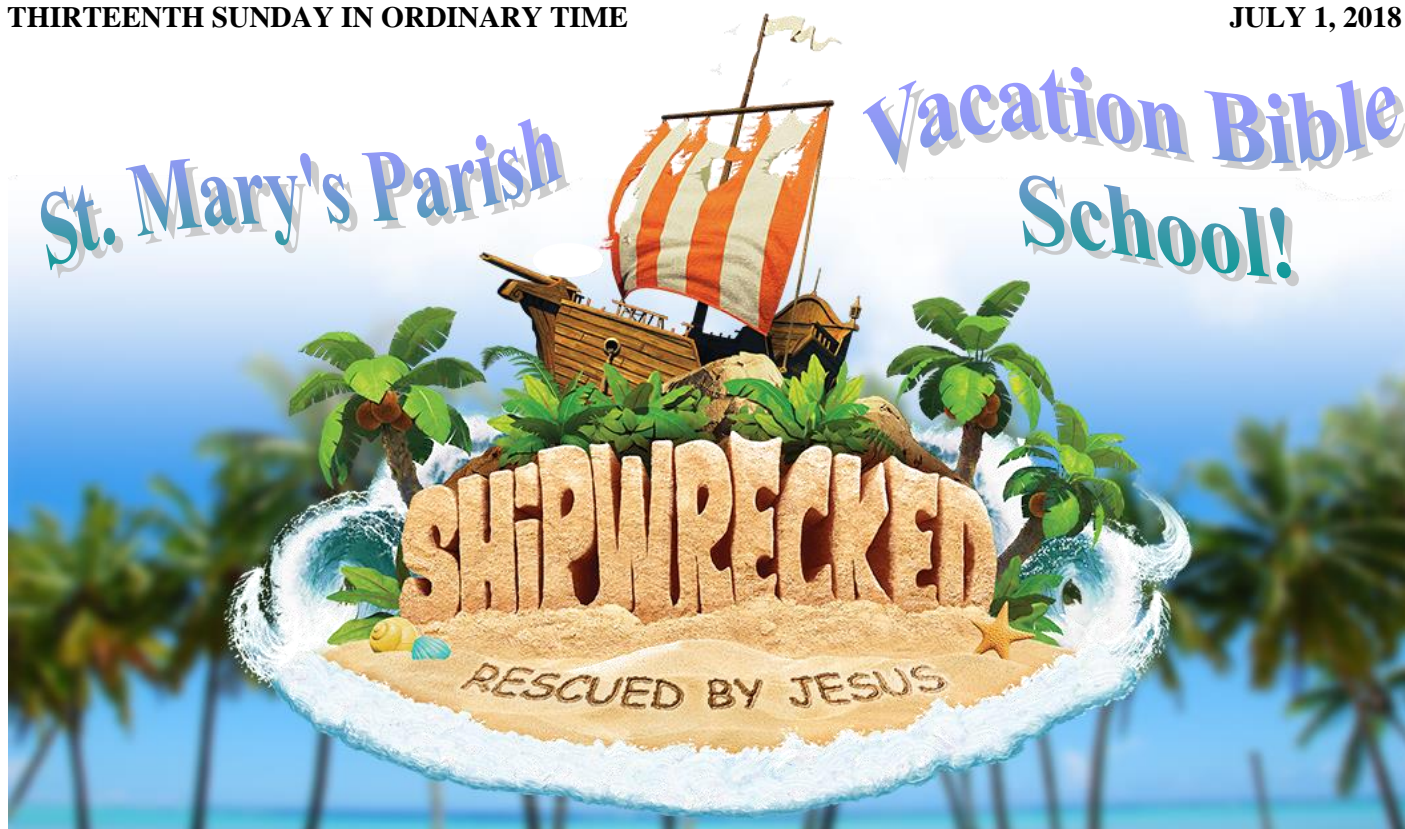
Brownstone Quarry Park, CT: Tuesday, July 31  
Deerfield Rafting: Friday, August 17



**ST. MARY’S 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY IS COMING! (1870 – 2020).** As early as 1836, there is evidence that Catholics lived and worked in Holliston. These people, along with coreligionists from Milford, Hopkinton, Medway, Ashland, Upton, Marlborough, Maynard, Westborough, Cordaville, and Saxonville were visited by Fr. Tilton of Boston and later by Fr. Boyce of Worcester. These priests would periodically celebrate Mass in one of the towns and take care of the spiritual needs of their scattered flock. In 1847, Fr. Boyce, along with a Fr. Gibson, instituted what is today St. Mary’s Parish in Milford. From this center, the priests would travel to the above named towns and say Mass regularly.

When and where the first Catholic Mass was held is conjectural. More than likely, Mass was celebrated in one of the homes of a leading citizen. For a number of years before St. Mary’s was formally established, however, Mass was celebrated in the old Town Hall. Local Catholics would assemble and Fr. Boyce or one of the other priests from Milford would hear confessions, baptize, and celebrate Mass. The Holliston community would be joined by people from as far away as Westborough, Bellingham, and Cordaville. Still other Catholics walked to Milford for Mass. Many people remember the walk to Mass, a distance of seven miles to St. Mary’s. It is remembered that on a Sunday morning as many as 75 to 80 people could be seen winding their way by the railroad track and road to worship. After its construction in 1851, the old St. Malachy (St. John’s) Church in Hopkinton, also attracted many Catholics from Holliston for their religious needs.

**1870:** In December 1870, Holliston was named a district parish. It included Medway and Bellingham. Fr. Richard Quinlan was appointed the founding pastor. Fr. Quinlan had a dream for Saint Mary’s church building: “...a simple church, extraordinary stain glass windows, and an organ second to none in the Archdiocese of Boston.” These dreams were realized over time. **Watch for more about this exciting Anniversary and the events being planned to celebrate it!**



## SAINT MARY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Get ready for St. Mary's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual VBS from July 23-July 27. **SHIPWRECKED ~ RESCUED BY JESUS!** Come ashore with Bible Discovery and anchor kids in Bible truths, join the Imagination Station and make a splash with hands on object lessons.

Come to the KidVid Cinema and launch engaging faith conversations. Join

ShipWreck games and plunge into oceans of fun: "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" will transform St. Mary's into a place buzzing with the excitement of faith. Visit Ocean Wave Sing and Play, explore true adventures from the Bible with hands on adventures in Bible Discovery, dive into experiments in Imagination Discovery. In Game Makers make a connection to each day's Bible point with challenging struggles by running, playing and laughing. Finally wrap up each day with a Fun Shop Finale. Remember God has BIG PLANS for all of Us! Registration has now begun.

**TO REGISTER:** Print registration forms provided at [stmarysholliston.com](http://stmarysholliston.com) under **parish forms**.

Many volunteers are needed! 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. If you can help in any way please contact: Patty Baribeau at: [pattybaribeau@gmail.com](mailto:pattybaribeau@gmail.com). Pics from last year's St. Mary's VBS below!





**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** Extend your mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need, whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?

*St. Vincent de Paul*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE PAST DUE!**

**IMPORTANT - FAMILY BASE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR GRADES 3 - 5:** Letters will be sent home to all families who have not scheduled an appointment for their child's assessment before June 28. Contact Fran at: [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com) to set up an appointment.

**PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1:** Please contact the R.E. office if you have a child entering these grades and wish to register your child for religious education. A registration form will be sent to you or you can go to: [www.stmarysholliston.com](http://www.stmarysholliston.com) under "Faith Education/Youth Religious Education/Registration." And download the form. Please note that children must complete Grade 1 before entering our Grade 2 Program.

**VOLUNTEERS ~ 2018-2019:** There are many ways to contribute to the parish community and **tithing your time** to assist in evangelizing our children and youth is such a rewarding and fulfilling ministry. Please pray as to how you can help St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program become more vibrant and joyful. Our program depends on **volunteers** to help the children and youth live out their faith actively. We are called by Christ to bring about His Kingdom on earth and spread the Good News.

**SEEKING A GR-3 COORDINATOR AND A GRADE 7 CO-COORDINATOR:** We need people to volunteer as a Grade 3 Coordinator and a Grade 7 Assistant Co-Coordinator. If you can help, please contact Fran Crespi at [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com) to find out what the duties of the coordinators entail. These positions need to be filled for the 2018-2019 school year.

*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.*

**SPEAILED NEEDS:** Meets in the Library on Tuesday, July 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

**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:** Witness the Mercy of a Young Martyr's Persevering faith, sacrificial love, and extraordinary mercy. This is the story of eleven year-old **Maria Goretti**, one of the Church's youngest martyrs and canonized saints. You're sure to be inspired by this young girl's unwavering commitment to Christ and her family's heroic faithfulness amidst tragedy. *"Perfect for families . . . Maria was such an amazing soul. We can all work hard to grow in the direction she was living."* — Kyla L.

**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. Please go to: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to find where the next scheduled workshops are offered.

**A FAREWELL MESSAGE TO ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY:** While I'm sad to be leaving St. Mary's, I'm excited about what new adventures the Lord has in store for the journey ahead. These past six years have flown by, and it has been a joy to get to know you and greet you in the Religious Education office. I'm taking with me so many warm memories and the joy that comes from serving our Lord together. St. Mary's is a special place and I'm sure great things are ahead.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my work has been the interaction with the kind and generous people I've come to love and respect. I'll continue to hold you in my heart and prayers. You may see me at St. Stephen in Framingham or St. Brendan in Bellingham where my music ministry continues.

In his book 'A Severe Mercy', Sheldon Vanauken tells the story of his last meeting with C. S. Lewis, who had become a friend. The two men ate lunch together, and when they had finished, Lewis said, *"At all events, we'll certainly meet again, here—or there."* Then he added: *"I shan't say goodbye. We'll meet again."* And with that, they shook hands and parted ways. From across the street, above the din of traffic, Lewis shouted, *"Besides, Christians never say goodbye!"*

We are always united in Christ. May He continue to bless you and make His face shine on you. *Kim Lisbon*