

## Solemnity of the Assumption

A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6:30 PM

Feast Day Mass, Wednesday, Aug. 15, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM



# 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  
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 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon  
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon  
 Mr. Alwin Chinnappan, Seminarian  
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 Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Parish Music Director  
 Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music  
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary  
 Miss Maria Urbina, 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	#302	#474	#474
Offertory	#484	-	-
Communion	#337	#327	#327
Recessional	#581	#39	#39

**ADDICTION RECOVERY MASS:** St. Mary's will host a Mass for Addiction Recovery on September 27 at 7 PM to support those impacted by the disease of addiction. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Hoar, President of the Recovery Residences at Enders Island. Fr. Tom will be available for questions afterward, along with Tom Bennett, the coordinator for higher education recovery at Acadia Healthcare. All are welcome.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Ray and Carole Moloney. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you would like to sponsor the Rose for Life please call 429-4427.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Put God 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 information, call (800) 710-9963 or visit <https://www.mema.org/>.

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$ 8,809.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 4,357.50  
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,166.50

St. Mary's thanks all those who support their parish so faithfully each week. *"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* MT 6:21

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday** **August 11**  
 5:00 Gabriel Parmese, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anv.  
 7:30 Maryann DiAngelo  
**Sunday** **August 12**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 James Farrell, 1<sup>st</sup> Anv.  
 11:30 Pat McDonald  
**Monday** **August 13**  
 9:00 John Johnson, 37<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
**Tuesday** **August 14**  
 9:00 Santa Patti, 33<sup>rd</sup> Anv.  
**6:30** **Assumption of Mary~VIGIL**  
**Wednesday** **August 15**  
**9:00** **Assumption of Mary**  
**7:00** **Assumption of Mary**



**SAINTLY WISDOM:** *"And with regard to ourselves, how deservedly do we keep the Feast of the Assumption with all solemnity. What reasons for rejoicing, what motives for exultation have we on this most beautiful day! The presence of Mary illumines the entire world so that even the holy city above has now a more dazzling splendor from the light of this virginal Lamp. With good reason thanksgiving and the voice of praise resound today throughout the courts of Heaven...let us not complain for here we do not have a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come, the same which the blessed Mary entered today."*

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**Thursday** **August 16**  
 9:00 Pat McDonald  
**Friday** **August 17**  
 9:00 Paul T. Shea  
**Saturday** **August 18**  
 9:00 Helena Richardi, 8<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
 5:00 Terrisita De Guzman, 6<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
 7:30 Larry Canavan  
**Sunday** **August 19**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso  
 11:30 William & Margaret Walsh

**FATIMA DAY AT THE SHRINE:** Come join us tomorrow, Monday, August 13 "Honoring Mary through the Cultures and Continents of our World." The evening begins with Songs and Praise at 6:30 PM, Mass at 7:00 PM followed by the Candlelight Rosary outdoors concluding with fellowship. This month's celebration will be focusing on Mary's apparition to Sr. Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa in the remote area of Yuzawadai, an outskirt of Akita, Japan.





## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family ~ Next Sunday afternoon, I will be departing for a week's vacation in Quebec. But today's scriptures make me think back to the summer of 2011, when my vacation was a hiking and camping trip to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. As I look back on this adventure, there were parts that strike me as truly "Eucharistic." First of course was the thrill of celebrating Mass at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. On Sunday night we also saw droves of vacationing Catholics attending Mass at the top of the Grand Canyon at the "Shrine of the Ages" Chapel. It was so great to see parents teaching their children that even while on vacation we never take a vacation from God.

I also found to be Eucharistic the friendliness of our fellow hikers and campers at the Canyon Bottom. I met a honeymooning couple from Switzerland, grandparents from Ohio, a young woman visiting from China, and also a large contingent from Boy Scout Troop 385 based out of Saint Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton, Michigan. I was able to tell the Scout Leaders all about our own Troop 14 here at St. Mary's Holliston, and heard about their parish as well. Nearly everyone at the Canyon bottom seemed interested in introducing themselves and getting to know one another. The reason I think, is that we were all in the midst of a shared experience – a great adventure that made us feel connected in some way. It occurs to me that for Catholics, the experience of Sunday Mass does the same thing. It brings us together. It breaks down barriers. It allows us to follow Christ not as isolated individuals, but as companions on the journey.

The other thing which seemed Eucharistic to me, were the ubiquitous signs warning hikers to eat and drink twice as much as usual in order to maintain health. To the delight of dieters the signs also encouraged you to eat lots of carbs and salty foods for this purpose! The signs made me think of today's first Mass reading about Elijah in 1 Kings Chapter 5:

*Elijah was afraid and fled for his life, going to Beer-sheba of Judah. He left his servant there and went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it ... He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. He looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.*

The Grand Canyon signs were doing for us hikers what the angel did for Elijah, warning us to eat and drink lest the journey be too much for us. And of course Christ gave us the same message, offering Himself as the very Bread of Life so that we will have the spiritual strength to live holy lives and face whatever trials may come. The Grand Canyon signs also specifically warned us that it was important to eat and drink whether we felt hungry and thirsty or not. In the same way, we may not always be aware of our soul's hungering for the Holy Eucharist, but the need is still there and the risk of spiritual starvation is very real. When Jesus gives us His Body and Blood each Sunday in Holy Communion, it's because He knows what we need to stay healthy and alive in His love. The Grand Canyon hiker who eats and drinks whether he feels like it or not, is likelier to remain healthy and have a successful trip. And the Catholic who is faithful to the Sunday Eucharist whether he always feels like it or not, will find his path clearer, his burdens lighter, and His soul full of the grace of God.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



**Assumption**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN ~ A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, August 14 ~ Assumption Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, August 15 ~ Assumption Feast Day Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM**

This great feast commemorates the passing of Mary, body and soul, into the presence of God in heaven upon the completion of her earthly life. Death is the fruit of sin, and since Mary was sinless death had no hold over her. By her Assumption into heaven, Mary allows us a glimpse of the blessed fate awaiting all those redeemed by her Son, Jesus. Where she has gone, we hope one day to follow!

**VISITING PRIEST AT ALL MASSES TODAY:** Joining us this weekend is Father Joseph Gosselin, M.S., a La Salette Missionary. He will be preaching at all Masses on behalf of UNBOUND, a Catholic organization that offers sponsorship of a specific child or elderly person in a part of the world with limited opportunities. Unbound is an international nonprofit founded by lay Catholics grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. They build relationships of mutual respect and support that bridge cultural, religious and economic divides. Working side by side with people of diverse faith traditions in 18 countries, UNBOUND brings people together to challenge poverty in new and innovative ways. They inspire confidence and offer opportunity and encouragement to children and families living on the margins of society. They create practical and trustworthy means for people to help others and nurture human connections that uplift us all. There will be no collection taken up for UNBOUND, just a chance to learn about their ministry and if you like, to look over folders about individuals in need of a sponsor. Learn more at <https://www.unbound.org/>.



### **ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**This Friday, August 17** – Whitewater Rafting, Deerfield River, MA. Depart Parish Center at 6 AM, return 7:30 – 8 PM. Carefully follow the “to bring list” you were emailed this past week.

**Sunday, September 30** – Giant MSYG Kick Off Event, 6:30 – 8 PM, open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. Sign-ups for the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Haunted Mansion Trip and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Haunted Hayride Trip. Join us for our 12<sup>th</sup> year of Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun!

**SAFE RETURN FROM TEXAS MISSION TRIP!** From July 28 – August 4 a group of almost 80 combined teens and chaperones from St. Mary's served on a mission trip to Rockport, Texas rebuilding damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. They worked unbelievably hard doing many projects including painting houses, throwing out debris, sheetrocking a church, and building a wheelchair ramp. The work ethic, morale, and community was strong despite the 95 degree heat. The mission team was amazed at the humility and gratitude expressed by those they served and, loved bringing hope to those affected by the storm. In addition to their hard work the group also had time for prayer, confession, daily mass, games, dancing, singing and much more. Everyone on the mission in some way experienced God's joy and love and was able to share it with those they served! Thank you to everyone who supported and prayed for the Mission Trip! - Jake Thiringer

*(Mission Group Photo Below)*



**CATHOLIC BASICS:** A gentle but necessary reminder that the priest should always be the last one to enter the church for Mass and the first to exit it at the end of Mass. In particular, please remember that together the Liturgies of the Word and Eucharist form a single prayer and act of Worship which is the Mass. The Scriptures prepare our souls to receive the Living Bread come down from heaven – Jesus. If one is so late to Mass that they miss the Scripture readings, in particular the Gospel reading (the last Scripture of the Liturgy of the Word), then one should refrain from receiving Holy Communion. Neither does such a “partial” Mass complete one’s Sunday Mass Obligation. In other words, if one misses all the scriptures, then one has not actually participated in the Mass (whether weekday or Sunday). Holy Communion is not a “pop in” or “drive through” experience. It is the culmination of the great gift of Worship which is the Mass, Liturgies of the Word and Eucharist together. Let us respect the gift of the Mass that Jesus has given, and the form in which He taught us to celebrate it.





## WHO WE ARE

Unbound is an international nonprofit founded by lay Catholics grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. We build relationships of mutual respect and support that bridge cultural, religious and economic divides. We invite all people of goodwill to join us.

## WHAT WE DO

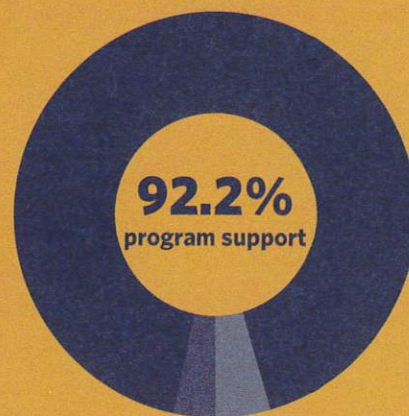
We work with each family to determine what they need most. Mothers are empowered to form support networks to provide encouragement, build friendships and help each other.

With our highly personalized program, sponsored friends and their families are able to utilize their unique skills and talents to build paths out of poverty. Through Unbound sponsorship, you can make a life-changing investment in human potential and help create a more just and equitable world.

Your monthly contribution provides access to education, food, health care, emotional and spiritual support as well as endless opportunities for a person to succeed.

***"To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us." — Pope Francis***

## SPONSOR WITH CONFIDENCE



3.4% administration 4.4% fundraising

## HIGHLY RATED STEWARDSHIP

Unbound is highly rated by independent charity evaluators. We receive 4 stars from Charity Navigator, an A+ from CharityWatch and we meet the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's 20 standards for charity accountability. Visit [unbound.org/financials](http://unbound.org/financials) for more information.

## WHERE WE WORK

Bolivia	El Salvador	Nicaragua
Chile	Guatemala	Peru
Colombia	Honduras	Philippines
Costa Rica	India	Tanzania
Dominican Republic	Kenya	Uganda
Ecuador	Madagascar	Venezuela
	Mexico	

**SPONSOR ONLINE at [unbound.org](http://unbound.org) or call (800) 875-6564**

### AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL

I hereby authorize a direct debit from my checking account each month for payment to Unbound. (Please attach voided check.)

Routing # \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

You may cancel this agreement anytime by contacting Unbound at (800) 875-6564 or 1 Elmwood Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66103. Please allow 2 business days to cancel.

### CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Unbound to charge my credit card in the amount of:

☐ \$36 Monthly ☐ \$108 Quarterly ☐ \$216 Semi-annually ☐ \$432 Annually

Choose credit card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ Visa ☐ Amex

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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Cardholder name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

So that we may process and provide a receipt for your contribution, please complete the contact information section on the front of this form.

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Unbound is listed in the  
Official Catholic Directory.



## CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD

Through sponsorship, children receive personalized benefits addressing their most basic needs. Your sponsorship helps families put food on the table, send their kids to school and have a decent place to live.

## ENCOURAGE A YOUTH

Sponsorship helps students stay in school so they can achieve their dreams and help their families.

Through sponsorship, you can discover a life-changing friendship through prayer, letters and photos. Partner with a family on their journey to break free from poverty.

## BEFRIEND AN ELDER

Being sponsored gives elders access to medical care, nutritious food and recreational activities. Unbound is the only major U.S.-based sponsorship organization to sponsor elders.

## SPONSOR TODAY

"I have never participated in a program such as this before, but I have to admit my heart and eyes have opened."  
— Jill, right, with her sponsored friend Christopher.

## I WANT TO SPONSOR:

- ☐ Any child   ☐ Girl   ☐ Boy   ☐ Youth   ☐ Elder  
☐ I would like to contribute through my bank account or credit card (see reverse).  
☐ Enclosed is my first monthly contribution of \$36.  
(Please do not send cash. Make checks payable to Unbound.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL TO:

Unbound  
P.O. Box 219114  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9114

You can also sponsor  
online at **unbound.org**  
or call (800) 875-6564.







# RCIA

## Rite of

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## Initiation of

## Adults

**RCIA:** The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, is for anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith. This includes Christians of other faiths, non-Baptized persons, persons Baptized Catholic but who never received their First Communion, Confirmation or both. The first part of RCIA is called "Inquiry," an opportunity to learn about the faith and ask questions in an informal and supportive setting. At a certain point, individuals then decide if they wish to continue RCIA in preparation for receiving their Sacraments of Initiation at the great Easter Vigil. RCIA meets roughly twice a month with the schedule tailored to the needs of each year's candidate group. Catholic spouses or fiancés are more than welcome to attend, often coming as a couple. Those over eighteen years old who might be interested in RCIA Inquiry, should call 508-429-4427. Those under eighteen should call Fran at 508-429-6076. Do you have a friend or family member who might be interested in the faith? This is the time to invite and welcome them to RCIA!

**HOLLISTON SENIOR CENTER:** Many of you know that summer at the Senior Center also means getting ready for our annual Fall Fair and Yard Sale on September 8. This is the main fundraiser of our friends group, the Senior Support Foundation (SSF). One hundred percent of those funds are used to support Senior Center programs and the seniors of Holliston. If you attend any program at the Center, you have likely benefitted from their financial support. Our Fall Fair Committee can use your help. They work all summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays getting ready for the Fair. If you have some free time this summer, your help would be greatly appreciated. We are collecting items for their annual yard sale at the Center beginning August 1. Donations of gently used items (house wares, tools, holiday items, jewelry, children's toys, etc.). No sporting equipment, electronics or upholstered furniture, please. Collection hours are every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Donations may be dropped off by the garage. If interested in helping, contact Linda Sottile or myself at 429-0622 and we will connect you with our wonderful Fall Fair Committee.



**FALL ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism* (Part One) by Sonja Corbit. Have you ever been unable to explain the "why" of Catholic beliefs? Have you ever wondered why the Old Testament sounds so different from the New Testament? In the Old Testament, God began building a plan and laying a foundation for the beautiful traditions of the Catholic

Faith. That plan was fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament. *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism* is an apologetic approach to sharing the Catholic Faith using the Old Testament Tabernacle as a blueprint for God's plan. While it is designed as a faithsharing Scripture study, you will also gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. *Fulfilled* will reignite your love of Scripture and help you share and defend the Catholic Faith with the Word of God. Part One focuses on the elements found in the outer sanctuary of the Tabernacle and how they connect to the liturgical calendar, the priesthood, purgatory, baptism, and more. The Program begins on Monday, September 24 from 7-8:30 PM. If you are interested please call Earl King at 361-8655. Cost will be: \$15.00; meetings in the Parish Library. The following are the dates and topics: September 24: Introduction October 29: Sacrificial Love October 1: A Home for God November 5: Perfected by His Presence October 15: Keeping Time with God November 12: Immersed in His Grace October 22: Kingdom of Priests.

**R.E. REGISTRATION FAMILY NOTICE:** This is now the month of August and if you have not registered your children for classes you will find yourself swamped with paperwork and fees for sports and after school activities all at once. Public school begins on August 28 and our Religious Education Office needs your help in responding to this notice. *Thank you for your help!*

**PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1:** If you want your child to participate in these grades, call the R.E. Office (508-429-6076). **Children must complete Grade 1 before entering our Grade 2 Program.** Registrations forms are on the parish website at [www.stmarysholliston.com](http://www.stmarysholliston.com) under "Parish Forms."



Contact: 508-429-6076 or [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com) if you can volunteer to teach a class or be a monitor in the lobby during a class session. See our needs below.

#### CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16.

**A = Alternate Weeks M = Monthly W = Weekly**

GRADES	DAY AND TIME	TEACHER NEEDS	MONITOR NEEDS
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
Kind.	9:15-10:30 AM	5Teens <b>M</b>	<b>1</b>
GR-1A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	4 Teams <b>A</b>	Filled
GR-2A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	1 Team <b>A</b>	<b>1</b>
GR-2A	10:45 AM to Noon	2 Teams <b>A</b>	<b>1</b>
GR-3A	7:55 & 10:45 AM	2 & 2 <b>A</b>	<b>1</b>
GR-4 + 5	10:45AM-12:15 PM	3 & 3 <b>A</b>	Filled
GR-6A	5:00 to 6:00 PM	3 <b>W</b>	<b>1</b>
GR-7A	5:30 to 7:30 PM	4 <b>A</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>			
GR-3+5B	3:00 to 4:30 PM	2 & 2 <b>A</b>	<b>1</b>
GR-4B	3:00 to 4:30 PM	2 <b>A</b>	<b>1</b>
GR-6B	6:00 to 7:00 PM	3 <b>W</b>	Filled
GR-8B	6:00 to 7:30 PM	3 <b>A</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
GR-4B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 <b>A</b>	Filled
GR-5C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 <b>A</b>	Filled
GR-6C	4:30 to 5:30 PM	2 <b>W</b>	Filled
GR-9C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	Filled <b>A</b>	<b>1</b>
GR-10C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 <b>A</b>	Filled
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
GR-2D	4:15 to 5:30 PM	2 Teams <b>A</b>	Filled
GR-7D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	1 <b>A</b>	Filled
GR-8D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 <b>A</b>	Filled
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
GR-9E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 <b>A</b>	Filled
GR-10E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 <b>A</b>	Filled

#### PRE-K – GRADE 7 COORDINATOR MEETING:

A meeting will be held on Thursday, August 30 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in RM 3 – 4 for Pre-K – GR-7 Coordinators. This is an important meeting.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** There is a great need for **three Grade 8 teachers** on alternate Mondays and **four teachers** on alternate Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 PM. Grade 9 needs **four teachers** on alternate Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and Grade 10 is in need for **four teachers** each on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 PM. Contact: [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com) for a volunteer form.

**DISCIPLES IN MISSION:** Evangelization and catechesis are among the principal means by which the Church hands on the faith. Christ commissioned His apostles to go "into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." Thus the Church exists in order to evangelize (National Directory of Catechesis). Prayerfully consider offering your time to teach or monitor a session this year. Stop by the office and fill out a volunteer form. Teacher training will be provided in September.

#### SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS ED:

Does your child have unique learning needs? If you have a child that would benefit with the help of a special needs teacher please contact Fran Crespi at 508-429-6076 or by email at [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com). We can prepare your child to receive First Penance and First Holy Communion no matter the age of your child. It is important that all children come to know God's love for them so that they will see the face of God through Jesus.

**MONITORS NEEDED:** Monitors are vital to the success of the Religious Education Program and for the safety of all the children and youth who attend classes at St. Mary's. The tasks are simple and involve collecting attendance, recording absences, calling families, assisting with mailings, and checking classroom activities to ensure that classes are running smoothly. Please see our Monitor needs in the chart to the left. If you can commit once or twice a month contact us at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com).



#### THE THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM.

Come learn about the Catholic Faith and become a disciple for Christ. Meets one Saturday a month plus starting on September 22. Classes run from September through April, 2019 and are held at the Pastoral Center located at 66 Brooks Drive in Braintree. Go to [www.sjs.edu](http://www.sjs.edu) or [certificate@sjs.edu](mailto:certificate@sjs.edu) or call 617-779-3623 to speak with Denise Daly to register. The cost for the Certificate Program is \$450.00.

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS:** Tuesday, August 21 at 7:45 PM in the Library.