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HONORING THE LAS VEGAS VICTIMS

On Sunday, October 1, the largest mass shooting in our nation's modern history took place in Las Vegas, Nevada. The following weekend, the Las Vegas City Seal was placed before the Easter Candle in St. Mary's sanctuary for all Masses. Below it were 58 white carnations – one for every innocent life taken in this tragedy.

We continue to offer the gift of prayer for all those impacted by the Las Vegas attack – the 58 who perished, the 489 who suffered injuries, those who lost loved ones, and those who responded to the victims that day and every day since.

Most importantly of all, we rededicate ourselves to a core tenant of our Catholic faith – the belief that all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death. And we pray for an increase in respect for the value of all human life, so that such evils may not persist in the world.

Amen.

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Proud Parents ...

On Monday, October 2, St. Mary's Parishioner Nathaniel Bachman was officially sworn in as a Firefighter and Paramedic for the Town of Wayland. The ceremony took place in the Wayland Town Hall before the Board of Selectman. After taking his oath, Nathaniel chose his dad, Gustavo Bachman, to pin on his new badge.

Nathaniel has a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science from Ana Maria College, a Certification of Paramedicine from Quinsigamond College, and has previously worked as a Firefighter and EMT on the Holliston and Spencer Fire Departments. We know he will now be a blessing to the Town and people of Wayland.

When not saving lives, Nathaniel volunteers as an Usher at St. Mary's 7:30 AM Sunday Mass, and as a Chaperone with our Middle School Youth Group.

Photo: Nathaniel with his parents, Gustavo and Marta Bachman.





From the Pastor's Desk

October 18, 2017
Feast of St. Luke

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

Have you ever felt taken for granted? Have you ever experienced a lack of gratitude from someone for whom you went out of your way? It may have been your spouse, your child or some other family member. It may have been a friend for whom you made a sacrifice of time or energy, only to receive no thanks in return. Priests are not immune from this experience. Like anyone, we appreciate it when our efforts are recognized. Which is why those special parishioners who take the time to let us know what our ministry means to them, in many ways keep us going.

That having been said, there is grace also to be found in instances of ingratitude or even rejection. In the Gospel for today's Feast of St. Luke, Jesus instructs His followers: *"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you."* (Luke 10:5-6). In other words, our good deeds are never wasted. If they go unappreciated, or are even met with hostility by their recipient, they come back to us in the form of grace from God.

This is much like the lesson we hear in Luke 14:12-14 where Jesus says, *"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Certainly there is a distinction between those who *cannot* repay the kindnesses we extend, and those who *choose not to* out of indifference or a sense of entitlement. But the principle is the same. God will make up the difference for us. Every thank you we did not receive from a person in this life, will be weighed in our favor when we stand before the judgement seat of God.

We cannot control other people's gratitude, or lack thereof. But we can recognize moments of ingratitude as opportunities to draw closer to God. To desire thanks is human. But when we can rise above this desire, we are becoming more like the Lord. When we do good to others not out of an expectation for the reward of their appreciation, but rather because it is what Christ would do – then truly He is becoming alive within us.

Above all, when we experience ingratitude let it be a spur to embrace thankfulness more perfectly ourselves. To count the blessings in our lives, and to show appreciation for them in word and deed as best we can. Every day is a precious and miraculous gift from God. So much good surrounds us if only we pause to look for it. The life lived in a spirit of entitlement and expectation is a life full of disappointment and resentment. The life lived in gratitude is a joyful life, as we recognize and rejoice in all the blessings that God has showered down upon us.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



NEW FAMILIES:

The Filardo Family ~ Anthony & Tina

The Lantz Family ~ Stephen, Maria, Arianna & Ethan

The Nicholas Family ~ Keith, Karen, Shaughnna & Jae

The Rooney Family ~ Maureen

The Brooks Family ~ Matt, Amy, Logan & Peyton

NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Hailey Grace Long

Luke Williams Glennon

Colton Trail Cogan

Dominic Donald Olsen

Wesley Chase Brown

Olivia May Crosswell

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, November 1, Feast of All Saints ~ A Holy Day of Obligation:

Holy Day Masses at 9 AM, 5 PM & 6:30 PM: Today the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints – honoring and asking the prayerful intercession of all the Holy Men, Women, and Children who have gone ahead of us in faith and now live in the light of God’s presence. Some of the saints have been “declared” by the Church and their names are known to us. Most, however, are known only to God, and this day we both commemorate their holy lives and recall our own calling to become saints – holy witnesses of Christ’s love to the world.

Thursday, November 2, Feast of All Souls: Catholics believe that our prayers assist souls that died in a state of grace through purgatory – a journey of purification that allows a soul to enter God’s eternal presence in a state of perfect innocence, able to receive fully the light and glory of God. At St. Mary’s, a special candlelight All Souls Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7 PM. Those buried from the parish over the past year will have their names read and a candle lit in their memory. The candlelight Mass is open to everyone who would like to pray for their own departed loved ones. The full Adult Choir will be ministering.

Friday, November 3, Piano Spectacular: Internationally renowned pianists Roberto Plano & Paola Del Negro will offer a program of four-hand piano repertoire, which will include the special appearance of their daughters Anna and Elisa. The concert is at 7 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. See page 5 of this Newsletter for full details!

Saturday, November 11, Parish Pasta Night: Come join your fellow parishioners for fine Italian fare, live music and great company at this year’s Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 11 from 6 to 8 PM. Music will be provided by Frank Zarba (vocalist) and Ray Cavicchio (accordion).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vibnVvYfY0Q>. The menu will include rigatoni with red sauce, rigatoni with broccoli and chicken, rigatoni with butter, meatballs, salad, rolls and soda, water, juice and Italian pastries. Families with children of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$30 for a whole immediate family (parents and children). Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of October 28/29 & November 4/5, as well as at the Religious Education Office starting October 30. (Advance sales only, there are no tickets at the door). Mangia!



Thursday, November 23, 9 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass: Begin your family’s Thanksgiving this year by feasting on the Holy Eucharist at God’s table. Join your fellow parishioners at this beautiful annual Mass, at which together we will thank God for all His many blessings. Bring an item of food that will grace your family Thanksgiving dinner to be blessed at Mass and then take it home – connecting your table to the Table of God. As always, this Thanksgiving Day morning Mass will be followed by a pastry reception in Father Haley Hall.

Walter Haas
 Paul Meehan
 Joan Kilman
 Angela DeFrancesco
 Richard Cusack
 Paul Hurd
 Frances Coles
 Lorraine Bouthiller
 Brenda Chamberlain
 Barbara Brown
 John Gannon
 Walter Rossini
 John Quinn
 Shirley Houle
 Sheila LaMacchia
 James Dolliver
 Robert Morse, Sr.
 Ann Murphy
 Laurina Goguen
 William Tobin



“Blessed are they who have died in the Lord. Let them rest from their labors, for their good deeds go with them.”

Rev. 14:13

Edward Clancy
 Mary Bernstein
 Geraldine Bison
 Michael Bowles, Jr.
 James Farrell
 Charles Maguire
 Mark Antonioli
 Gerald Roy
 Lawrence Canavan
 Patrick McDonald
 John Lombardo
 Dorothy Grande
 George Gerrior
 Paul Dennison
 William Monahan
 Barbara James
 Robert Renzi
 Margaret Ciccarelli
 Janet Denman
 Gaetana Centracchio

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

The individuals listed here were honored with Christian burial from St. Mary's since the Feast of All Souls last year. They will be commemorated in a special way at an All Souls Mass,

Thursday, November 2 at 7 PM.

A candle will be lit in each one's memory as their name is read. They and all our beloved dead will be kept in prayer throughout the month of November, according to Catholic custom.

All are invited to take part in the All Souls Mass
to pray for the repose of their own departed loved ones.

Music at St. Mary's in Holliston presents a

Piano Spectacular!

Benefit concert



Join us for an evening of
music with virtuoso pianists

**Roberto Plano &
Paola Del Negro**

Friday, November 3 at 7:00 PM
St. Mary's in Holliston, Fr. Haley Hall
Suggested donation: \$20

Defined by Chicago radio commentator Paul Harvey as the heir to Rubinstein and Horowitz, Roberto Plano performs regularly throughout North America and Europe – notably at Lincoln Center, Sala Verdi, Salle Cortot, Wigmore Hall and the Herkulessaal, and has performed with orchestras around the world.

Paola del Negro has received the First Prize in over twenty national and international piano competitions, and has likewise performed around the world as a soloist and chamber musician.

Now Holliston residents (and St. Mary's parishioners), Plano is Assistant professor of Piano at Boston University's College of Fine Arts, and Del Negro runs the newly formed PDN Piano Studio.

Plano and Del Negro will offer a program of four-hand piano repertoire, which will include the special appearance of their daughters Anna and Elisa. The concert is open to all, and an offering basket will be available.



www.robertoplano.com and www.pdnpianostudio.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Council #14224 November, 2017

Grand Knight: Albert Scaramella
Deputy Grand Knight: Aaron Pyman

K of C ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE: The Council received over \$1,500 in donations from the Columbus Holiday weekend drive. This amount will be donated to the K of C State Council, which uses the funds to support Massachusetts families in need with handicapped children. Thanks to all parishioners for your free will offerings.

MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS: The Council will remember deceased brothers at the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, November 5. All parishioners are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the Mass in Father Haley Hall.

COUNCIL HONORS VETERANS CHARITIES: The Council will present donations to Homes for our Troops and IPODS for Veterans charities at the annual Lions Club/VFW luncheon for Holliston veterans on Veterans Day, November 11. The funds for these donations were raised from the Annual Council Charity Raffle. The Council again thanks all St. Mary's parishioners who bought raffle tickets this spring.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2017: All good St. Mary's men eighteen and older are invited to join our Council. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic men's lay organization in the world. Our Council respects members' limited time but needs new members to share our faith journey as Catholic men. For information contact Grand Knight Albert Scaramella at (508) 429-7588 or ajscaramella@comcast.net.



CatholicWINGS

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you ..." (John 14:27)

This Fall the WINGS ministry has been sharing on the theme "United in God's Love".

Lynn Kenn, founding member of the World Apostolate of Fatima Division for the Archdiocese of Boston opened our fall season on September 20. Lynn shared how world peace is in our hands, according to Our Lady of the Rosary, if we fulfill her requests. On September 27 Allison Gingras, founder of the Reconciled to You Ministry, gave practical suggestions on how we can use social media to share our faith with people we may never otherwise have the opportunity to share with. On October 4, missionary priest Father Carl Chudy, reminded us that to heal our divided world we must be open to dialogue with people of other faiths and belief traditions. These are just a few of the speakers that the ministry has been blessed to host this fall. If you are interested in viewing the full talk, DVDs of the WINGS speakers can be signed out of the Saint Mary's Library.

On November 1, at 10 AM (after the 9 AM Holy Day Mass), WINGS will welcome Cheryl Germino, Coordinator of the Inner Healing Ministry at St. Joseph's in Wakefield. Cheryl will share on the theme "United in Healing", and discuss areas where we get bound due to hurts done to us. The Fall Season Closing Brunch will be held on November 8. All are welcome! This is a wonderful chance to learn more about WINGS!

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) is a faith enrichment group for women of all ages. WINGS meets on Wednesday mornings in Father Haley Hall. Nurturing childcare is available. For more information on WINGS call Linda Calabrese at 508-893-7919, visit the WINGS website at www.Catholicwings.com, or visit the Saint Mary's website. Details on WINGS, and the fall season schedule can be found under Adult Faith Groups. Scroll to ADULT FAITH GROUPS>WINGS> "What is the current WINGS schedule?"

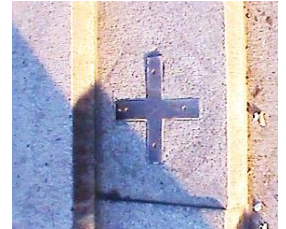




“CROSSWALK”

By Cathy Stenquist

[kraws-wawk] noun: A walk way that connects you from one side to the other.
An intersection where two roads meet.



I slunk down into the hard bench, mind racing; praying as hard as I could for God to hold me up in my weakness. The clock ticked in slow motion. Nervously, my eyes darted around the room, looking for something to slow my breathing. Then I saw it. There, in the embellished wall, the flat amber wood had perfectly aligned in one spot to make a cross. I stared...breathing slowed... shoulders softened. My focus gently shifted to the Divine. I felt God slip His hand into mine. His triumph over the Cross reassuring me that with His help, I could get through this; and with His grace I did.

This experience inspired me so, that I began looking for crosses everywhere. I called it my “Cross Walk.” The word had dual meaning for me; a fun scavenger hunt to see the shape of a cross in the ordinary, but also where the paths of God and I could intersect. On weekend walks, I continued to find crosses everywhere. My husband would laugh as I would abruptly stop run up to something and take pictures. “Another cross?”, he would smile and ask. When joyful things happened, the crosses reminded me to say thank you and in the tough times, they were a tool to give me strength and discernment.

The idea of “Cross Walk” began simmering in my mind. As a writer, inspiration sometimes needs to proof like yeast dough, until it rises to become a full story that I cannot wait to write. Over time, I began to expand my vision, and imagined how wonderful it would be to take a “Cross Walk” with someone else. Much like how I was taught to cross the street: Stop, wait, hold hands, look, listen, then cross.

Fast forward to 2012, I was going through some of the most difficult days of my life. I had lost my job, my daughter was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and my mother in law was dying of liver cancer. All this, while flying back and forth to Birmingham, Alabama to help my mother who was struggling with the decision and the logistics of moving my disabled father to a skilled care facility. Any one of these would have been quite enough.

Seeking solace, as I often did at Mass, I listened closely one Sunday, as a confirmation candidate walked up to the ambo and shared a bit about his life as a catholic at St. Mary’s. I found it fascinating and hopeful to hear about his faith journey and times where he had felt God active in his life. It was such a rare moment, seeing a high school student be so beautifully vulnerable, talking about something so deeply personal. I was inspired. My Cross Walk idea kept simmering, getting richer, and filling with flavor.

Sunday Mass, August 2017. My eyes scanned across the breadth of the church; gray hair and brunette, retired and just born, male and female... I realized how many of this faith community I had never met, and that each of them was someone just like me, going through something good or bad and trying to see God in the midst of it all. I hungered to know more. And so, I began to imagine what taking “Cross Walks” with others would look like. Little by little Gods ‘recipe’ for this “Cross Walk” idea he gave me was nearly ready to ‘bake’.

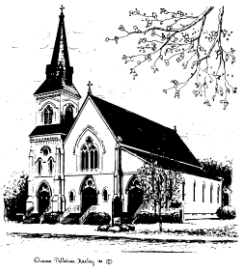
This past week, in God’s perfect timing, it all came together. After Mass, Father Mark asked me if I would be interested in writing for the St. Mary’s Newsletter. Immediately, I offered my idea of taking some “Cross Walks” with parishioners to hear about a moment in their faith journey; a struggle, a moment of hope, of clarity or comfort. I reminded him of Steve Hartman, the CBS news correspondent, who does a segment on TV where he throws a dart at a map and finds someone in that town and features their story. “Why couldn’t this be done with faith stories?” I asked. He smiled and replied, “It sounds good, but NO darts!”

So here we go... Guided by the Holy Spirit, I embark on a series of “Cross Walks” to hopefully help all of us at St. Mary’s get to know each other a little bit better and to learn a little more through those faith-filled walks together. I have already asked my first companion to go on a “Cross Walk” with me. Reflections will be coming soon to a Newsletter near you! ;)

Walking in His name, Cathy Stenquist

If you would like to see one of Steve Hartman’s most touching visits about a young boy with great faith... here is a link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvfaCuVveVw>





Saint Mary's Parish

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

November, 2017

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For the past 57 years, St. Mary's, Holliston has relied on the Grand Annual – a once a year special collection that goes entirely toward parish operating costs. In combination with the weekly offertory, the Grand Annual allows St. Mary's to pay her bills and maintain her four buildings, three of which are over 100 years old.

As you know, the Grand Annual always takes place in November. The 2017 St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection is **Veteran's Day Weekend - November 11 & 12**. The goal is \$150,000 – the same as 2016 which was achieved.

The single largest facilities item covered by this year's Grand Annual is the exterior Church painting and carpentry work completed over the summer. Large areas of peeling paint were scraped, primed and repainted. During this process, substantial areas of rotting wood were revealed that had to be torn out and replaced. Four of the ornamental wooden rosettes on the front of the Church had also rotted, and were replaced by identical synthetic ones. The combined cost of all this work was \$25,514, which is now due.

This September, St. Mary's also had to install a new, flat rubber roof over the long hallway between the Church and Parish Center buildings. We have attempted to repair this roof several times, including just this past spring. But heavy rains one night in August caused new leaks above the Church sacristy, with waterlogged ceiling tiles then collapsing. Fortunately, no vestments or sacred vessels were damaged. The new rubber roof was \$9,000.

Other major 2017 Grand Annual needs include \$7,488 in emergency Church and classroom heating repairs over the past winter, and the need to replace one of the two primary HVAC roof compressors that cool sections of the Parish Center and Church. This just failed in September, and will need to be replaced before the hot weather returns. The unit cost with installation will be \$8,300.

Since successfully paying off the last of her \$1.2 million loan debts in the fall of 2010, St. Mary's has been able to pay all of her bills and remains debt free. Your generous support of St. Mary's 2017 Grand Annual will assure that the hard-won financial health of our parish continues. We realize that these current economic times remain difficult for many. But if we all do what we can according to our means, then the 2017 Grand Annual will be a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity. And thank you for the many ways you help to build up our beautiful parish family.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Finance Council

Kim Latifi

Kevin Diamond

Kevin O'Connell

Dianne McDermott Roy

Ron Pipe

Partial Grand Annual Breakdown: Provided on the next page of this Newsletter.

Partial Grand Annual Breakdown:

\$19,800	Exterior Church Painting, completed during Summer of 2017.
\$5,714	Exterior Church carpentry repairs, including rosettes.
\$7,488	Heat out in Church and problems with heat in Classrooms 3-5. These expenses cover the cost of troubleshooting to find problems and 1) repair and replace defective low water cut off pump for the Church, 2) remove and replace gas valve on Church boiler, and 3) repair leaking relief valve on the Center boiler to fix problems with the classrooms.
\$1,713	Sealcoating of the Main Parking Lot.
\$1,200	Removal of dying trees and branches.
\$1,200	Cost to repair Exhaust Fan on roof to fix AC problems with the offices in the Parish Center.
\$2,000	New Parish Website Design – old site is not well formatted for smart-phones / handheld devices.
\$9,000	Cost of a new rubber roof between the Church and Parish Center.
\$ 994	Purchase and Installation in rectory of four combo CO detectors/fire alarms (required by law).
\$8,300	Cost of one HVAC roof compressor (replacement of damaged unit) to cool sections of the Parish Center and Church, includes installation.
\$55,000	Staff Salaries: The eight men and women of St. Mary's Staff are hardworking, dedicated individuals. This portion of the Grand Annual will go toward their salaries.
\$1,800	Repairs and repainting of the rear Annex Classroom Building Emergency Exit / Porch.
\$3,960	Replacing the Annex area wooden walkways (now falling apart) with pavement.
\$2,175	Replacement of one rectory door.
\$20,000	Makeup of Sunday Offertory budget shortfalls this Fiscal Year to date.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2017 GRAND ANNUAL GIFT

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided to you by the St. Mary's Finance Council in this mailing.

Pray about it, and **decide as a family** what gift you can make according to the means with which God has blessed you.

If you have children, make them aware of your Grand Annual support so that they can learn good stewardship by your example.

If possible, please return your orange Grand Annual envelope at Mass the weekend of Nov. 11 & 12. You will receive this soon in the mail. Extra Grand Annual envelopes are provided at the doors, but for tax purposes the one coded for your family should be used.

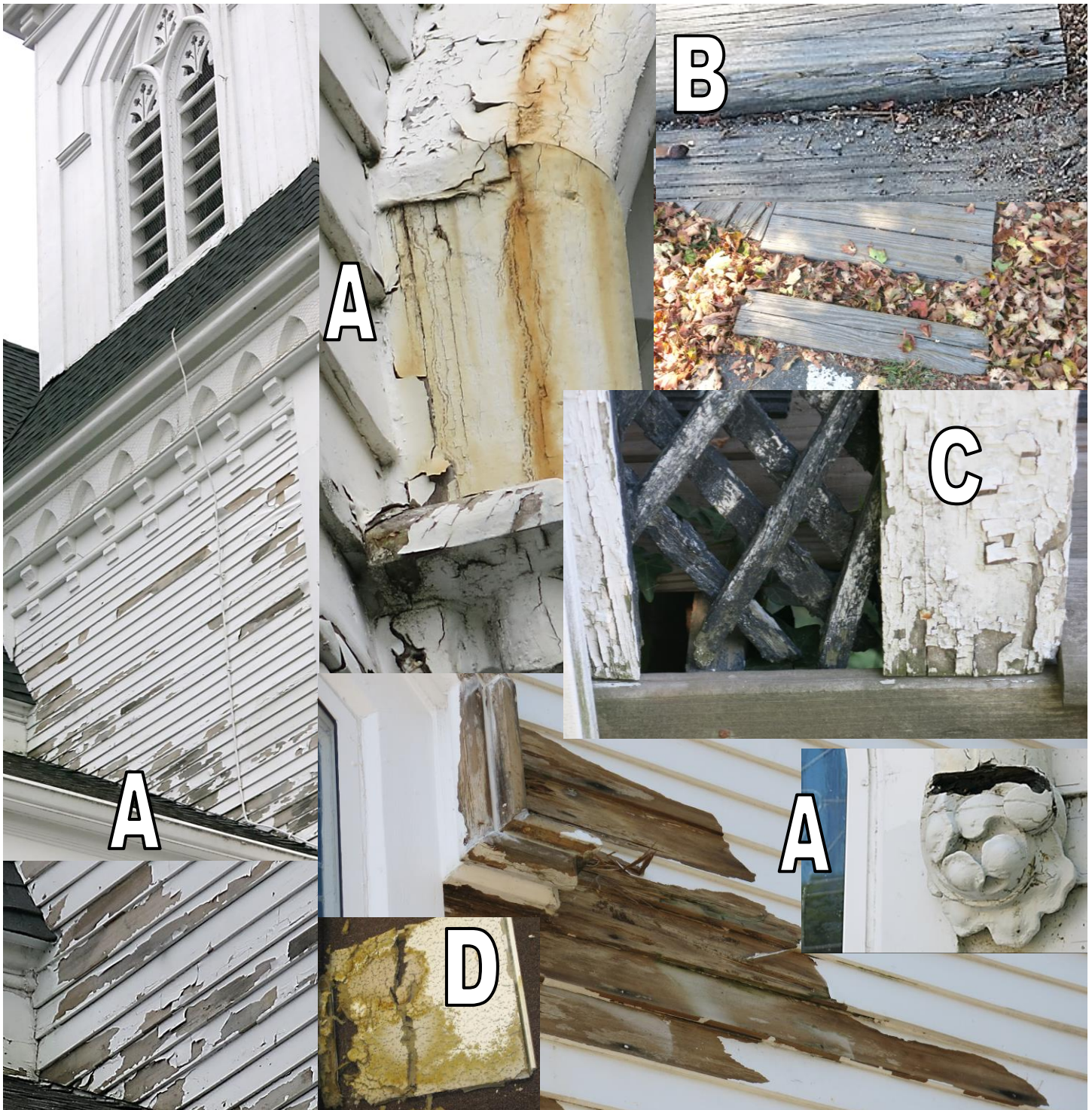
There is only one collection taken up the weekend of Nov. 11 & 12, so please place your orange Grand Annual envelope in the same basket as your weekly parish support.

Your 2017 Grand Annual gift may also be made at any time thereafter by mailing it in to 8 Church St., dropping it off at the Parish Office, or placing it in any future Mass collection basket.

If put in a Mass offertory basket, however, the orange envelope, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual" must be used.

Thank you for doing your part to support this essential annual stewardship effort!

***"Every person shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD
your God which He has given you." Deuteronomy 16:17***



Photos of a few of the 2017 Grand Annual Items

A – Church Exterior: Peeling paint and rotted wood were addressed this past summer, totaling \$25,514.

B – Wooden Walkways: These walkways between the rear of the Parish Center and our Annex Classroom Building had deteriorated and become hazardous, with missing and uneven boards. This October they were removed and paved for \$3,960.

C – Annex Classroom Building Emergency Exit / Rear Porch: The paint is badly peeling on this small structure, causing exposed wood to rot. This coming Spring the wood will be repaired and repainted. The damaged black wooden lattice walls will be replaced by a more durable artificial lattice. Total is \$1,800.

D – Rubber Roof Replacement: One of the collapsed sacristy ceiling tiles. \$9,000 for the new roof.



64 CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT!

2,000 years ago, on the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' Disciples with the sound of wind and the form of fire. The Holy Spirit transformed that group of frightened, unsure individuals, into fearless witnesses of Jesus Christ. On Saturday, October 14, that same Holy Spirit descended upon 64 young adults of St. Mary's Parish through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Two Masses were celebrated by Bishop Robert Reed, who spoke to our young people about God's surprising grace, and the joy that comes from discerning and embracing His will. Having been Confirmed, these 64 are now fully initiated in the Catholic Church. In requesting Confirmation, they have made a beautiful decision to commit themselves to live as

Catholics - worshipping at Mass on Sundays, praying daily and making life choices in harmony with the moral teachings of the faith. They are now officially Christ's witnesses to the world. May they be the very face of love!



ST. MARY'S

EPIC

Endless Possibilities In Christ



"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7

Meetings: Wednesday, November 15 and Sunday, November 19
at 7:30 to 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall

EPIC Event: My Brother's Table on November 4!

More information to come in mail.

*If you have questions or you are an adult who wants to help
please contact Matt Chick @ 429-6076 or stmarysym1870@gmail.com*



St. Mary's Parish Middle School Youth Group

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746 508-429-4427 www.stmarysholliston.com



PHOTO ABOVE ~ MSYG KICK OFF: Sunday, October 1 saw two hundred four teens enjoying the Middle School Youth Group Kick Off Event. The spiritual topic was “*Seventy times seven times*,” and our bible verse was MT 18:21-35. Each youth picked the part they found most interesting, and then six of them shared why. Our conversation centered on forgiveness – the vast debt that Jesus paid for us on the Cross, and the smaller debts we should therefore be willing to forgive others. The group watched a video of kids acting out the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, then Fr. Mark led them through a guided meditation. Each thought of the person they are currently angry with or carrying resentments towards. Then we prayed for God’s help to forgive them their trespasses, even as He forgives ours. The night concluded with the fun icebreaker game “Fact or Fiction,” and a giant ice cream sundae bar. *We’re off!*

HAUNTED TRIPS: Watch for the December Newsletter to see pics of our October 20 Trip to McCray’s Haunted Hay Ride (8th Grade), and our October 21 Trip to Barrett’s Haunted Mansion (6th and 7th Grade).

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

Sunday, November 5: Monthly Meeting, 6:30 – 8 PM with Prayer Service for our Beloved Departed, a Milk & Cookie Bar, and Sign-Ups for the annual Cookie Walk and the following trips:

Friday, November 10 (Vet. Day): P & L Paintball Battle, Bridgewater

Monday, November 20: 7th Grade BINGO Service Trip, St. Patrick Manor

DECEMBER EVENTS:

Sunday, December 3: Monthly Meeting, 6:30 – 8 PM with Sign Ups for the January 20 Nashoba Snow Tubing Trip and the Christmas Caroling Night. Celtics Game Payments for February 9, 2018 are also due this night.

Saturday, Dec. 9 / Sunday, Dec. 10: Cookie Walk for Haiti - All Masses

Friday, Dec. 15: Christmas Caroling & Shrine Light Walk, 5:30 – 9:00 PM





Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America

St. Mary's Parish * November 2017

Meetings: Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Lower Church Hall

Contact: Charlie Paradie, Scoutmaster
617.697.8200

Email: Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com

Website: www.Troop14Holliston.com

If interested in joining or supporting Troop 14, come to any of our meetings on Monday nights. Boy Scouts is an ideal organization for boys 11-17 years old.

CAMPING IN VERMONT W/DAY-HIKE UP MT KILLINGTON:

On October 13-15, nineteen Scouts and leaders traveled to central Vermont to camp for the weekend and hike Killington Peak, the second highest mountain in Vermont at 4325'. It was a perfect fall weekend with peak foliage and 360-degree views at the summit. (photo at bottom of page)

COURT OF HONOR: A Court of Honor was held on October 2 to recognize Scouts who earned both merit badges for mastering specific skills, as well as rank advancements for those Scouts who achieved the requirements needed to move on to the next stage of Scouting. A total of 51 merit badges were earned and 6 Scouts advanced in rank. In addition, activities and campouts for the upcoming year were highlighted and a slide show of this past summer's 4-day High Adventure to Mount Washington was presented to the Scouting families.

RANK ADVANCEMENTS:

Jon Lukowiak - Life
Drew Mahoney - Star
Jon Malcolm - Star
Ian Shaw - Star
Nico Doyle - Star
Brandon Paradie - Star



UPCOMING TROOP ACTIVITIES:

- Campout with a Turkey Roast Dinner for Scout families November 3 - 5.
- Scouting for Food on November 4.
- Popcorn Fund Raiser / Day at the Recycling Center on November 18.



ADULT FAITH RESOURCES NOVEMBER 2017

got faith?

PARISH ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY: We are offering a reading and discussion group of Pope Francis' 2013 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* or *The Joy of the Gospel*. In this document, Pope Francis writes about his desire for the church to be filled with Christ's joy; he challenges all of us to be "spirit-filled evangelizers", full of boundless love, sharing Christ's joy with others. The group will meet on six consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning on January 4; Leo Racine (429-7476) will be the group facilitator. Watch for more info in the December newsletter issue and in the bulletin.



ONLINE FAITH FORMATION COURSES: The Boston College Crossroads program is offering two short online courses beginning in November. The first is called *Mary, the Mother of Jesus*, and the second, an Advent program, is entitled *A People of Hope*. Go to <http://www.bc.edu/schools/stm/crossroads/courses/schedule.html> and you will find a schedule of Crossroads offerings and links to more information. Next month we'll offer information about some of the online courses at the University of Notre Dame's STEP program.

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: We conclude our journey through the Sundays of Ordinary Time this month with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 26. On this day we are challenged to see Christ as the Shepherd-King, the leader who both cares for us and challenges us to live a life worthy of the kingdom. In the gospel reading on November 26, we are called to see God in the poor and vulnerable, the "least" of Jesus' brothers and sisters. And we are not called just to see, we are called to act in mercy. Here's a reflection on this reading, offered by a community of Carmelite brothers: <http://ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/lectio-divina-matthew-2531-46>.

"JUST" WONDERING: Are you wondering about God's presence in our world today? Where do we see God as we witness the terrible destruction wrought by natural disasters such as Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, the earthquake in Mexico and the wild fires in California? How do we view God as we witness the human tragedy involved in global terrorist attacks and the mass shooting in Las Vegas? The US Bishops issued a pastoral letter on the US culture of violence in 1994; read it at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/culture-of-violence.cfm>. Bishop Robert Barron speaks about God and natural disasters at <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/video/god-tsunamis-and-the-problem-of-evil/182/>. Finally, there is a brief article on this topic at <http://bustedhalo.com/questionbox/if-god-promised-noah-no-more-floods-why-do-we-still-have-natural-disasters>; this is the Busted Halo site.

PARENTS OF FAITH AND HOPE: Would you like to talk to other parents about how to advocate for your child with teachers and school administration? At our next meeting on **Friday, November 3**, we will discuss this topic. We are a very supportive group of parents of children, teenagers and young adults with special needs, and those struggling with mental health, learning disabilities and other life challenges. The meeting will be from 8:45 to 11:00 AM at 12 Kingsbury Drive, Holliston. For additional information, please contact Donna at (508) 429-6576 or dmbrodo@comcast.net.

SACRAMENTS: Our parish just celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on October 14. We believe that Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation, a sacrament which brings us fully into the Body of Christ, the Church. At the Easter Vigil, the sacrament is celebrated just after the rite of Baptism, sealing the new Christian with the gift of the Holy Spirit. At our celebration of Confirmation in October, the sacrament had the same effect of sealing the Christian (the youth) with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthening him/her for a life as a disciple of Jesus. You can go to the US Bishops' website (www.usccb.org) and search for *Confirmation*; you will find an invitation to pray, learn and act. ---Leo Racine

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Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday:	9:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigils:	5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday:	7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 12 Noon to 12:45 p.m. 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.

Marriage

Please contact a priest at least six months in advance to allow for Pre-Marriage program and arrangements.

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m., please register by calling the rectory. Baptism Instruction must take place prior to the Baptism itself. Please contact the Rectory to register for Baptism Instruction. Please note that universal practice in the Catholic Church is that one man and one woman (other than the parents) serve as Godparents. Godparents must be at least 16 years old, Confirmed, regularly attending Sunday Mass, and otherwise living a life in harmony with the Catholic faith. They are to serve as Catholic role models for the child being baptized.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an engaging program for individuals who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. The program is a gradual process paced at the needs of the individual. RCIA welcomes anyone who seeks to be baptized into the Catholic Church. Also, anyone baptized in Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic who would like to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church is invited to attend. In addition, RCIA welcomes individuals who are baptized Catholics and have never received First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation. If you or someone you may know is interested, please contact the rectory at 508-429-4427. Meeting times are set up as needed by each year's participant schedules. Welcome!

C.L.O.W.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special celebration of the scriptures with readings from the Children's Lectionary. These readings are brought alive for the children using methods that include drama, props, and an interactive homily style. At St. Mary's, the C.L.O.W. is celebrated from mid-September through May every Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass.

On most of these Sundays, the parish children are invited to process down to the lower church following the Opening Prayer. The exception is on the First Sunday of each month, when the children remain upstairs at the 9:30 a.m. Mass for a special Children's homily with the priest and the main assembly.

