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## **NEWSLETTER SUMMER, 2017**

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- We Welcome 11 New Families
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 Maine Whitewater Rafting Trip
- EPIC New Jersey Mission Trip Witness
- **August 15, A Holy Day of Obligation,**  
**Mass Schedule Below**



## **A NEW PAINTING FOR OUR ASSUMPTION CELEBRATIONS**

Thanks to a parishioner gift, a large canvas reproduction of "The Assumption of the Virgin" by Jean Francois de Troy will be part of our August 15 Holy Day Celebrations. The piece shows Mary enfolded by angels as she is Assumed into Heaven. One of the Apostles below her is Saint John, the beloved disciple whom from the Cross Jesus entrusted with His Mother's care.

## **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Monday, August 14 ~ Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM**

**Tuesday, August 15 ~ 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.

Do you ever wonder if death comes from God? The doctrine of the Assumption answers a resounding no! Having been preserved from original sin at her Immaculate Conception, Mary was created exactly like our First Parents before the Fall. Then, during her life, Mary never experienced personal sin. Instead, she always embraced God's commandments, plan and will – even when they led to the foot of the Cross. She remained as God made her, untouched by sin or death.

Therefore, in the Assumption of Mary, we see what God had always intended for His children. Not sickness, suffering or death. But a gentle passage; a falling asleep; then a wondrous awakening, body and soul, into the very presence of God.

This year beautiful Holy Day Prayer Cards will be given out at all our Assumption Masses.

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Rev. James Flynn, Weekend Assistance  
Deacon John Barry, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon

## "Here Comes the Bride!"

One of the couples to be married at St. Mary's this summer was Christopher Amico and Allison Kunze. Shown below, they received the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, June 17. Although they both grew up in Washington State, Christopher's father John Amico was raised right here in Holliston, making a beautiful connection.

*"May almighty God, with his Word of blessing, unite your hearts in the never-ending bond of pure love. May the peace of Christ live always in your hearts and in your home. May you be ready and willing to help and comfort all who come to you in need. And may the blessings promised to the compassionate be yours in abundance. May you find happiness and satisfaction in your work. May daily problems never cause you undue anxiety, nor the desire for earthly possessions dominate your lives. Rather, may your heart's first desire be always the good things waiting for you in the life of heaven. Amen."*







*Thanks to all who made VBS 2017 an awesome success!*



## ST. MARY'S 2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Thank you to all who made the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's VBS such a success this July! In our very own Maker Fun Factory, 110 children learned that they are Created By God, Built For A Purpose! With God as our guide, we were also led by 55 amazing teen helpers and 32 incredible adults who ran stations, led groups and reminded all of the Daily Bible Points: God made us, God is for us, God will always love us, and God created each of us for a purpose! A special thank you to Kristin Roberto, Patty Baribeau and Tracy Abucewicz for taking on VBS Director roles this year. A very special thank you to Mary Theresa Whalen and William Martell for leading the daily skits for us. They began attending VBS as kids 11 years ago and are now two of our fearless leaders! Wow, God! Our week culminated with a VBS Closing Mass on Sunday, July 30 at 9:30 AM. After Communion, our VBS participants gathered on the altar to sing this year's VBS theme song, "Made For This!"







# From the Pastor's Desk

August 1, 2017  
Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori

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



Later this month I will be blessed to travel on vacation to Costa Rica with my friend Fr. Brian Mahoney. Although one of the perks of being a priest is that I can celebrate Mass anywhere, when possible I always prefer to worship with whatever local Catholic community I find myself near. So on Saturday, August 26, I will attend the 7 PM Vigil Mass at La Fortuna de San Carlos Catholic Church in Aranal, Costa Rica. *(Photo left - Hopefully the volcano behind it will stay dormant!)*

I prefer to attend Mass rather than celebrate Mass when on vacation for two reasons. The first is that it is enriching and fascinating to experience Mass in another place, language or culture. It reminds us that the Catholic Church really is "universal," and that the Living Body of Christ is richly diverse in its members. Many of you share with me each year your own experiences of Mass when travelling on summer family vacations, and even bring interesting bulletins to show me. So you know what I am talking about. The little bit of planning it takes to make sure we get to go to Mass even when away from home is well worth it.

The other reason I prefer to be in the pews on vacation, is that I actually get to pray after receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord. When celebrating Mass, I immediately start distributing Communion to others, which is an awesome privilege. But on vacation I get to receive, kneel down, close my eyes and "communion" with the One I have just received. We never draw closer to God in this life than when we have just received His Son in Holy Communion. And so those moments of prayer right after we have received are powerful and blessed indeed. St. Alphonsus, whose feast it is today, described our prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist this way: *"Jesus Christ is there in the Eucharist for the express purpose of listening to and graciously hearing those who pray to Him; to ask His pardon for the sadness which we have caused Him; to represent our wants to Him, as a friend does to a friend in whom he places all his confidence; to ask Him for His graces, for His love, and for His kingdom."*

In so many ways, summer vacations are a time to be physically refreshed. But if ever you find your faith in need of renewal, try praying more fervently to Jesus right after you have received Him in Communion. For in that holy moment all barriers come down, and the Lord Jesus is there awaiting your prayerful words and spiritual embrace.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

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## NEW FAMILIES!

With tremendous joy we welcome these eleven new families who recently joined our parish. Welcome!

The Onishuk Family ~ Nicholas, Kate & Samantha

The Graham Family ~ William & Helen

The Maranian Family ~ Peter, Lauren & Hannah

The Perry Family ~ Thomas & Lauren

The Haegeli Family ~ Nicolas, Sara & Nico



The Walsh Family ~ Brian, Julie, Anna & Emily

The Arnold Family ~ Robert & Mary

The Ahronian Family ~ David, Samantha & Grace

The Ross Family ~ Pat

The Lane Family ~ Patrick & Julia

The Phipps Family ~ Bill, Erin & Jack

# BUXTEHUDE BACK TO BACH

St. Mary's 2017 Spring Concert, "Buxtehude Back to Bach" took place on Friday, May 19 at 7 PM. It was a resounding success! We thank everyone who came to the concert, and especially to all of those who generously contributed to make this inspiring event possible.

The orchestra musicians arrived promptly on Thursday afternoon for a day of rehearsals. We were blessed to welcome an extremely professional and talented group of musicians. The orchestra musicians were Marika Holmqvist (concertmaster-first violin), Julia McKenzie (second violin), Anna Griffis (Viola), Joy Grimes (second viola), James Williamson (Gamba), Andrew Arceci (Violone), Simon Martyn-Ellis (Theorbo) and Andrew Pester (continuo organ). In addition, organist Dongho Lee performed at the St. Mary's gallery organ, and Alicia DePaolo and Giovanni Spanu performed as vocal soloists and with the choir. Rehearsals proceeded as scheduled on Thursday, and we all met again on Friday for a warm-up rehearsal before the performance.

The concert consisted almost exclusively of music by Dieterich Buxtehude, as we celebrated the 310<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. Music director Juan A. Mesa gave a short talk about Buxtehude and his music immediately before the concert. The repertoire included Buxtehude's most famous cantata for choir and orchestra "Alles was ihr tut" BuxWV 4, some of his most celebrated pieces for organ alone (Praeludium in E and F-sharp minor BuxWV 141 and 146, respectively) and his Sonata for Violin and Gamba BuxWV 256, and the aria "Was mich auf dieser Welt betruebt" BuxWV 105, sung by the Youth Choir. The concert concluded with Buxtehude's "Magnificat ex D" for choir and orchestra, which moved everyone in attendance to a thunderous applause.

Once again, our sincere thanks to everyone who made this concert possible, especially those who generously donated their resources to see this evening of music come to life. We look forward to many more concerts like these in the future, for the glory of God alone!







# St. Mary's Religious Education

"The Lord Jesus invites men and women, in a special way, to follow Him, as teacher and formers of disciples" (GDC 231). Please consider our Teacher and Monitor needs below:

**CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17.  
MAY WE GROW IN OUR LOVE OF THE LORD!**

**Class code: A=Alt. weeks M=Monthly W=Weekly**

GRADES	SESSION DAY AND TIME	TEACHERS NEEDED	MONITORS
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
PRE-K & Kind.	9:15-10:30 AM	3 Teens	Filled
	9:15-10:30 AM	7 M	1
GR-1A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	10 A	Filled
GR-2A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	Filled	Filled
GR-2A	10:45 - Noon	3 Teams - A	1
GR-3A	10:45AM-12:15 PM	4 A	1
GR-4 + 5	10:45AM-12:15 PM	2 / 3 A	1
GR-6A	1:00 to 2:00 PM	3 W	1
GR-7A	5:30 to 7:30 PM	3 A	1
<b>MONDAY</b>			
GR-3+5B	3:00-4:30 PM	4 / 3 A	1
GR-4B	3:00-4:30 PM	3 A	1
GR-6B	6:00 to 7:00 PM	1 W	1
GR-8B	6-7:30 PM	2 A	1

**Monitors are required for classes to begin in the fall.**

GRADES	SESSION DAY AND TIME	TEACHERS NEEDED	MONITORS
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
GR-4B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 A	Filled
GR-5C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 A	Filled
GR-6C	4:30 to 5:30 PM	3 W	Filled
GR-9C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	3 A	1
GR-10C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	5 A	Filled
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
GR-2D	4:15 to 5:30 PM	4 Teams - A	1
GR-7D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 A	Filled
GR-8D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	3 A	1
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
GR-9E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	5 A	1
GR-10E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 A	Filled

**Please Teach! The children of  
St. Mary's are counting on YOU.**



## JUSTFAITH

### "Purpose. From a New Perspective."

JustFaith is a "mind and heart opening journey that invites participants to encounter the *Spirit of Jesus in our midst*, especially in the lives of people who are poor and vulnerable" (JustFaith website).



We are seeking 8-12 participants for this exciting and fulfilling program of faith development which will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 14. The program will employ prayer, readings, videos and small-group discussion over the course of four, six-week sessions ending in April of 2018. Together we will explore how we can "deepen our commitment to charity, justice and compassion - loving more as Jesus did".

Please contact Leo Racine at 429-7476 or [leoracine@msn.com](mailto:leoracine@msn.com) for more information. You can watch a splendid video about JustFaith at <http://justfaith.org/programs/justfaith-catholic-2016/>.

## ADULT FAITH RESOURCES SUMMER 2017

# got faith?

**SUNDAY READINGS:** All of the second readings during the month of August, and then into September, are from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. For an introduction to this letter, you can go to the US Bishops' website at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/scripture.cfm?bk=Romans&ch>. There is a free nine session audio "course" on the Letter to the Romans at the Center for Biblical Theology: <https://stpaulcenter.com/>. (Click on Studies, Audio courses and then Romans). Other readings in the months of August and early September focus on the Transfiguration (August 6), the presence of God in a quiet breeze (August 13) and the naming of Peter as the Rock on which the Church will be built (August 27). For help in preparing to hear the Sunday readings, you can visit <http://www.liturgy.slu.edu/>.



**SAINTS:** Here are some Saints to remember as you enjoy the rest of the summer. Clare of Assisi, a contemporary of St. Francis and founder of the Poor Clares, is celebrated on August 11. Jane Frances de Chantal's feast day is August 12; she was a spiritual advisee of St. Francis de Sales and she founded the Order of the Visitation of Mary in 1610. St. Monica, St. Augustine's mother, is remembered on August 27; she, along with St. Ambrose, guided Augustine to his conversion. You can find information about the Saint of the Day at <http://www.americancatholic.org/>; click on Saints.

**PARENTS OF FAITH AND HOPE:** Our faith-based support group is inviting **new members** to join our group of parents of children, teenagers and adults with special needs, and those struggling with mental health, learning disabilities and other life challenges. The next meeting is **Friday, September 8**, from 8:45 to 11:00 AM at 12 Kingsbury Drive, Holliston. For additional information, please contact Donna Brodo at (508) 429-6576 or [dmbrodo@comcast.net](mailto:dmbrodo@comcast.net).

**CATHOLIC MOVIE REVIEWS:** If you would like to read up on current movies and see reviews written from a Catholic perspective, go to <http://www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm>. This is the site for the Catholic News Service where you can also find news articles about Catholic topics from around the world.

**SEASON OF CREATION:** The global Catholic community, along with Christians of other denominations from around the world, will celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1 to October 4. Begun in 2008, this is now an annual celebration. You can go to <http://seasonofcreation.org/> and find numerous resources for this season including a clock which is counting down the time to September 1, messages from world religious leaders and a webinar that explains the origins of the Season of Creation. Contact Leo Racine at 429-7476 for more information about the St. Mary Creation Care Team. Our next meeting is Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 AM in the parish center.



**BIBLE RESOURCES:** Over 100 of our children have just completed Vacation Bible School where they got a taste of the power of God's word in the Bible. Why not take some time yourself to get familiar with this great Book? Here are some resources. The US Bishops, on their website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/understanding-the-bible/index.cfm> have an introduction to the bible as well as the complete bible online. You can find many facts and articles about the Bible at <http://catholic-resources.org/>, a site developed and maintained by Felix Just, SJ, the Director of Biblical Ministries at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality (LIS) in Orange, CA. Many sites offer resources to help with *lectio divina*, a holy reading of the Bible. One such site is the Catholic Ministries site of the American Bible Society at <http://ministry.americanbible.org/catholic-ministries>. Finally, for a couple of solid introductions to the Bible see Lawrence Boadt's *Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction* (second edition) and Pheme Perkins: *Reading the New Testament*.

---Leo Racine



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Council #14224 Summer 2017



**Grand Knight: Albert Scaramella**  
**Deputy Grand Knight: Aaron Pyman**

**COUNCIL'S 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER:** On June 24, at Restaurant 45, the Council celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reception of its charter from the Supreme Council. We had a fine buffet and enjoyable evening with our spouses and girlfriends. Father Mark complimented the Council for their service to St. Mary's and local charities. See photo above.

**ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE WINNERS & THANKS:** The Council held the Raffle Drawing on June 21. The First prize of \$1,000 was won by Ben Irr. Other prize winners were: Second Prize (\$500)-Judy Scaramella; Third Prize(\$250)- Betsy Bixler; Fourth Prize(\$150)-Homes for Our Troops; Fifth Prize(\$100)-Susan Donovan. Thank you to all non-winning ticket holders - wait till next year! The Council thanks all St. Mary's Parishioners for your support of the Ninth Annual Charity Raffle. We raised \$22,000 for charitable organizations this year. The Council has now donated over \$150,000 in nine years to charities such as the Holliston Pantry Shelf, Holliston Senior Center, Homes for our Troops, Habitat for Humanity, Wounded Warriors, iPods for Veterans, and your St. Mary's parish. Your raffle support made this possible.

**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. The strength of many Knights has contributed to worldwide charitable efforts such as housing for Syrian refugees in Lebanon (July 2017 Columbia magazine). 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](mailto:ajscaramella@comcast.net).

**MONTHLY ROSARY:** The next Rosary will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017. The Council recites the Rosary every third Wednesday of the month in St. Mary's Church at 6:30 PM. As quoted in the March 2017 Columbia magazine, "Knights need to be men of prayer." ALL parishioners are invited to share in this beautiful and powerful prayer with our Council.

## St. Mary's Parish Women's Group

The St. Mary's Women's Group held their Annual Ice Cream Social on June 14. Several delicious ice cream flavors, scrumptious toppings, mouth-watering homemade goodies and a delectable sherbet punch were enjoyed by all. The St. Mary's Women's Group's Mission is to provide an opportunity for women to socialize in the parish, and to aid with the charitable needs of the local community.

The next meeting of the Woman's Group is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13 at noon, and will be held in the Parish Center Library. All St. Mary's women are invited!







## ALTAR SERVER SCHOLARSHIPS:

This Spring two young men and three young women were honored for their years of ministry as St. Mary's Altar Servers. Shown from left to right, Haley Hanstad, Owen Savage, Camille Jean and Jolo Barcinas were awarded Book Scholarships to mark their high school graduations. (As was Nathalie Falcao – photo not available). All were Senior Altar Servers, having committed to continue serving at God's altar through High School and assuming a leadership role with the younger servers and at major liturgical celebrations.

Haley Hanstad will be attending the College of the Holy Cross.  
Owen Savage will be attending the University of Maine.  
Camille Jean will be attending the University of Mass., Amherst.  
Jolo Barcinas will be attending the University of Scranton.  
(Nathalie Falcao will be attending the University of Pennsylvania.)

## BRIAN POWELL RECEIVES 2017 FATHER HALEY SCHOLARSHIP:

The Holliston Scholarship Foundation chose St. Mary's parishioner Brian Powell to receive its 2017 Father Haley Scholarship Award. Brian is a weekly Communicant at St. Mary's. He was an active member of the St. Mary's Middle School Youth Group for three years, participated in the Mississippi Mission Trips his first three years of High School, volunteered as a St. Mary's Vacation Bible School Counselor for two years, and is involved in the EPIC High School Youth Ministry Program. Brian will be attending Providence College. Well done Brian!



## WHERE IS HE NOW? ST. MARY'S 2013 BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER BRENDAN CARCHIDI GRADUATES FROM VILLANOVA:

This Spring Brendan Carchidi received a Bachelors of Arts cum laude in Arab and Islamic Studies, Global Interdisciplinary Studies, and French and Francophone Studies through the Honors Program at Villanova University. He has specific interests in international development funding, U.S. foreign policy, and human rights. Brendan was recently awarded the Fulbright Scholarship in Research/Open Study to Jordan where he will study the intersections between women's unemployment and non-profit efforts.

Brendan is also the recipient of the National Security Education Program David L. Boren Scholarship in Arabic, the U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship, the Royal Sultanate of Oman Scholarship for Arabic Language and Media, the Villanova University Connelly-Delouvrier International Fellowship, and the Villanova Global Leadership Center Ron Cruse International Fellowship. Recently, Brendan presented policy proposals to officials at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York. He hopes to rely on his experiences at the United Nations and elsewhere as he pursues a career in public service with concentrations in public policy and human rights throughout the Middle East and North Africa.





## Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America

**St. Mary's Parish \* Summer 2017**

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

Lower Church Hall

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Website: [www.Troop14Holliston.com](http://www.Troop14Holliston.com)

Troop 14 will resume regular Monday night Meetings on September 11 at St. Mary's. 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.

**ST. MARY'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 14:** We don't have weekly Troop Meetings during the summer, but Troop 14 remains very active!

**CAMP SQUANTO, PLYMOUTH, MA:** From July 16 – 22, seventeen scouts and three leaders spent a week at Camp Squanto which borders Myles Standish State Park in Plymouth MA. It was a great week for the Troop, who won the INSPECTION UNIT award on Tuesday for the best looking campsite; the "Kool-Aid" Patrol Award - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tuesday night for the camp wide Theme Night competition; and for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Troop took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the camp wide Apache Relay race on Wednesday night. The Scouts earned over 50 merit badges over the course of the week. (See photos)



## St. Mary's Parish Middle School Youth Group

Open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders for Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners!



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners!



## The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Holliston Scavenger Hunt!

Friday, June 2 found seventy-two MSYG teens scouring Holliston, Ashland and Medway in search of items like "A photo of the whole team carrying groceries to someone's car", a "T shirt with Cancun or Aruba on it," three "different Chinese Restaurant menus," and more. The biggest point item was ten articles of food to be donated to the Holliston Pantry Shelf. Over one hundred fifty were collected, making the hungry the big winners this night! Movie pass prizes were given to the top teams, with First Place going to Kaitlin Baker, Bella Medeiros, Julianna Trent, Nathalia Frey, Sophia Loricco and Nikki Nersessian. A group of just three 7<sup>th</sup> Grade boys came in Second Place – Brent Magoon, Aidan McEachern and Nick Reffel. Finally, Third Place went to Amanda Frreman, Ellie Freeman, Emily Falcao, Mia Quinzani, Josie Quinn and Lucy Svinsky. Well done!





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**KENNEBEC RAFTING TRIP DAY ONE:** Sunday, June 25 found our MSYG 8<sup>th</sup> Graders plus their adult and high school leaders heading out for adventure at the crack of dawn. A six hour drive brought the group to the Pine Grove Lodge in Bingham, Maine for a picnic lunch, and then it was off to nearby Houston Brook Falls. Reached by a forest trail of about a half mile, these Falls are a beautiful experience of nature. Teens braved the cold water to fight their way under the surging main waterfall, then spent hours exploring the brook and smaller upper falls. Next it was off to the Crabapple Lodge at the Forks, Maine, where our group checked in to their overnight accommodations. Volleyball and a large (heated) outdoor pool filled the time until dinner, which concluded with a surprise giant birthday cake (candles, singing and all), for MSYG twins Ava & Audrey Buckenmaier who turned fourteen years old that very day. The night concluded with Mass in the Lodge, celebrated by Fr. Mark with teens reading and altar serving. Since one of the chaperones was having surgery the following week, he received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the Mass, and all prayed for him. (His surgery went great and he is doing well).







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**KENNEBEC RAFTING TRIP DAY TWO:** The adventure continued on Monday, June 26, with a full day of Class III – V Whitewater Rafting on the Mighty Kennebec. St. Mary's filled four rafts, each accompanied by a professional rafting guide. Their skill was needed as we faced such epic rapids as Whitewash, Magic Falls and Big Momma & the Three Sisters. Most also chose to jump in at the "Swimmer's Rapids," where you have to time your breathing while crashing through "smaller" waves. The group pulled out at Magic Falls for a quick snack (photo previous page), then engaged in massive water bucket fights during the final, quieter stretch. A delicious barbecue at Crabapple concluded the river trip, then it was time for the long drive back to Holliston. Thank you to all the Middle School Youth Group teens for their excellent behavior, and to all the high school and adult leaders for volunteering their time to make this trip possible.



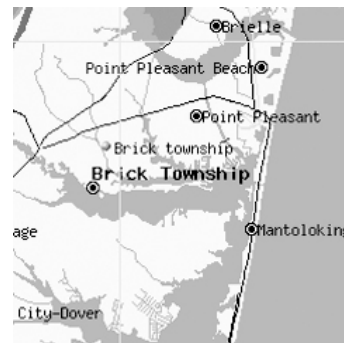
*"Deep is calling on deep in the roar of mighty waters. Your torrents and all your waves swept over me." Psalm 42:7*







# St. Mary's *Endless Possibilities In Christ* New Jersey Mission Trip **2017**



For the fifth summer in a row we had an incredible group of faith-filled teens and adults headed to the Jersey shore to continue the rebuilding efforts since superstorm Sandy. The amazing group of 25 led by Cindy Chaisson and Bobby Skerry sacrificed a week in July to show the world their love of God and love of neighbor. One never knows what the good Lord has in store for us but as usual he delivered an A+ trip. Much has been accomplished in New Jersey but still much to be done. This past October the VRC (Visitation Relief Center) had to close its doors to make necessary repairs. Adding to this challenge they also had to cut back on staffing. Through their strong efforts and the grace of God they were able to open a second location to provide for those in need while the original site is restored. The second site is named 'Seeds of Service' (SOS). Christie Winters, the director, has future plans to adopt that name for the relief center which will better represent the work they do beyond the ongoing storm relief.

On our first day of work we loaded bags of donated clothes from the VRC into trucks and unloaded at the SOS site. Two teams stayed to sort and bag a mountain of clothing while the other teams were dispatched to continue clean up at the original VRC and sort and alphabetize through hundreds of case files.

By mid-week we were introduced to two women, Julia and Tricia, each with their own stories of hardship in still trying to recover from the storm. We had helped both back in 2015. Two of our teams installed a new floor and did landscaping at Tricia's house. She was so happy to be that much closer to finishing her home. And then there was Julia, a holocaust survivor who lost her husband and son to cancer and her other son is currently going through cancer treatment. Dealing with her own health issues, she told us she just wants to get back in to her home before she passes. Since we had worked on her house in 2015 she was faced with raising her house. With no electricity or running water she cannot stay there. There were only a few windows in the house and the rest of the frames were covered with a thin tarp material. Two of our groups washed all her belongings that were exposed to the elements, arranged her furniture like a home again and boarded the exposed windows to protect her belongings. We left her wedding picture on the mantel and a St. Benedict cross on her kitchen table to remind her that she is loved.

And on our last day of work we had all hands-on deck to landscape the VRC to avoid a potential fine from the township. What the team accomplished in one week would have taken the VRC team months to do.

God put us there, not to fix everything in five days, but to leave it a little better than when we got there and to plant the seed of hope for those in need.









## WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)

*"Peace I leave with You, My Peace I give to You." (John 14:27)*

As "Women in God's Spirit" we have a need for lifelong faith formation. For the past 17 years the WINGS ministry has provided a wonderful opportunity for women to deepen their relationship with God, by gathering to study God's Word, pray, and share with one another. WINGS is a **multi-generational group** that meets for seven weeks at a time in the fall, winter and spring.

The beauty of the WINGS ministry is that it brings different things to different women. One woman shared the following about her experience at WINGS: "When participating in WINGS I experience being welcomed, accepted, loved, mothered, educated, informed, supported and helped along, both in my spiritual journey to God and in my personal life. My participation has made me a better person."

We now look forward to the start of our 2017 fall season entitled *"United in God's Love"*. WINGS will begin on **Wednesday, September 20** when we welcome **Lynn Kenn**, a founding member of the World Apostolate of Fatima Division for the Archdiocese of Boston. Lynn will share on *"Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima: Hope for the World"*.



[Photo Left: It was 100 years ago that Our Lady of Fatima first appeared to three young shepherd children in Portugal and spoke to them messages of love and of hope. As part of the anniversary celebrations, the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima Statue visited our Archdiocese this spring].

All are welcome to WINGS, whether you can come just once or for the entire season. WINGS **provides loving childcare** and encourages women with young children to attend, and have their children enjoy being with other children under the supervision of loving child care providers.

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)** is a faith enrichment group for women of all ages. WINGS meets on Wednesday mornings from **9:30 – 11:15 AM 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](http://www.Catholicwings.com), or visit the Saint Mary's website. Details on WINGS, and the fall season schedule (soon to be posted) can be found under Adult Faith Groups. Scroll to ADULT FAITH GROUPS>WINGS> "What is the current WINGS schedule?" and click on the link. Print out at home or pick up a copy at any WINGS meeting.

*Parish Ministry Contacts*

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Altar Servers	Tina Hein	429-9853
Art & Environment	Rectory	429-4427
Adult Faith Formation	Leo Racine	429-7476
Compassionate Friends	Ed Motuzas	473-4239
C.L.O.W.	Pat LeBlanc	(508) 533-6714
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe DeMarkey	429-5401
Food Pantry	Sylvia Stickney	429-5392
Give A Gift	Tony Alexander	429-5405
Greeting Ministry	Bob Whiting	893-8007
H.S. Youth Ministry	Matt Chick	429-6076
Homebound Ministry	Marty Breinlinger	429-4427
Hospitality	Joanne Davenport	533-7948
Hospital Ministry	Henry Woods	429-1037
Knights of Columbus	Mike Kerrigan	429-8696
Lectors	Ron Turcotte	429-5396
Marriage Prep	Ken/Mary Hammond	533-5258
M.S. Youth Group	Fr. Mark Coiro	429-4427
Music Ministry	Juan Mesa	429-4427
Newsletter	Marilyn Lourandos	429-4032
Parish Council	Diane Collins	435-9246
Pine Street Inn	Laura Kozial	429-7174
Project Just Because	Cherylann Walsh	435-6511
Religious Education	Fran Crespi	429-6076
Respect Life	Rosemary Rainsford	429-1527
S.M.C.W.G.	Patricia Strozzi	654-2723
Vacation Bible School	Kristin Roberto	429-4716

*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.

