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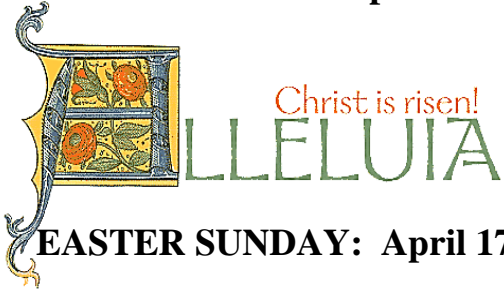
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PALM SUNDAY: April 10



EASTER SUNDAY: April 17

A Prayer for Ukraine



God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

St. Mary's Parish Newsletter

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Easter Renewal ~

At all the upcoming Easter Masses, God's people will renew their Baptismal Promises and be sprinkled with Holy Water in remembrance of their own Baptisms. The Easter Sprinkling Rite begins with the priest offering this beautiful prayer:

"Dear brothers and sisters, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church."
May we serve Him well and with new vigor and purpose!

Newly Baptized ~

Shown below, Lainey Rae Carroll, Adeline Sophia Bowler, and Nikolas Alexandro Negron are among the children Baptized into Christ at St. Mary's in recent months. The full list is as follows:

Noelle Erika Filardo

Caden Thomas Szlosek

Quinn Marie Durham

William Vaux Reed

George Paul Hovsepien

Colin Edward Myers

Benjamin Charles Mauro

Dominic Joseph Bresnahan

Lillian Edna Chaisson

Catherine Anne Hushek

Michael Stephen Fantasia

Lily Grace Collier

Kenny Octane Crane

Lainey Rae Carroll

Adeline Sophia Bowler

Nikolas Alexandro Negron

New Families ~

St. Mary's rejoices to welcome these six new families to our parish. We are honored that they have chosen our family of faith and look forward to the ways they will build up the Body of Christ here by their particular gifts. For our part, we commit to be Christ for them, and to embrace them as our fellow travelers along the Way!

The Torch Family - Jeff and Katie

The Ela Family - Miles, Brittany and Charlotte

The Carroll Family - Brendan, Jessica and Lainey

The Ramos Da Silva Family - Leonardo, Yaniz, Jayda and Aubrey

The Murphy Family - Nick, Yvonne, Maeve and Saoirse

The Grace Family - James and Margaret





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Good People of St. Mary's,

Even as we enter our final weeks of preparation for Easter, our world has been touched by the darkness of war. Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine have experienced horrific suffering; their peaceful nation invaded; their people indiscriminately slain.

We ask God to gather to Himself those killed in this conflict. We ask consolation for their loved ones, and swift healing for those injured. And we recommit ourselves to the belief that ALL HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED. Without reference to nationality, politics, age, health, race, or other distinction.

There have been moments of light in this dark time. The heroic defense of the Ukrainian homeland against a much more powerful foe. The outpouring of prayers and material support from neighboring countries. Here at St. Mary's, we dedicated our annual 40 Hours Devotion to the intention of Peace in Ukraine. And our parish raised over \$5,000 for Ukraine War Victim Relief.

Even so, it would be easy to despair in such times as these. Will we never be free of violence and atrocities? Will children never be safe to grow up unthreatened by guns and bombs? Will human civilization never achieve a true state of brotherhood where equality, peace, and justice hold sway?

Let us take comfort that even Jesus felt overwhelmed in the Garden of Gethsemane, facing the bitter chalice of suffering. He was truly one of us, and the temptation to surrender to darkness is one we all face sooner or later.

Jesus overcame His moment of trial by prayer. He told His Heavenly Father humbly and honestly of the turmoil in His heart. He spoke of His doubts, His desires, and His fears. And having offered all of that to God, He then said, *"Not my will, but Thy will be done."*

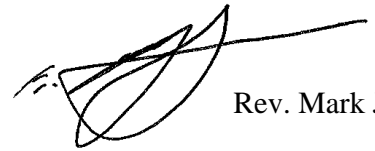
In just the same way, we are called to prayerfully invite God into the darkness of our lives. He knows our every fear, sorrow, and depression. But when we share with Him as Jesus did, we open the way for God to bring His grace to bear. So that we are not destroyed, but tempered by our trials. So that our hope remains alive.

When evil seems triumphant in the world, it is easy to feel that our hope is misplaced. But in this season above all we remember that Jesus' story did not end with the darkness of Good Friday. That on the Cross, Jesus gathered unto Himself all the suffering and death this world contains. And three days later, defeated it in the glorious light of His Resurrection.

Easter means that the final victory belongs to Christ. This allows us to strive towards the light even in the blackest moments. This allows us to say with St. Paul, *"Death where is your victory, death where is your sting?"*

May light and hope be God's gifts to you and your family this Easter.

God bless you.



Rev. Mark J. Coiro



"May I be no man's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides. May I never quarrel with those nearest me: and if I do, may I be reconciled quickly."

May I love, seek, and attain only that which is good. May I wish for all men's happiness and envy none. May I never rejoice in the ill-fortune of one who has wronged me.

When I have done or said what is wrong, may I never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself until I make amends. May I win no victory that harms either me or my opponent.

May I reconcile friends who are angry with one another. May I never fail a friend who is in danger. When visiting those in grief may I be able by gentle and healing words to soften their pain.

May I respect myself. May I always keep tame that which rages within me. May I accustom myself to be gentle, and never be angry with people because of circumstances.

May I never discuss who is wicked and what wicked things he has done, but know good men and follow in their footsteps. Amen."

- A Prayer by Eusebius, a 3rd century Church Father

Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 9:
Sunday, April 10:

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

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

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 14:

9 AM
7 PM

Morning Prayer
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

Friday, April 15:

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

9 AM
12 PM
7 PM

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

Saturday, April 16:

Please Note: No Confessions on Holy Saturday

9 AM
8 PM

Morning Prayer
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 William Flannery), 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 17:

7:30 AM Church Mass
9:30 AM Fr. Haley Hall Mass
9:30 AM Church Mass
11:30 AM Church Mass



ST. MARY'S LENTEN SUPPERS RETURN!

Forced into abeyance since 2020 by pandemic restrictions, this beloved St. Mary's tradition returned this Lent. Spearheaded by Natalie and Tony Pomarico, the Lenten Suppers have been celebrated each Friday Evening of Lent in Father Haley Hall. Whether they came with food or without, with a reservation or just walking in, all were welcomed to share a meal and the company of their fellow parishioners. Each night included a prayer and brief spiritual topic. It has been a true blessing that finally the members of St. Mary's could safely gather to meet their neighbors and build ties of friendship and fellowship in the Lord. Thank you to all who cook, decorate, bake, pray, organize, or bless these evenings by your presence. Join us April 1 at 5:30 PM, or April 8 at 6 PM. Welcome home!



Women in
WINGS
God's spirit

Live Your Catholic Faith in the
World! St. Mary's WINGS Spring
Season.

Women of All Ages are Welcome –
Join Us! 10:00 – 11:15 AM,
Wednesdays in April 2022.



The Spring Season enables women to discern *how they are being called to live out their faith in the world today* through **inspirational speaker presentations from folks who are actually living the tenants of Catholic Social Teaching** (our theme for the year). Come once or weekly!

Our program includes an inspiring **speaker** presentation followed by **small group discussion**. Suggested seasonal dues are \$20 for those who are able unless **you have already paid for the entire WINGS year**. *Meetings will be via Zoom with an in-person gathering option in the parish library.* Watch the bulletin for weekly details.

Email: stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to sign up or call Jennifer Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 508-259-7795 with questions. If you have received our Fall/Winter Zoom links, you will automatically be sent the link for the Spring program.



DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR CHURCH ...

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| ... train holy priests for ministry? | ... clothe the naked? |
| ... feed the hungry? | ... minister to the sick? |
| ... shelter the homeless? | ... educate the young? |
| ... support women in crisis pregnancies? | ... console the bereaved? |

IF YES, THEN HAVE YOU GIVEN YET TO THE 2022 CATHOLIC APPEAL?

The Catholic Appeal supports all of the good works listed above and many, many more. The Appeal is to your Archdiocese what the weekly collection is to your parish – the critical support that makes its ministries possible. This includes essential services to the poor and needy, whose situation is more serious than ever due to the pandemic crisis.

It is the duty of every Catholic to support the good works of the Church. Please do your part and give to the Catholic Appeal by mailing in a Catholic Appeal Envelope, or by donating online at <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/>. Please be sure to identify your parish as St. Mary's, Holliston, so that your gift will count toward your parish's 2022 Appeal Goal.

Gifts of every size – even modest ones – all matter. The important thing is to participate. Remember what Jesus said when He saw the widow put her one tiny coin into the temple treasury: *“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”* (Mark 12:44)

Easter Collection for Retired Priests

Due to the Pandemic's impact on in-person Mass attendance, St. Mary's Christmas Mass Collection for Retired Priests was down substantially.

Please help us avoid a repeat of that drop by generously supporting the 2022 Easter Collection for Retired Priests. These good and holy men gave their whole lives in dedicated service to us. Now let us be there for them in their need.

Please mail in or drop off to St. Mary's the special Easter Envelope shown below. Or you may contribute online at <https://clergytrust.org/>. WeShare and Automatic Giving gifts may also be designated for the Easter Collection. Thank you!



Pre-Covid Photo



Walk With the Lord From Palm Sunday to the Easter Vigil

At the heart of our faith is the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. All of salvation history leads up to and goes forth from these saving events. The week starting on Palm Sunday and continuing to Easter is called Holy because it is when Jesus' public ministry culminates with his suffering, death and resurrection.

What follows is a brief description of each day of Holy Week. It is hoped that you might read it each day of this week. Prayerfully walk with Jesus in his most difficult and yet glorious week. Plan to attend some or all of the special liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday and Saturday at your parish. By celebrating them in community, we make them present today and learn again, in a new way, the reality of our Risen Lord alive in our midst.

APRIL 10 ~ PALM SUNDAY: Our celebration of Holy Week began Sunday as we remembered and made present the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin His final week and initiate His Passion. All four Gospels recount this triumphant entry that Sunday morning so long ago, but made present to us on this day. As you received your palms, I hope you considered that you are part of that vast crowd. How will you journey with Jesus this week? Let the palm remind you to praise Him with your prayerful presence during the sacred Triduum. According to Mark 11:11, Jesus returned that evening to Bethany, a suburb of Jerusalem. Perhaps He stayed with his friends Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Pray with Jesus as He considers the difficult days ahead of Him.



APRIL 11 ~ MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK: According to Matthew 21, Mark 11, and Luke 19, Jesus returns to Jerusalem today and, seeing shameful practices in the Temple area, He cleanses the Temple. John's Gospel also records that He rebuked the unbelief of the crowds. Mark 11:19 records that He returned to Bethany that night. Pray with Jesus as He is zealous to purify us.

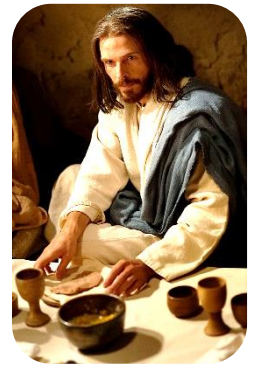
APRIL 12 ~ TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem where He is confronted by the Temple leadership for what He did the day before. They question His authority. He also teaches extensively, using parables and other forms. There is the parable of the vineyard (cf Mt 21:33-46) and the parable of the wedding banquet, (cf Mt. 22:1). There is also the teaching on paying taxes (cf Mt 22:15) and the rebuke of the Sadducees who deny the resurrection (cf Mt. 22:23). There is also the fearful prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem if the inhabitants do not come to faith in Him. He warns that not one stone will be left on another (cf Mt 24). Continue to pray with Jesus and listen carefully to His final teachings just before His passion.

APRIL 13 ~ WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: Traditionally this day was called "Spy Wednesday" because it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over. For this he was paid 30 pieces of silver (cf Mt. 26:14). Jesus likely spent the day in Bethany. In the evening, Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus with costly perfumed oil. Judas objects but Jesus rebukes him and says Mary has anointed Him for his burial! (cf Mt 26:6). The wicked are besetting Jesus and plotting against Him. Are you praying?



APRIL 14 ~ HOLY THURSDAY: This marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or "three days." Earlier this day Jesus had given instructions to the disciples on how to prepare for this most holy meal, which will be His last supper. Through the day they make these preparations (cf Mt 26:17). In the Mass of the Lord's Supper conducted at our parishes, we remember and make present that Last Supper which Jesus shared with His disciples. We are in the upper room with Jesus and the Apostles and do what they did. Through the ritual of washing the feet (Jn 13:1) of 12 parishioners, we unite in service to one another.

Through our celebration of this first Mass and Holy Eucharist (Mt 26:26), we unite ourselves to Jesus and receive His Body and Blood as if for the first time. At this Eucharist, we especially thank God for His gift of the ministerial priesthood. After the Last Supper (First Mass), the apostles and Jesus made a short journey across the Kidron Valley to the Garden, where He asks them to pray and He experiences his agony (cf Mt 26:30). We too will process in Church with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to a garden (the altar of repose) which has been prepared. The liturgy ends in silence. It is an ancient custom to spend an hour before the reposed Blessed Sacrament tonight. We are with Jesus in the Garden and pray as He goes through His agony. Most of our parish churches remain open until close to midnight. It was near Midnight that Jesus was betrayed by Judas, was arrested and taken to the house of the High Priest (cf Mt. 26:47).



APRIL 15 ~ GOOD FRIDAY: All through the night Jesus has been locked in the dungeon of the high priest's house. Early this morning He was brought before Pilate who transferred His case to Herod. Herod sent Him back to Pilate who, sometime in the mid-morning, bowed to the pressure of the Temple leadership and the crowds, and condemned Jesus to a horrible death by crucifixion.

In the late morning Jesus was taken by the soldiers through the city and up the hillside of Golgotha. By noon He is nailed to the cross where He hangs in agony for some three hours. He dies around three in the afternoon. He is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb hastily before sundown. Today is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence. Whenever possible, Christians are urged to keep today free of work, of social engagements, of entertainment, and to devote themselves to communal prayer and worship.

At noon many parishes gather for stations of the cross for recollections of the seven last words of Jesus. Many parishes also offer stations of the cross at 3 PM, the hour of Jesus' death. In the evening, we gather quietly in our parish churches to enter into time of prayer as we reflect on Jesus' death on the cross. We also pray for the needs of the world. To acknowledge the power of the cross in our lives today, we one by one come forward to venerate the cross with a kiss. Our hunger from this day of fasting is satisfied with Holy Communion distributed at the end of this liturgy. Consider, too, how the apostles might have gathered that night together in fear and prayer reflecting on all that happened.



Holy Saturday: The body of Jesus is in the tomb but His soul is among the dead to announce the kingdom. The hour is coming, and now is when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear it will live (John 5:25). Consider what it must have been like for the dead in Sheol to awaken to the voice of Jesus!



APRIL 16 ~ HOLY SATURDAY: Meanwhile, the Disciples, heartbroken at the death of Jesus, observed the Jewish Sabbath in sorrow. They had forgotten the promise of Jesus that He would rise. We cannot forget His promise. We cannot forget. Tonight in our parishes after sundown we gather for the Great Easter Vigil where we will experience Jesus rising from the dead. We gather in darkness and light the Easter fire which reminds us that Jesus is light in the darkness. He is the light of the world.

We enter into the church and attentively listen to Bible stories describing God's saving work of the past. Suddenly, the church lights are lit and the Gloria is sung as we celebrate the moment of Christ's resurrection. He Lives! In the joy of the resurrection we then celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and

Eucharist for our Catechumens and Candidates who have prepared for many weeks for this night. As a Church we sing "Alleluia" for the first time in 40 days. Do everything you can to be present on this evening and invite friends and family to join. Our vigil ushers in an Easter joy that never ends!



Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America
St. Mary's Parish * April, 2022

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

Contact: Chris Baribeau, Scoutmaster
508.579.4357

Email: Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com

Website: www.hollistonTroop14.com

If interested in joining Troop 14, contact the Scoutmaster. It is an ideal organization for Boys 11-17 years old.

The Troop is back in full swing with weekly Monday Night Meetings from 7 - 8:30 PM in St. Mary's Lower Church Hall. Join us!

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 3



St. Mary's own Troop 14 will also be offering a delicious Pancake Breakfast this morning, from 8 AM -12 PM in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person, Scouts in uniform eat free!

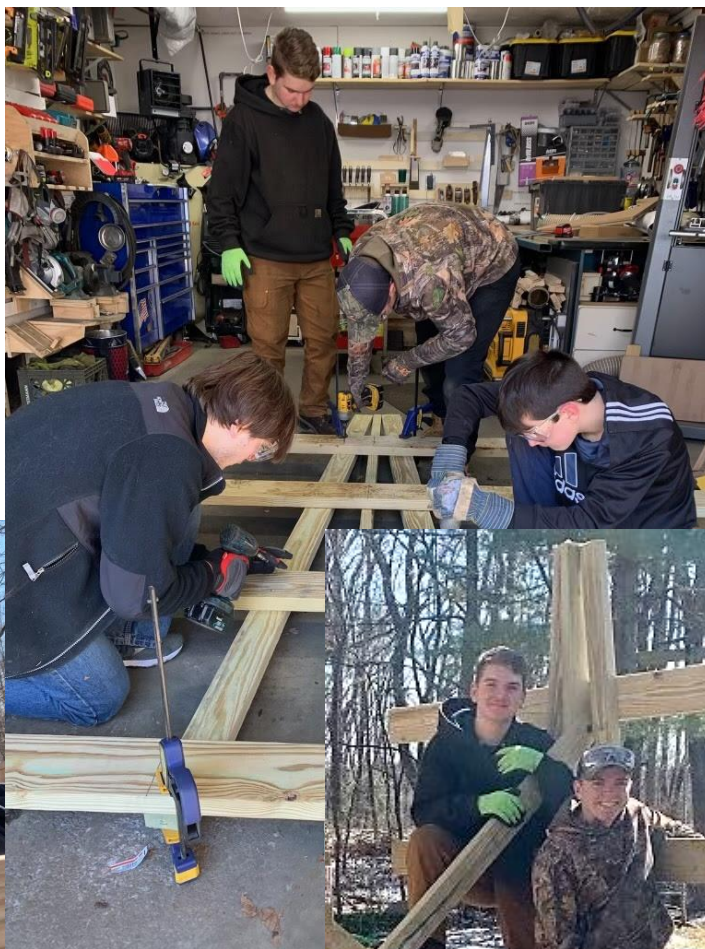
SNOWSHOE BACKPACKING TRIP IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS: For the eighth time in nine years (one year off due to COVID), thirteen Scouts and leaders collected their gear, including multiple layers of clothing, micro-spikes and snowshoes, and headed to the White Mountains to hike eight miles over two days in 36"+ of snow and ice. The four-hour hike with an elevation gain of 1800' up the Nineteen Mile Brook Trail on that Friday, February 25 started out snowing and 15 degrees. By the time the Troop arrived at this year's destination, Carter Notch AMC Hut, they were hiking in 8" of fresh snow and temps barely reaching 10 degrees. The hut provided shelter for the night, but they had to put their cold weather camping skills to use as there was no heat or electricity in the bunk hut. The reward came the next morning when the bright sun rose over Carter Dome and a deep blue sky greeted the Scouts as they made breakfast, held a prayer service and enjoyed the hike down through the beautiful winter wonderland. An adventure that will live in our memories for many years.





EAGLE PROJECT: After months of developing his proposal, getting approvals and planning, on March 13 six Troop 14 Scouts and leaders helped Andrew McWilliams work on his Eagle Project. Andrew's project was to build two boat storage racks to be located at Pleasure Point at Lake Stoddard. Each of the racks can hold eight canoes or kayaks for

the general community's use and has been a project the Holliston Park and Recreation Department has wanted for a number of years. With the racks now built, Andrew will prepare the site and install the racks over the next few weeks in time for spring boating on the lake.



st. Mary's
EPIC
High School Youth Ministry

This year in EPIC has been a blast- from Minute to Win It, Christmas Sweaters, Chipotle Night, Teen Takeover, and countless games and memories. But the year is not over yet! April Meeting: April 24, 7:15 - 8:45 PM, and Friday, April 29, EPIC Bowling Trip! Forms will be emailed by next week, mailed beginning of April, and due at EPIC on April 24! Don't forget this summer's mission trip - pray for our teens who will be spending a week down in Mississippi serving, and helping! If you are looking to become more involved in EPIC as a teen leader, reach out to Theresa Virzi. Also, any parents who are interested in becoming more involved in their teen's EPIC experience, Theresa would love to hear from you- stmarysYM1870@gmail.com. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram- stmarysepic!!





St. Mary's Parish Middle School Youth Group

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 3, 6:30 – 8 PM. All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders Welcome!

FUN DAY IN BOSTON! February 22, the Tuesday of School Vacation Week, was truly a blast for 53 teens of Saint Mary's Middle School Youth Group. The day started with a private tour of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, the seat of our own Archbishop Sean Patrick O'Malley, and the largest church in New England. Youth Group Members learned how the building was constructed without the benefit of modern machinery but entirely by hand - truly amazing! They also saw the bishop's "cathedra" for which the Cathedral is named, and learned the story of the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena which is depicted in one of the Cathedral windows. The group arrived early so was even able to attend Daily Mass in the Blessed Sacrament side chapel.

Next it was off to the Food Court at Quincy market, where teens enjoyed the huge variety of lunch options and the fun atmosphere. The gourmet mac and cheese stand was a particular favorite, with pizza and Chinese food a close second. Then our bus headed to the Charles Playhouse for BLUE MAN GROUP, which just reopened in February since closing for the pandemic in March of 2020. Colorful paint exploded off of drums, slapstick skits made everyone laugh, and mountains of toilet paper came streaming down on the audience at the end of the show. Just think how much that would've been worth during the pandemic shut down when you could barely find any! Thank you to the chaperones who made this event possible - several of whom took time off from work for our young people.





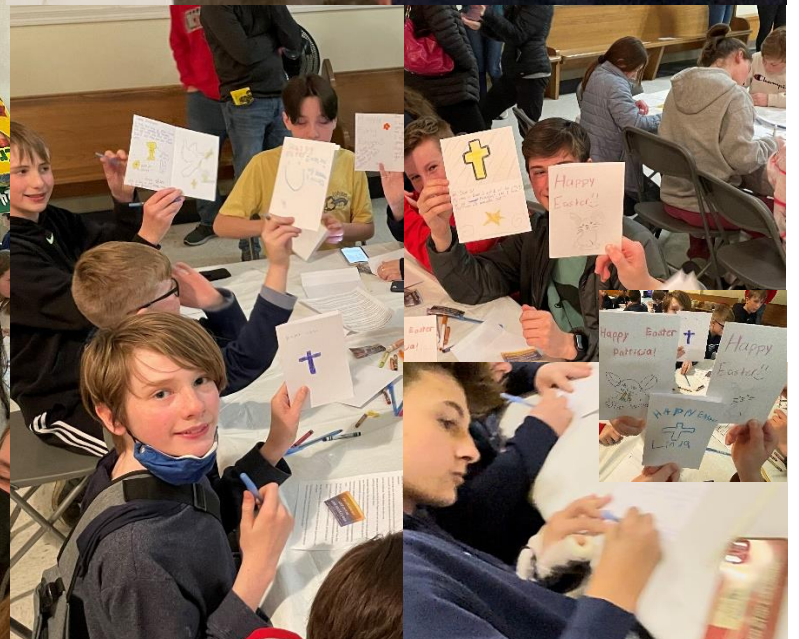
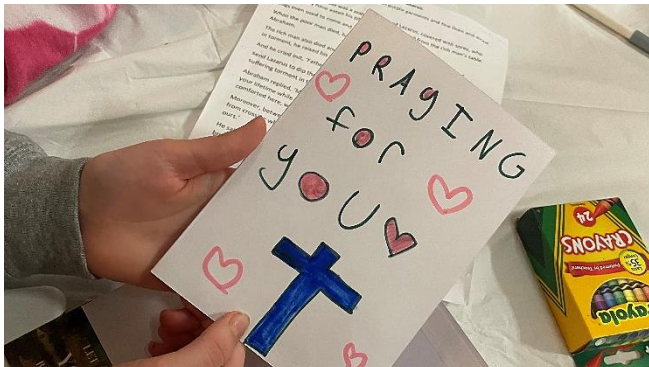
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112 LETTERS FOR LAZARUS! At their February Meeting, the teens of St. Mary's Middle School Youth Group voted to forgo snacks at their March Lenten Meeting, and to use that month's dues money instead to buy card making materials. Because of this, Sunday, March 13 found Fr. Haley Hall turned into a giant card making celebration.

The evening started with a Bible Study on Jesus' Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Teens shared insights about their favorite verses, then watched a video of the story. You can see it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TraOtxCSbiE>. The rich man, though greatly blessed by material things, fails to assist the poor, suffering Lazarus at his gate. Jesus used the parable to underscore our responsibility before God to those in need – especially the forgotten.

Having received from St. Patrick Manor the First Names of elderly patients there, each MSYG teen committed to pray every day for a specific person throughout the Season of Lent. They expressed this promise in notes written in cards that they beautifully decorated, wishing the recipients health, hope, and Easter joy. Every card included a Scripture Verse to inspire and bless. In the end, 112 letters were written and delivered to the residents of St. Patrick's Manor, letting them know that they are remembered, prayed for, and loved!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Council #14224 April 2022

Grand Knight: Albert Scaramella
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Brodo



MONTHLY ROSARY:

The next Rosary will be Wednesday, April 20 in the Church at 7:00 PM. The Rosary is open to all parishioners and current COVID-19 policies are in effect. As quoted in the March 2017 Columbia magazine, "Knights need to be men of prayer."

ST. MARY'S SPRING CLEANING/MULCH FOR EASTER:

On Saturday morning April 16, Council #14224 invites **all adult male parishioners** to help spread new mulch and spruce up the grounds for Easter Sunday. Meet our Council and share coffee and donuts with us as a reward. Maybe you will be inspired to join our Council!

GOLFERS! SAVE THE DATE: Our Council is presenting the First Annual "Swing for Charity" Golf tournament on **Friday, June 3** at **Pinecrest Golf Course**. Net proceeds will be **donated** to the **Holliston Pantry Shelf**. Tournament format will be Best Ball

with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM. Cart, post golf lunch at Anthony's on the Green and prizes are included in the \$125 per golfer fee. Optional raffle and putting contest to be conducted for additional donation fee. Gather your foursome and visit KofCswingforcharity.com or contact Knight John Curran at (617) 306-9835. **All golfers are invited.**

K of C COUNCIL #14224 BERTUCCI'S FUNDRAISER

ON APRIL 26: Come to any Bertucci's location for lunch or dinner on Tuesday, April 26 or order online from 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM and Bertucci's will donate 15% of your purchase to Council #14224 Holliston Knights of Columbus when you present the coupon (left) **OR** use this unique code for online orders or carry out: 596-351-383.

K of C COUNCIL #14224 FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

CHARITY RAFFLE: Beginning in April the Council will begin selling chances for our annual Charity Raffle. Your vital support has enabled the Council to donate over \$250,000 so far to charities including the Holliston Pantry Shelf, Veteran's organizations, Habitat for Humanity, Holliston Senior Center, and others. Please continue to support our raffle in our efforts to aid those needing food or aid. Tickets will again be \$5 each or a book of five tickets for \$20. Prizes from \$1000 to \$100.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2022: 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 OR you can now join ON-LINE by going to the Supreme K of C website kofc.org/joinus. 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.

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“FAITH SPEAKING” VOLUMES: This month’s recommend book is *The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness*, by Gregory Boyle, S.J. This is Fr. Boyle’s third book based on his experience of working with gang members in Los Angeles, California; the previous two books focus on compassion and radical kinship. In *The Whole Language*, Fr. Boyle tells us that it is our “lifelong task to refine our view of God” (p. 12). He goes on to say that “we won’t be able to speak the whole language of God until we know the wholeness of God” (p. 12). Experiencing God as incarnation (the holy, God, is everywhere in the here and now) and relationship (God longs for us and loves us with great tenderness) “propels” us out into the world to speak the whole language. It’s a great challenge to take what we may have felt in private (love, experienced as tenderness) and make it public. Furthering this point, Fr. Boyle quotes Cornel West on page 220: “Justice is what love looks like in public”. What does this have to do with God and us? We read near the end of the book that “we receive the tender glance, then we become it” (p. 223). The extravagant tenderness, the unconditional love we receive from God, we share with others...this is justice, this is the whole language. This book is available through the Minuteman Library system as well as from online booksellers.

EARTH DAY: The theme for Earth Day 2022 (April 22) is [Invest In Our Planet](https://www.earthday.org/history/). And the question for all of us is: what will you do? You can read about the history of Earth Day at <https://www.earthday.org/history/>. A local celebration will be held in Framingham, on the Framingham Centre Common, on Saturday, April 23 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. For more information, see <http://www.framinghamearthday.org/>.

SUNDAY READINGS: The Sunday readings this month span our experience of Lent (April 3), Holy Week (Palm Sunday is on April 10) and Easter. In the readings on April 3, we are invited, perhaps even challenged, to see that God is doing something new; we just have to perceive it...and accept it. Palm Sunday’s readings plunge us into the spirit of Holy Week, as we read the great hymn from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians and St. Luke’s rendering of the Passion. Then we have Easter, the joy-filled high point of our Catholic liturgical life, on April 17, followed by Divine Mercy Sunday (April 24). This is a month of varied moods and reflections. You can prepare for all the Sunday readings at <https://liturgy.slu.edu/>.

SERVANT SONGS: Readings from Isaiah’s Servant Songs are part of our liturgies of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Isaiah was a prophet of the Old Testament, and the book of Isaiah, often considered to be authored by both Isaiah and his followers, is one that is frequently referenced throughout the liturgical year. For thoughtful commentaries and questions for reflection on all four servant songs (we hear songs/poems three and four during Holy Week), see <https://bit.ly/UKNewmanServant>, which is sponsored by the Catholic Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish at the University of Kentucky. Another source of information about the Servant Songs is the Bible Project, a Christian educational technology company whose goal is to “help people to experience the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus” (Bible Project website). You can read about the Servant Songs at <https://bit.ly/BibleProjectBlog>; you can also watch two very engaging videos about the Book of Isaiah at <https://bit.ly/BibleProjectVideo>.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST: On Holy Thursday, April 14, we celebrate Jesus’ institution of the sacrament of the Eucharist. The Holy Thursday Evening Mass begins the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, the most sacred three days of the Church calendar. See Catholic Online for an explanation of the significance of this day: <https://www.catholic.org/lent/thurs.php>. (Please note that in our Archdiocese, the Chrism Mass is not held on Holy Thursday, but rather is held earlier in the week.) During this Year of the Eucharist, join in the celebration of this most holy day. - Leo Racine