

*Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." JN 6:53-54*



# 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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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

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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.



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August 19, 2018  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*"The days are evil,"* says today's Ephesians reading. And certainly recent days have felt evil as the Church's past failures in the area of child safety have once more been prominent in the media. The shameful Cardinal McCarrick case and Pennsylvania revelations have caused me to think more and more of Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple. Jesus reacted to the intrusion of commercialism into the sacred precincts of His Father's House. But here in Boston and it seems elsewhere, a far more terrible evil had entered in – the crime and sin of sexual abuse. The righteous anger displayed by Jesus in the Temple, is rightly mirrored by all who learned of the Church's past failures to protect children. The cleansing of our own temple has been painful. It has involved public humiliation, legal action, settlements, prayers, counseling, apologies, and the very necessary steps to make certain that such an evil can never enter in here again.

Paramount is the need to offer compassion, care and justice to past victims, while making sure that there are no new ones. This commitment is evident in many ways. For instance, all religious education classes are now in public buildings where they can be monitored. Criminal background checks and child safety training are now required for everyone who has the potential to interact with minors in a church setting. Children themselves are taught about what kind of interaction is and is not appropriate, and the importance of speaking up if God forbid anything untoward ever happens. As shown by the "Me Too" movement, the problem of sexual abuse in our nation is rampant. Here in the U.S., 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys is sexually abused by the age of 18 - 85% of them by a family member. As painful as it is, we must be glad that a light is being shown on this terrible evil, so that young people may grow up with the innocence and health that God intends.

It is important to remember that the reason we call this a sex abuse "scandal," is that it violated all that we as Catholics believe. The Gospel teaching on sexual morality is crystal clear – one adult man and one adult woman within the Covenant of Marriage. The teaching was not wrong, rather individuals did not live it out with integrity. We are all now familiar with the resulting horrors. During the Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate, the candidate is presented with a Book of the Gospels by the bishop, who says, *"Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."* This call to integrity of life is one shared by all who are Baptized into Christ, and the purification of lives and institutions where integrity has faltered must be our goal.

I, like most Catholics, grew up knowing priests who were holy and good men. When I was ordained 24 years ago, I had never heard of any priest committing crimes such as those under discussion. For that reason, I have a special respect for the young men who answer God's call to serve as priests today. Their eyes are wide open, and they know going in that their whole priesthood will be a struggle to restore trust and root out evil from God's House the Church. You will have heard that two former students have accused St. John's Seminary here in Boston of a culture of tolerating alcoholism and harassment. These are serious allegations, as demonstrated by the Cardinal's removal of the seminary leadership while matters are independently investigated. Here at St. Mary's we have been blessed with many fine seminarians over the years, most recently Americo Santos and Alwin Chinappan. Please pray for all our good seminarians, who so generously are accepting God's call to be Christ to His people.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

**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  
 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	-	#423	#423
Offertory	-	-	-
Communion	-	#600	#600
Recessional	-	#588	#588

**VISITING PRIEST NEXT WEEKEND:** “As part of the annual Missionary Co-Operative Program Fr. Pat Byrne, SVD (Society of the Divine Word), will speak all Masses next weekend August 25 and 26 about The Society for Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Fr. Byrne will share stories of his experiences in the missions, and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from ours. The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting lay people, priests, and religious in their evangelizing mission work. May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and people they serve in the missions.”

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

Propagation of the Faith, annual Missions Appeal, see text above.

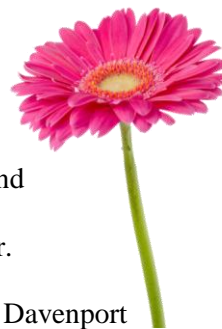
**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$ 11,366.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 1,585.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 12,951.00

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:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 18</b>
5:00	Terrisita De Guzman, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Larry Canavan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 19</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Joseph McDermott
11:30	William & Margaret Walsh
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
9:00	Funeral ~ Philip Minervino
11:00	Funeral ~ David Moore
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 21</b>
9:00	Erling Brown
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 22</b>
9:00	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 23</b>
9:00	Eugenie Raymond
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 24</b>
9:00	Larry Marsell, Jr.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 25</b>
9:00	Gerard & Helen Davenport
5:00	Ronaldo De Guzman, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Nicholas Rossini
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 26</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Walter J. Ciampa, Sr.
11:30	Barbara James



**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Mike and Kim Perkins in loving memory of Barbara James. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you would like to sponsor the Rose for Life please call 429-4427.

**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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Put Christ's love into your relationship 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://wwmema.org/>.

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. MARY'S,**

*Recently I have had the privilege, August 11 and 12, of making presentations on the UNBOUND sponsorship program. This was due to the kindness of your pastor, Fr. Mark Coiro. You will be happy to know that some 28 of you stepped forward to sponsor one or another child or elderly person. This is a remarkable number given the fact that so many of you are already sponsors along with Fr. Mark who has been sponsoring for some 22 years. You are all to be commended on your missionary spirit. Your recent missionary trip to Rockport, TX attests eloquently to that desire to reach out to the margins as Pope Francis constantly exhorts us to do. May every blessing be yours.*

*Sincerely,  
Fr. Joe Gosselin, M.S.*



**TIMMY CAKE FUNDRAISER:** Representatives of The Timothy O'Connell Foundation will be selling Tim's favorite chocolate cake after each Mass on September 8 and 9. Donation is \$60. All proceeds from the sales of these cakes will go to the Foundation's charitable mission, including its Scholarship Fund. The Timothy O'Connell Foundation is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, established in honor and loving memory of Timothy O'Connell, a St. Mary's parishioner. Since its inception in 2008, the Foundation has granted nearly \$600,000 in gifts to worthy cancer-related causes, and has awarded more than \$72,000 in scholarships to Holliston students pursuing health-related fields of study. Learn more about the Foundation's other gifting programs and goals at [www.timsteam.org](http://www.timsteam.org). Any questions please email [joanneoconnell@comcast.net](mailto:joanneoconnell@comcast.net). Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE ~ ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF! 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. Enjoy a Giant Slideshow of all this past summer's MSYG events, and join us for our 12<sup>th</sup> year of Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun!

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:**

*"We must practice modesty, not only in our looks, but also in our whole deportment, and particularly in our dress, our walk, our conversation, and all similar actions." - Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

*"Chastity, or cleanness of heart, holds a glorious and distinguished place among the virtues, because she, alone, enables man to see God; hence Truth itself said, 'Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.'" - Saint Augustine*

## LITURGICAL REMINDERS ...

**ALLELUIA CONFUSION:** At a few Masses recently, there has been confusion about when to stand at the Gospel Acclamation. The moment to stand is when the word "alleluia" is actually sung – not when instrumental music for the alleluia begins. The word "alleluia" is the Resurrection shout and song, and so appropriately we "rise" when we hear this word, and then remaining standing in respect of the Gospel Reading which follows it.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNION 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.



**Statement of Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap**  
**Archbishop of Boston**  
**BostonCatholic.org**

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**



"There are times when words fail us - when they do not capture the depth of overwhelming situations we sometimes face in life. For the Church in the United States this is one of those times.

The Pennsylvania Grand Jury's report and the first-hand expressions of horror and devastating pain experienced by survivors once again wrench our hearts with the unimaginable that tragically is all too real for those who carry this pain. Once again we hear each excruciating word they share. We remain shamed by these egregious failures to protect children and those who are vulnerable and affirm our commitment that these failures will never be repeated.

While many perpetrators have been held accountable in one way or another for their crimes, we have yet to establish clear and transparent systems of accountability and consequence for Church leadership whose failures have allowed these crimes to occur. The Church must embrace spiritual conversion and demand legal transparency and pastoral accountability for all who carry out its mission. This transformation is not easily achieved, but in all aspects it is imperative. The way we prepare priests, the way we exercise pastoral leadership and the way we cooperate with civil authorities; all these have to be consistently better than has been the case.

As I have stated previously, there are immediate actions that we can and must take. The clock is ticking for all of us in Church leadership, Catholics have lost patience with us and civil society has lost confidence in us. But I am not without hope and do not succumb to despondent acceptance that our failures cannot be corrected. As the Church we have the responsibility to help people not to lose hope, that was Jesus' message to all those he ministered to, especially in times of great trial. There is too much good in the Church and in our faith to lose hope. Often it is survivors who courageously teach us we cannot lose hope.

Although "zero tolerance" of sexual abuse has been declared and pursued and programs of advocacy and protection of children have been adopted in dioceses throughout country, the memory, the record, the burden carried by survivors and every other fact of sexual abuse stay with the Church. We can never become complacent, this is a life-long ongoing work that demands the highest levels of our constant awareness and attention.

The crisis we face is the product of clerical sins and clerical failures. As a Church, the conversion, transparency and accountability we need is only possible with the significant involvement and leadership of lay men and women in our Church, individuals who can bring their competence, experience and skills to the task we face. We need the help of the laity to address this scourge on our people and Church. If the Church proceeds with deep recognition of these realities the future can hold the opportunity to earn back trust, confidence and support from the community of Catholics and our society. We must proceed quickly and with purpose; there is no time to waste."

#### **Archdiocese of Boston Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection**

To survivors in the Archdiocese of Boston who struggle to process their pain and whose wounds are opened especially wide with the reports from Pennsylvania, please know that Vivian Soper, Director of the Archdiocese's Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection and her colleagues stand ready to provide assistance. We encourage you to contact Vivian at 617-746-5985. To the survivors and their loved ones, we must again apologize and ask forgiveness. While much has been accomplished in the protection of children with the participation of the laity, there remains much more to be done. We are committed to the fulfillment of this responsibility as a continuing priority for the work of the Church.

**R.E. REGISTRATION FAMILY NOTICE:** This is now the month of August and all registrations for classes were due on June 15. Please register your children now, otherwise you will find yourselves swamped with paperwork and fees for sports and after school activities all at once. Public school begins on August 28 and our R. E. 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 M	1
GR-1A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	4 Teams A	Filled
GR-2A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	1 Team A	1
GR-2A	10:45 AM to Noon	2 Teams A	1
GR-3A	7:55 & 10:45 AM	1 & 1 A	1
GR-4 + 5	10:45AM-12:15 PM	2 & 1 A	Filled
GR-6A	5:00 to 6:00 PM	3 W	1
GR-7A	5:30 to 7:30 PM	4 A	1
<b>MONDAY</b>			
GR-3+5B	3:00 to 4:30 PM	2 & 2 A	1
GR-4B	3:00 to 4:30 PM	2 A	1
GR-6B	6:00 to 7:00 PM	3 W	Filled
GR-8B	6:00 to 7:30 PM	3 A	1
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
GR-4B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 A	Filled
GR-5C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 A	Filled
GR-6C	4:30 to 5:30 PM	1 W	Filled
GR-9C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	Filled A	1
GR-10C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	3 A	Filled
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
GR-2D	4:15 to 5:30 PM	1 Team A	Filled
GR-7D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	1 A	Filled
GR-8D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 A	Filled
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
GR-9E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 A	Filled
GR-10E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	3 A	Filled

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

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

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** There is a need for **three Grade 8 teachers** on alternate Mondays and **four** 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 needs **four teachers** each on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 830 PM. Contact us at: [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com) if you can help.

**TOP REASONS PEOPLE HESITATE TO TEACH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

1. I don't know if I can handle a class of children.
2. I have never taught a class before.
3. I don't know if I have the time.
4. I do not have any formal training to teach.
5. I am not sure just what the Church teaches.
6. I don't know if I can answer questions the children and youth will ask in class.

**TOP REASONS TO TEACH AS A CATECHIST:**

1. You will be helping to fulfill the kingdom of God on earth by sharing the Gospel with the children.
2. You will help the children grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. You will help to create new disciples who will better understand and live Jesus' moral teachings.
4. You will experience satisfaction and inner peace knowing that you are bringing the truth and the life of Christ into the hearts, minds and souls of our children and youth.
5. You will receive training and support from our Grade level Coordinators and be provided with a teacher manual and curriculum guide.
6. God will bless you for doing His mighty work!

**MONITORS NEEDED:** 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. 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.**

Learn about our 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 is \$450.00.

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