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# Palm Sunday

**APRIL 14, 2019**

**Full Holy Week  
& Easter Schedule  
Enclosed**



## Saint Mary's, Holliston, Leads the Entire Archdiocese in the 2019 Catholic Appeal!

There are 284 Parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. As of Wednesday, March 27, St. Mary's Parish was one of only nine of them to have reached or exceeded their 2019 Catholic Appeal goal. Out of those nine, St. Mary's was the parish with the highest percentage over goal - at 109%. It has since risen to 114% (*as of April 1*).

It is worth noting that in the history of our parish, St. Mary's has never before reached her Catholic Appeal goal in only four weeks.



**2019 Catholic Appeal ~ "This is *Our* Church!"**

Thank you to all who were part of this very significant accomplishment. You have practiced Lenten Almsgiving, showed that you value the good works of your Catholic Church, and made possible holy ministries that bless and improve many lives. God bless you and well done good people of St. Mary's!

# St. Mary's Parish Newsletter

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Mission ~ *"To Know Christ and to make Him Known."*

## Parish Clergy

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor  
The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance  
Rev. James Flynn, Weekend Assistance  
Deacon John Barry, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon

## ALTAR SERVER MAKES A SPLASH!

A member of the Holliston High School Class of 2018, and a Senior Altar Server at St. Mary's through graduation last year, Parishioner William Hein is currently pursuing a degree in Environmental Science at McGill University in Montreal.

Additionally, Will just completed an impressive freshman season on the McGill University Men's Swim Team. This February he was a point earning finalist at the Canadian National Swim Championships in Vancouver, helping the McGill Men's Team earn 4<sup>th</sup> Place among all Canadian Universities.

In the large photo below, Will is shown at the Championships doing the breaststroke leg of his 400 Meter Individual Medley. In this event, swimmers use all four competitive strokes: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle, in that order. Way to go Will!

*"He will spread out his hands in its midst, as a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim ..." Isaiah 25:11*





# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## PALM SUNDAY

**Saturday, April 13:**

5 PM & 7:30 PM Masses

**Sunday, April 14:**

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses

Palms will be blessed &  
the Passion read at all Masses.

## HOLY THURSDAY

**Thursday, April 18:**

9 AM

Morning Prayer

7 PM

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

The Mass of the Lord's Supper recalls the events the night before Jesus died, especially the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The ceremony of the washing of the feet reminds us of Jesus' call to serve one another. The Mass concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in Father Haley Hall, where Adoration will continue until 10:30 PM. At Mass a collection will be taken up for the Holliston Food Pantry.

## GOOD FRIDAY

*Day of Fasting & Abstinence*

**Friday, April 19:**

9 AM

Morning Prayer

12 PM

(Kindergarten – Grade 5) Younger Children's Stations of the Cross

7 PM

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

The 7:00 PM Lord's Passion Celebration is the official Good Friday Liturgy that continues the three day Triduum Celebration begun on Holy Thursday and concluding at Easter. It consists of the Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The Noon Stations are designed for younger children K – Grade 5, (accompanied by parents), and utilize a living tableau and special station prayers to help young children discover Jesus' love for them in the here and now.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. In every single Catholic parish around the world this day, a collection is taken up to maintain the Shrines and struggling Christian communities in the Holy Land. This collection is taken up at both the Stations and Passion Services.

## HOLY SATURDAY

*Please Note: No Confessions on Holy Saturday*

**Saturday, April 20:**

9 AM

Morning Prayer

8 PM

**The Great Easter Vigil (brass quartet, adult choir)**

The Great Easter Vigil is rightly called the "Mother" of all liturgies. It includes the blessing of the new Easter Candle (given this year in loving memory of Melissa Bachman, March 20, 1989 - September 4, 2018), the sung Exultet Prayer, and readings that capture the fullness of God's saving work for humanity. The Church rejoices in a special way to receive new members this night through the Sacraments of Initiation. All Easter collections go to support the retired priests of our Archdiocese. Please generously support these men who have given their whole lives in your service.

## EASTER SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 21:**

7:30 AM

Church Mass

(organ, cantor)

9:30 AM

Center Hall Mass

(contemporary music)

9:30 AM

Church Mass

(youth choirs, organ, trumpet)

11:30 AM

Church Mass

(adult choir, brass quartet, organ)





# From the Pastor's Desk

April 7, 2019, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

Even as we prepare to celebrate the great Feast of New Life on Easter Day, many in our community have been shaken by the recent death of a prominent and much-loved citizen by their own hand. Any passing has its sorrow, but when this happens there is an additional pain. We wonder what we missed, or if we could have done something to avert the tragedy. While we are always called to a compassionate awareness of each other, the reality is that even the most loving of families and the most faithful of friends can be taken unawares by the sadness of suicide.

One of the hard truths of life is that no matter how much we may care and share - none of us really knows another in the deepest sense. Only God can do that. And He does do that. *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you,"* said the Lord to Jeremiah. This is an important reminder that God knows us from the inside out. Our thoughts, our desires, our fears, our deepest longings - God knows them all, even better than we do ourselves. And from that knowledge flows a mercy wider than our human imagining can grasp. There is an old French proverb which states, *"To know all, is to forgive all."* It means that if we could really know another person - their experiences, their motivations, the circumstances behind their choices - then we could forgive them anything. Just as God can forgive anything. God Who knows us, and loves us, with a Father's love.

All human life is precious and sacrosanct, thus the taking of any human life, even one's own, is contrary to God's law. But the Church always presumes that someone who does this is not in their right mind - having lost the clarity and freedom required for a morally culpable choice. It is so easy to see, for instance, that if one actually realized the impact that such a choice would have on those they leave behind, they would never have made it. Above all, the Church believes in the awesome mercy of God, and leaves all judgment to Him.

A beautiful example of this truth is found in the story of a man who took his life by jumping off a bridge and drowning in the river below. His fellow villagers were very upset, and came to see the Curé d'Ars, St. John Vianney, to ask him what he believed was the fate of the drowned man's soul. St. John was silent a moment, then said, *"I believe, that between the bridge and the water - he repented, and God forgave him."*

If you have lost a friend or family member to suicide, pray for them. Open your heart also to God to tell Him how you are feeling - even if it be anger toward God, the departed, or yourself. God knows already what you are experiencing - He feels your sorrow as His own. But by giving voice to it in prayer, you are inviting God into your heart, where slowly - in ways you cannot yet imagine - He will restore peace and hope again. That is what the gift of Easter is all about.

God bless you.



Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

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## St. Mary's Gives Thanks for 28 New Members ~

### New Families:

The Eaton Family - John, Marnie,  
James & Frankie

The Fernandes Family - Ryan,  
Aloisia & Maya

The Williams Family - Brian & Elizabeth

The DelloRusso Family - William & Mary

The Ferrick Family - Dennis, Brittany,  
Calvin, Lacey & Mickey

### Baptisms:

Madelyn Joy Schnare

Cameron Joseph Wild

Nicholas Charles Wild

Brinley Tatum Scafidi

Matthias Oliver Herold

Anne-Charlotte Louise Herold

Maya Cecilia Elizabeth Fernandes

### Baptisms:

Jamun Clare Laphai

Natalie Anne Barbieri

Everett Bert Filardo

Mickey Francis Ferrick

Chase James Christman

Renee Frances Olsen

Kennedy Grace Dennison



## Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America

St. Mary's Parish \* April, 2019

Meetings: Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Lower Church Hall

Contact: Charlie Paradie, Scoutmaster  
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Email: [Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com](mailto:Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com)

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

**MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY (MBU):** On two Saturdays in March, eleven of Troop 14's Scouts joined over 1,100 other Scouts at Southeastern Vocational Technical HS and attended MBU. Scouts chose up to three merit badges from over the 65 offered to work on. By the end, Troop 14 Scouts completed 31 merit badges including Citizenship in the Community, Cooking, First Aid and Personal Fitness to name a few. In addition to Scouts taking merit badges, four Troop 14 leaders took advantage of Scoutmaster and Committee Training that was being offered.

**NOBSCOT CAMPOUT:** On March 16 & 17, Troop 14 with fifteen Scouts and Leaders set out to Nobscot Scout Reservation (Sudbury) for some late winter camping, amid the last of the season's snow and ice. Five 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos from Holliston Cub Scout Packs joined the Troop on Saturday. After cooking some lunch and dessert in Dutch Ovens, they all hiked to the top of Tippling Rock, learning about some of the area history and catching some great views of Boston, Wachusett Mountain and the surrounding towns. (Photos Below)



**SUMMER 2019 HIGH ADVENTURE:** Planning is underway for this summer's High Adventure Trip. In August, Troop 14's Senior Scouts and a few leaders will be heading to northern Maine to backpack a portion of the Appalachian Trail in the 100-Mile Wilderness followed by a few days in Baxter State Park that includes climbing the 5264' summit of Mt. Katahdin and the infamous "Knife Edge".

**NEW SCOUTS JOINING:** Troop 14 is looking forward to late April and May when several 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos will be crossing over to Boys Scouts and joining the Troop. Many Webelos have been visiting the Troop's various activities and meetings over the past few months as they make their final decision on which Holliston Boy Scout Troop to join. Troop

14 is a very active Troop with campouts scheduled every month, year-round. In addition, the Troop meets weekly on Monday nights and is involved in a number of service projects and other activities throughout the year.

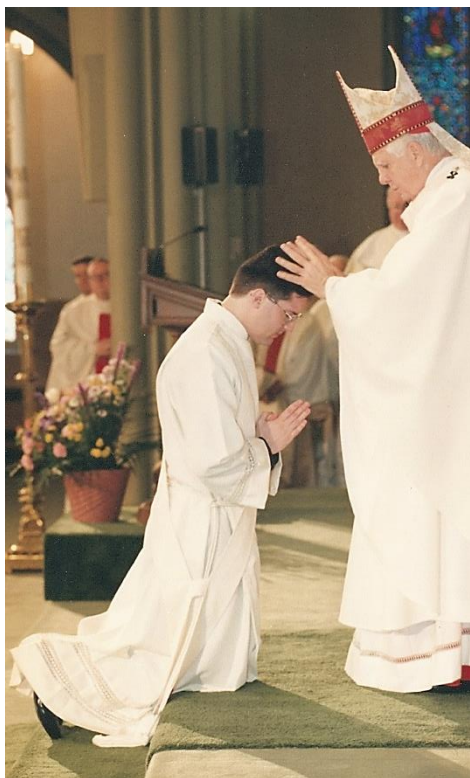
### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April campout and hike at Mount Monadnock
- May campout at the Boston Harbor Islands
- Memorial Day Parade
- June Bike trip on Nantucket

**ST. MARY'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 14:** The Troop meets weekly on Monday nights. If interested in joining Troop 14, come to any of our meetings. Boy Scouts is an ideal organization for boys 11-17 years old.







**SILVER JUBILEE** ~ This Spring our Pastor, Fr. Mark Coiro, is one of six Boston Priests celebrating his Silver Jubilee. He was ordained to the priesthood 25 years ago, on May 21, 1994. [Photo Left]. Congratulations Father Mark! In the Catholic tradition, priests celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries.

Fr. Mark was installed as the Pastor of St. Mary's thirteen years ago, meaning that more than half of his priestly service has been to the people of our parish. He is also the first priest in our Parish's long history to minister here alone, having been "solo" at St. Mary's for the past ten years.

**All are invited to Fr. Mark's Silver Jubilee Mass, on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 9, 2019, at 11:30 AM. A reception will follow in Fr. Haley Hall.**

The Mass will be concelebrated by a number of Fr. Mark's brother priests, including several formerly assigned to St. Mary's. This 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to thank Father for the countless ways he has served our people over the years – in our times both of joy and of sorrow.

A group of parishioners is organizing a special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift for Fr. Mark in the form of a trip to Rome. To contribute, just place a separate envelope marked, "Fr. Mark's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" in any collection basket, or

mail it c/o Mary Beth Harris to the Rectory at 8 Church St. All who contribute will have their names listed on a card to accompany this special gift when it is presented to Father on June 9. If preferred, you may also provide your own card or note for us to include with the gift. As always, let us keep Father Mark and all our faithful priests in our prayers!

## SURRENDERING TO GOD'S WILL

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* (Romans 12:12)

The WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) Spring Season is off to a great start! Our spring season is a very special season as our speakers share personal witness stories and how they have put their own faith into action in our world today. It's not too late to join us for the remainder of our season!

**April 10** – Paula Watt: Paula's family joined St. Mary's four years ago. Married for eleven years, Paula is a mother of two, Noelle 7 and Christian 5. She has held various business positions including Economic Development Director for a large city. However; her most rewarding position has been as a stay at home mom for the last seven years. Paula will discuss her "reconversion" to the Catholic faith, the importance of praying the Rosary and the message of Our Lady at Fatima. [Photo Right].

*women in*  
**WINGS**  
*God's spirit*



**April 17** - No Wings - School Vacation

**April 24** - Kathy and Abe Schickel: Kathy and Abe have been married for 30 years and are the loving parents of seven children. Abe is the owner of Abe Schickel & Company. Kathy is the Events Coordinator at Montrose School. Kathy & Abe will share the story of their beautiful daughter Elizabeth who was diagnosed with brain cancer at age 14. Her deep faith kept her strong and peaceful until the moment she went home to God. [Photo Left].

**May 1** - Speaker to be confirmed

**May 8** - Closing Brunch



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Council #14224 April, 2019



**Grand Knight:** Albert Scaramella  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** Tom Anguish

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY FUNDRAISER RAFFLE:** Council Knights are selling raffle tickets now. Knights will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses the weekend of April 6-7. One chance is \$5 or a book of five chances is \$20. First Prize is \$1000. Prize Drawing will take place at Celebrate Holliston in September. In past years, the Council has donated over \$185,000 to Holliston organizations, local food pantries, Habitat for Humanity, Veterans organizations and others. Co-chairmen are Tom Anguish, Al Scaramella, Bill Heuer, and Aaron Pyman. Knights will be selling at the following locations: April 27 - Coffee Haven, Hardware Store, Superette, Fiske's; May 4 & 5 - Stop & Shop in Milford; other dates to be announced in next newsletter.

**ANNUAL K of C BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST:** Holliston Basketball youth ages from 9-14 years tested their free throw skills in the Annual K of C Free Throw Contest held on January 26. Holliston Free Throw Champions are: 9 year old-Grace Schoenberg and Callum Leverone; 10 year old-Sophia Lynch and Alessio Pinci; 11 year old-Bridget Doherty and Logan Brewster; 12 year old-Megyn Lyons and Daniel Burke; 13 year old-Caroline Brady and Darric Flanagan; and 14 year old-Sean O'Neill. On February 4, the District Championship was held and Holliston District Champions winners are: 9 year old-Grace Schoenberg; 10 year old-Allesio Pinci; and 11 year old-Bridget Doherty. The District Free Throw Champions proceed to the State Championship held at Nichols College in Dudley in March. Last year two Holliston youths became K of C Free Throw State Champions. The Holliston Champions were presented trophies on February 20 by the Council and enjoyed cake and ice cream. See photos.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2019:** 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 membership information contact Grand Knight Albert Scaramella at (508) 561-0584 OR [ajscaramella@comcast.net](mailto:ajscaramella@comcast.net) OR you can now **join ON-LINE** by going to the Supreme K of C website **kofo.org**. On-line membership allows you to obtain all K of C benefits including outstanding insurance plans and optional membership in our St. Mary's Council.

**MONTHLY ROSARY:** The next Rosary will be Wednesday, April 17. The Council recites the Rosary every third Wednesday of the month in St. Mary's Church at 7:00 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.





# HEART OF A PRIEST

## RELIC PILGRIMAGE OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART

**Tuesday, April 30**

**Cathedral of the Holy Cross | Boston**

Veneration: 3:00pm - 10:00pm

Mass: 7:00pm

(Mass celebrated by Cardinal Séan O'Malley)

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Archdiocesan Pastoral Center | Braintree**

Veneration: 8:00am - 3:00pm

**Wednesday, May 1**

**St. John Paul II**

**Shrine of Divine Mercy | Salem**

Veneration: 6:00pm - 10:00pm

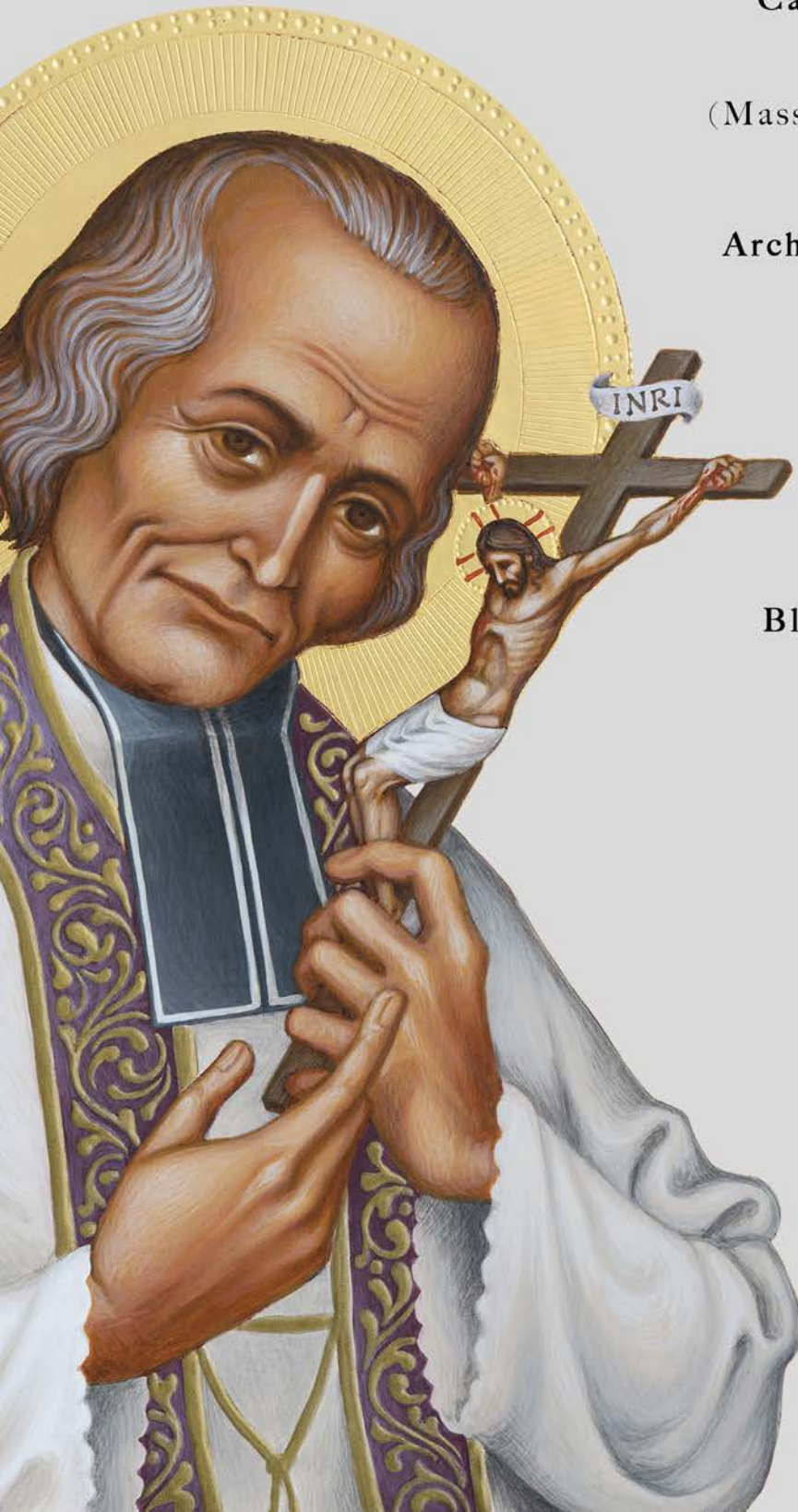
**Thursday, May 2**

**Blessed Sacrament Church | Walpole**

Veneration: 9:00am - 6:00pm

Mass: 8:30am

(Mass celebrated by  
Auxiliary Bishop Rober Reed)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
IN SOLIDARITY  
WITH OUR PRIESTS**  
[kofc.org/vianney](http://kofc.org/vianney)





# 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!

**FEELING BLUE!** The Tuesday of February Vacation Week (Feb. 19), found 101 MSYG teens on a day trip to Boston for lunch at Quincy Market and then onto the Charles Playhouse for Blue Man Group. Drums were banged, paint exploded, Twinkies were eaten (and squirted), tubes swirled and toilet paper descended from the heavens. Our kids wore plastic ponchos to keep off the goo! Afterwards the Blue Men even posed for a few pics ...







## FEEDING THE HUNGRY

At their March 17 Middle School Youth Group Meeting, our teens made 407 sandwiches to feed the homeless. 100 went to a Medway Charity that distributed them on Boston Common. The remainder were given out on the streets of Worcester and through three charities: The New Challenge Program of Worcester, the Salvation Army Rehab Center of Worcester, and the New Challenge Program in Lowell.

And of course, Jesus "in His suffering person" also received these gifts. For as He Himself promised:

***"Whatsoever you do for the least of my people, so you do unto me." Mt 25:40***





# St. Mary's EPIC

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES IN CHRIST

Pictures from the  
March 10 EPIC Meeting "March Madness"  
and St. Patrick's Day Irish Bread Baking & Sale  
Fundraiser for Mission Trip to Gainesville, Florida



EPIC is St. Mary's High School Youth Group full of friends, faith, food, games, adventures, trips, service, and so much more! We have monthly meetings as well as some great social and service trips. We are also going on a Mission Trip to Gainesville, Florida this summer, July 14-20. If you have any questions about EPIC or want to get involved, come to our next meeting or contact our Youth Minister, Jake Thiringer at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com)

## Events This Month

Easter Saturday – April 20  
Service Project to Pine Street Inn

EPIC Meeting – Sunday, April 28  
7:30 – 8:45 PM - FHH

# A Cross Walk from Good Friday to Easter

By Cathy Stenquist

**"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter." Fulton J. Sheen**

My passion for finding crosses began years ago while sitting alone in a court room on a wooden bench covered with graffiti and week-old chewing gum. In the middle of a very, very difficult situation, I could hardly breathe. Bowing my head, I exhaled and asked God to walk with me. The murmur and chatter in the room seemed to fade away. Lifting my eyes up, the shape of a cross appeared to me in the design of the wood paneling. I began to weep. Just when I needed it, just when my own cross felt too heavy to bear, God showed me that He was walking right beside me.

As the days unfolded, wounds began to heal, but the weight of my cross still hung over me. I began looking for more crosses for comfort. The more I looked, the more I found. They appeared at moments of weakness and doubt, or as a reminder to say thank you for prayers answered.



Through the years, crosses became such a source of comfort and strength to me, that I began collecting pictures of them and soon had well over one hundred! I wanted to share them and teach others to

look for the crosses in their own lives so an Instagram account called "findingcrosses" was created where I could post them with a bit of faithful inspiration.

It thrills me that people I do not know, from all over are learning to look for crosses and hopefully feeling God's presence in their lives.

**"Though I should walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For thou art with me." Psalm 23**

When I am going through a tough time in my life, I try to think of it as my "Good Friday," and try to remember that Easter is soon to follow. God has been there; fully divine, yet fully human, experiencing the many feelings of loss, loneliness, frustration and grief that I have felt.

Father Horan says in his book, *The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love and Suffering*; "Though we are faithful people, there is the common journey of a 'back and forth,' of trust and then questioning, fear and then comfort, anxiety and then reassurance we all have taken with our faith in the darkest of hours. While we can understand at a more superficial level how God loves us and will be with us, when life takes an unexpected turn, in our humanity we like Jesus may have that moment of abandonment. Trying to understand how we find ourselves in this situation and wondering how it will end."

I have always felt strongly that you should teach your children about this Paschal Mystery, knowing it will provide the means to get them through life's difficulties. In one of my Religious Ed classes at St. Mary's, we brainstormed about what our "Good Fridays" were, when things looked darkest and most hopeless i.e. a friend moving away, not making the team at school, someone getting ill. We talked about waiting; how tough it can be for time to go by so slowly without an answer and needing to depend on our faith, filling our moments of doubt with prayer.

Finally, I reminded them that after every "Good Friday" in our lives comes an "Easter." That they will find over time, that some good, some blessing will come from their experience and not always in the way they might expect. We then brainstormed about what an "Easter" might look like i.e. meeting a new neighbor, finding another opportunity opens up that is a better fit, or having the chance to serve others.

At the end of class, I handed them each a dry withered bulb, signifying their Good Friday, and reassured them that with a little faith, trust and patience, what seemed hopeless and lifeless would bloom into a beautiful Easter moment for them.

**There is Cause for Rejoicing here. 1 Peter 1**

Eight years ago, I unexpectedly received a cross of my own. I was being transferred to another manager who, my current manager told me "did not want to take me and my position on"; a terrible and unprofessional thing for a manager to tell you. Though I knew going in, I was



not wanted, I continued to do my best as I always had, but despite this, my cross got increasingly heavier and I was let go.

Honestly, this did not in any way, shape or form feel like a Good Friday. I felt abandoned and confused, disappointed and angry. I looked to God for strength and he provided. Very quickly He showed me why I needed to leave that company.

In the following months, so many things happened in succession that it became laughable to my husband, Scott and I.

*-My father was diagnosed with a terrible degenerative disease and my mother, primary caregiver, needed my support through major surgeries, selling a large part of their estate and moving them across two states.*

*-My mother-in-law got very ill and needing care, eventually passing. Her home required a full renovation and her estate needed to be settled.*

*-My daughter was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and needed my full time attention.*

And others incidents too numerous to mention made me feel like Job! I think even beyond being needed to help with these tough things, God knew I was not using my gifts in the way that He needed.

Having some time to reflect on my situation lead me from depression to finally getting up the courage to start writing again. Within 3 months I was a published author in Chicken Soup for the Soul - Hope and Miracles and have been published

several times since. The journey has not been easy by any means, but with my faith and the assurance of God's presence I am making my way. The cross that felt so heavy became a tool to carve and shape me into someone a bit wiser, stronger, and with a deeper faith and to put me right where God needed me. Carrying your cross is never easy, but remember when you have a moment of weakness, even Christ fell three times carrying His. Its not the falling, its the asking for help and getting back up again.



In a very short few days, we will be approaching Holy Week and three of my favorite days of the Liturgical Year- the Triduum. This word which means “three days” is at the very core of our faith. As the USCCB website states:

*The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.*



*The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:*

- *Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper*
- *Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*
- *Holy Saturday: Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord*

### **Here are some ideas to share the cross with your family:**

- The Triduum is such a rich experience. Over the three days, we travel with Christ to the Last Supper when he gave us the Eucharist. We watch as Fr. Mark, representing Christ, kneels to wash the feet of his sheep. We process to the Hall and wait in quiet adoration just as Christ waited in the Garden of Gethsemane. On Good Friday, we arrive at dusk in silence and truly feel the magnitude of the cross as “Were you there?” is softly sung. On Holy Saturday, the darkness, is pierced by the candlelight, which grows as flames are shared through the church. Finally, we celebrate that He is risen, that Light has overcome the darkness. I hope you can come.
- Go on a walk in the woods, downtown or in your neighborhood and find some crosses of your own. (FYI St. Mary's has many. Just look around at Mass!) Let it be a way to open conversation about Easter.
- Plant some spring bulbs with your children and rejoice when they rise to new life.

**Happy Easter Everyone!**  
**Walking in His Name, Cathy**

## ADULT FAITH RESOURCES

### APRIL 2019

# got faith?



**“FAITH SPEAKING” VOLUMES:** Don’t have time to read a 200 page book? A picture is worth a thousand words. The following books contain beautiful illustrations with little text to jumpstart your prayer or to provide a medium for deeper reflection. These books will be on the display counter in St. Mary’s Library. Don’t forget to check them out!

**248.2 Rea** *The Hand of God* edited by Michael Reagan. Discover the sense of awe and wonder in our universe through a series of Hubble Telescope photographs: a pairing of some of the most remarkable photographs ever made with some of the most thought-provoking observations ever written.

**770 Bel** *Journeys with the Messiah* by Michael Belk. Michael’s compelling photographs show Jesus in 1<sup>st</sup> Century settings interacting with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wall Street executives, high rollers, Nazis, and people from all walks of life. Combined with Michael’s personal story of surrendering to God’s guidance, these photographs, and the messages they depict, can help you see Jesus in a more meaningful way.

**242.74 Win** *The Illuminated Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries*. [The library also has the Joyful Mysteries, Luminous Mysteries, and Glorious Mysteries]. Meditate on the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary illuminated by sixty works of sacred art. -- Submitted by Betty Febo, Parish Librarian

**SUNDAY READINGS:** This month presents us with a variety of liturgical moods. We complete our Lenten journey, commemorate Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, celebrate Easter Sunday and begin the Easter season. Where do we focus? We first point out that we hear two versions of the Passion every year. On Palm Sunday we hear the Passion from the Liturgical Year’s Gospel; this year it’s Luke. We listen to the Passion according to John on Good Friday. Our second note is that every year during the Easter Season, our first reading on Sundays is from the Acts of the Apostles; we always read from John’s gospel as well. This year, all of the second readings in the Easter season are from the book of Revelation. For lots of information about the Bible, go to Felix Just, SJ’s website at <http://catholic-resources.org/>.

**PRAYER:** Praying with Scripture is a tried and true method of prayer. One particular way to pray with Scripture is called Lectio Divina. You can find a How-To for Lectio Divina (holy reading) on the Busted Halo website; go to <https://bit.ly/2L3tvO7>. The Irish Jesuits’ website, Sacred Space (<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>) also uses bible readings to help direct your prayer. This site now has an application that you can download onto your Apple or Android smartphone. You can find the readings for the day as well as the entire bible online on the US Bishops’ website, <http://www.usccb.org/>.

**EARTH DAY 2019:** Earth day is celebrated on Monday, April 22. This year’s theme is “Protect Our Species” with a focus on threatened or endangered species of plants, animals, etc. You can find more information at <https://bit.ly/2AvqdpY>. The city of Framingham hosts its Ninth Annual Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 27 from 11 AM - 3 PM. At the festival, held on the Framingham Center Common, you can learn how to conserve energy, preserve habitats, and make sustainable choices while enjoying live music, children’s activities and local food. Go to [www.framinghamearthday.org](http://www.framinghamearthday.org) for more information.



**OUR ENVIRONMENT:** In February, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, spoke at Boston College about the current ecological crisis; she called her talk “The Challenge of Us in Ecological Times”. We are kin to all of the created order, Dr. Johnson stated, and she encouraged us to consider the fact that all of creation praises God. The Catholic Climate Covenant has chosen this idea for its 2019 Earth Day theme: “All Creation Gives God Praise”. You can watch a webinar on this theme at <https://bit.ly/2Yes5ab>. Marty Haugen has written a song entitled *One Ohana (Family)* which speaks about the unity of creation and its music. You can hear the song and see the YouTube video at <https://bit.ly/2UUu29T>.

--Leo Racine